

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

July 6, 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, Charlie 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

- Tim Glidden, MC Park Board; Shannon Lynes, South Shore Sailing School.

MINUTES

- Motion by Kim Sliwa, seconded by Bruce Manner to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2026, meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- There were no comments from the public at this time.

REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- A recent U.S. Army Corps of Engineers bathymetric survey identified significant shoaling on the west side of the channel leading toward the main pier, and several deep-draft sailboats have already run aground in the area. Boaters should stay close to the main pier, follow the Coast Guard marker buoys, and posted guidance, and exercise caution, as the channel is primarily a concern for deeper-draft vessels.
- A second self-service ice machine has been installed at the marina, providing a credit card-operated system that automatically charges customers based on the weight of the ice dispensed. One machine is located near North Bath House serving the 700 and 800 docks and the other at the fish station serving the 400, 500 and 600 docks.
- Staff assisted with setup for the 4th of July fireworks display and the marina experienced a smooth weekend with no major concerns.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke reported on the following:

- Reservation activity was busy early in the week, but many reservations were canceled by Friday due to the weather forecast.
- Board members were reminded that conflict of interest disclosure forms must now be completed online through the City's system.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

- Chris Cipares reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for July 6, 2026.

Port Authority	\$	\$149,178.01
Capital	\$	0.00
Total	\$	\$149,178.01

- Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Sam Ferguson to pay all bills for July 6, 2026, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.
- Motion by Kim Sliwa, seconded by Chris Cipares to approve the reimbursement of \$9,976.60 to the Michigan City Controller for the employer contribution obligation to PERF. Motion approved unanimously.

Claims and Insurance Committee

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

Port Operations & Personnel & Marina Policy

- Socrates Gray shared that the Port operations remained steady with no significant issues during the holiday weekend.

Boater Communications and Special Events Committee

- Dan Messina reported that there are no special events to report, and there were no compliments, comments, or complaints from boaters.
- Fishing conditions remain excellent, with strong perch catches and productive salmon and trout fishing reported by charter boats.
- The CoHo Club has been in touch with the city to participate in the Singing Sands Sculpting Festival to be held next weekend.

Master Planning and Special Projects Committee

- Bruce Manner did not have for the committee.
- As MC Park Liaison reported it was noted that the area received approximately 9.5 inches of rainfall during June at the Golf Course.

Advertising and Public Relations Committee

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

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

- Attorney Joe Zaknoen reported receiving a request from the Sailing School's Attorney for an informal meeting to discuss questions regarding the proposed slip license agreement and invoice. Attorney Zakneon recommended that one or two members of the Board, the Harbormaster, and legal counsel meet with the Sailing School to discuss their concerns and report any recommendations back to the Board.
- Attorney Zakneon updated the Board on an ongoing dispute with the Yacht Club regarding the use of Exhibit B parking area, with both parties holding differing interpretations of the lease agreement.
 - Motion by Bruce Manner, seconded by Kim Sliwa, to authorize legal counsel to file a complaint seeking a declaratory judgment to resolve the parking dispute with the Yacht Club. Motion approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- Motion by Kim Sliwa, seconded by Chris Cipares to remove line item for plaques from the agenda at this time. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was no new business to be discussed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- There were no comments from the public at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Kim Sliwa to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Accepted by: 
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted, 
Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: 7-20-26

By: 
Socrates Gray, Board President