

**MICHIGAN CITY PORT AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

May 18, 2026

The regular meeting of the Michigan City Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Socrates Gray in the Port Authority Board room.

ATTENDANCE

President Socrates Gray presided. Board members in attendance included Chris Cipares, Chuck Krause, Sam Ferguson, Bruce Manner, Dan Messina, and Kim Sliwa. Harbormaster Tim Frame, Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke and Attorney Joe Zaknoen were also in attendance for the meeting.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

- Dale Moyer, South Shore Sailing School; Bob McLaughlin, slip holder; Mike Cooper, slip holder.

MINUTES

- Motion by Kim Sliwa, seconded by Sam Ferguson to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2026, meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- No comments from the public at this time.

REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- Mr. Frame reported that the staff will be installing the buoys along the beach and the lights on the catwalk and addressing any loose ends before the holiday weekend.
- Nine boats are scheduled to be launched before the end of the week.
- The new guard shack installation is delayed due to delays in the order.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke reported on the following:

- Ms. Pawlicke commented that the office staff remains busy assisting boaters issuing parking stickers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

- Chris Cipares reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for May 18, 2026.

Port Authority	\$	\$77,904.02
Capital	\$	0.00
Total	\$	\$77,904.02

- Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Sam Ferguson to pay all bills for May 18, 2026, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Claims and Insurance Committee

- There was no report from the committee at this time.

Port Operations & Personnel & Marina Policy

- Socrates Gray introduced new board member Chuck Krause.
- Employees are in place for the 2026 Season.

Boater Communications and Special Events Committee

- Dan Messina reported that fishing on Lake Michigan is going well.
- Noticed that the staff cleaning the fish station is doing a very good job.
- Dan Messina relayed a question to the Board from an individual inquiring if throwing a magnetic fishing is allowed in the harbor. Tim Frame commented that there are no rules in place regarding that activity. Suggested that a rule be included in the upcoming review of the regulations.

Master Planning and Special Projects Committee

- There was no report from the committee at this time.

Advertising and Public Relations Committee

- Kim Sliwa distributed information regarding the sponsorship of the Reins of Life and the Port Authority's \$500.00 donation.

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

- Attorney Joe Zaknoen reported that he has been monitoring the litigation involving the survey with the city and the yacht club with nothing new to update.
- Mr. Zaknoen also commented that inquiries have been made to the state concerning possible grant funding; however, despite continued follow-up efforts, no information has yet been received regarding available programs applicable to the Port Authority's needs.
- Mr. Zaknoen advised that the Junior Sailing School proposal has not been presented to the Board for action. Motion by Bruce Manner, seconded by Dan Messina to approve presenting the DRAFT of the agreement to the Board for review at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was no new business to be discussed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Concern from Boater at Slip 814 regarding fishing off the pier by the general public creating a nuisance was presented to the board. The board will take this under advisement and take steps to post No Fishing signs in the area by the public launch ramp.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Kim Sliwa to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Accepted by: Tim Frame
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted, Dan Messina
Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: 6-1-26

By: Socrates Gray
Socrates Gray, Board President