

Middletown Port Authority

Board Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2025
1:00 PM
Conference Room 2-C

Board Members Present: Benjamin Woo (Arrived 1:05 p.m.), Jim Kleingers, Greg Martin, Ken Cohen, Mike Stautberg, Elizabeth Slamka

City & BCFA Staff Members Present: Jacob Schulte, Samantha Zimmerman, Lisha Morlan, Joshua Smith, Abby Haverkos

I. Call to Order

Jim Kleingers called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and asked for the roll to be called.

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes

The April 22, 2025 minutes were presented to the Board. After adequate discussion a motion properly moved by Ken Cohen and seconded by Greg Martin to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Report

After adequate discussion was held pertaining to the financial report, the meeting progressed at the direction of the chairman.

V. New Business

Joshua Smith with the Butler County Finance Authority begin the brainstorming discussions related to the Development Prioritization Framework. Robust discussion was held regarding the desires and goals that the Middletown Port Authority Board would like the Butler County Finance Authority to strive towards. Topics ranging from the synchronization of streetlights from I-75 to the downtown, the Chamber of Commerce's involvement and alignment of values, and the need to gain an understanding of development potential for some of our historic downtown buildings were presented. From this robust conversation, the BCFA highlighted the needs for Urban Core redevelopment and job creation to be the two key goals moving forward through this partnership.

Towards the end of the discussion, it was disclosed by Mayor Slamka that Nathan Cahall had resigned from the MPA board and executive director position, and that his final day at the City was June 6th. With this information, it was important that the MPA find a new member, and an individual to fill the seat of Executive Director for the board.

VI. Adjournment

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. by Mr. Kleingers.

Next Meeting

To be determined

Approved by Board on 06/23/2025
James R. Kleingers, Chair