

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

PORTLAND FISH PIER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 17, 2025, 2:00 PM

Remote Meeting Format on the Zoom Platform

PFPA Board Members Present

Class A Directors: Groundfish Harvester or Representative

Mary Hudson
Tracy Pearce

Class B Directors: Groundfish Buyers

Nick Alfiero, Harbor Fish Market

Class C Directors: Representing the seafood industry of the State of Maine

Rob Odlin, Representing the Lobster Industry
Matthew Moretti, Representing the Aquaculture Industry

Class D Director: Representing the Public at Large

John Arnold

Class E Director: Representing the City Council

Wesley Pelletier, District 2

Ex-Officio Members of the Board of Directors:

Representing the Portland City Manager
Brendan O'Connell, Finance Director

PFPA Board Members Unable to Attend

Class B Directors: Tim Merrill, Representing Groundfish Buyers

Ex-Officio Members of the Board of Directors:

Representing the Commissioner of the Maine DOT
Chris Mayo
Representing the Commissioner of Maine DMR
Meredith Mendelson, Department of Marine Resources

Staff Present

Avery Dandreta, Associate Corporate Counsel
Kaela Gonzalez, Program Coordinator
Robert Vanmeter, PFEX Manager
Greg Watson, Housing & Economic Development Director

Public

There were approximately four (4) members of the public present.

1. Vote to approve Meeting Minutes from the following:

- a. **April 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes**
- b. **May 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes**
- c. **June 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve Meeting Minutes from April 28, 2025 and June 12, 2025

Arnold, 2nd Odlin

The May 15, 2025 meeting did not reach a quorum and no action was taken.

No Public Comment

Approved 6-0

Note: Nick Alfiero and Matthew Moretti joined the meeting after the vote to approve minutes.

2. Financial Update *Kaela Gonzalez, Program Coordinator*

Gonzalez presented the Portland Fish Pier Authority's June 2025 Financial Statement verbally.

3. Facilities Update *Philip DiPierro, Project Manager*

DiPierro presented the Fish Pier Facilities Update. The parking lot on the west side (next to GMRI) of the Fish Pier has been swept and will be restriped and numbered. Several camel chains and weights have been replaced, and several other camels have been cleaned.

4. Portland Fish Exchange Update *Robert Vanmeter, PFEX Manager*

Vanmeter presented the Portland Fish Exchange Manager's Report. In June, the Exchange held 12 auctions and landed 112,000 pounds. Vanmeter responded to questions regarding the compressors and Cozy Harbor and potential impacts.

5. Discussion and possible vote on reduction of Line of Credit for Buyers at the Portland Fish Exchange.

On June 10, 2025, the Fish Exchange Subcommittee voted to recommend to the PFPA Board allowing the Fish Exchange Manager the flexibility to negotiate the line of credit down to \$10,000 for buyers.

Motion to approve the reduction of the Line of Credit for Buyers at the discretion of the Fish Exchange Manager to \$10,000.

Odlin, 2nd Hudson

No Public Comment

Approved 8-0

6. Board and Staff discussion on items not on the agenda.

Odlin wanted to bring to the Board's attention an Executive Order named Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness.

7. Next Regular Meeting Date: August 21, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

8. Discussion on request from Waterfront ME for a lease amendment.

Dan Jacques with Waterfront ME addressed the Board and provided background information regarding Lot #12 and Browne Trading Company. Jacques answered questions regarding the relationship between Waterfront ME and Browne Training, and verified the net yard land lease intent and current rate.

Motion to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(F) and 5 M.R.S.A. 13119-A at approximately 3:12 p.m.

Arnold, 2nd Hudson

No Public Comment

Approved 4-3-0 (Hudson, Pearce, Arnold abstained by default)

Note: O'Connell left the meeting at approximately 3:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Odlin, 2nd Alfiero

Approved 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:48 p.m.

Attachments included in the meeting packet:

April 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Portland Fish Pier Authority June 2025 Financial Update

Portland Fish Pier Facilities Update

Portland Fish Exchange Manager's Report