## MISSISSIPPI PORT AUTHORITY

## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## SPECIAL MEETING

## May 31, 2019

Minutes of the Mississippi State Port Authority Board of Commissioners Meeting, Friday, May 31, 2019 at 2510 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1450, Gulfport, Mississippi at which the following Commissioners and staff were present:

Commissioners:

John Rester, President

Jack Norris, Vice-President (telephone) EJ Roberts, Secretary (telephone) Robert J. Knesal, Treasurer

James C. Simpson, Jr., Commissioner

Staff:

Jonathan Daniels, Executive Director/CEO

Matthew Wypyski, COO

Kim Purchner, Executive Asst./HRO Mel Arsenault, Director of External Affairs Carlos Bell, Director of Public Engagement Nick Foto, Deputy Program Manager

Ben Stone, Legal Counsel David Duhe, Legal Counsel

Commissioner Rester noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m.

There were no public comments.

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Commissioner Simpson moved to close the meeting to discuss the need for an Executive Session. Commissioner Knesal seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Simpson moved to enter Executive Session to discuss legal matters (Lease Negotiations with a potential Operator of the Port) and a Personnel Matter. Commissioner Knesal seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

(THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT APPROXIMATELY 8:40 A.M.)

Commissioner Knesal moved to come out of executive session and return to open meeting. Commissioner Simpson seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Rester stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Commissioner Knesal moved to amend the agenda to add the consideration of an employee contract. Commissioner Roberts seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Simpson moved to approve the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Employment Agreement of the MSPA Executive Director as presented by

General Counsel. Commissioner Knesal seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Simpson moved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Approved and Attested

John Rester President

J. Roberts/

Secretary