

**DSPC MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**Public Session**

September 30, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.  
Buena Vista, 661 S. Dupont Hwy, New Castle, DE  
And Virtual

**DSPC Board of Directors:**

Charuni Patibanda-Sanchez	Chair	Present
Fred Sears, II	Vice Chair	Present
Karen Bifferato	Director	Present*
Darius Brown	Director	Present*
David Burt	Director	Present
Joshua Bushweller	Director	Present*
Douglas Catts	Director	Present*
Ronald “Kimoko” Harris	Director	Present
Shante Hastings	Director	Present*
Debra Heffernan	Director	Present*
Robert “Jerry” Medd	Director	Present
Ruth Ann Miller	Director	Present*
Michael Smith	Director	Present
Marietta “Peaches” Whalen	Director	Present

**Also Present:**

Katherine Betterly, Morris Nichols  
Bobbi DiVirgilio, DSPC Secretary  
Joel Heller, DSPC Treasurer  
Tom McGonigle, Barnes & Thornburg  
Alicia Clark, Center for Global Africa  
Darryl Baker  
Emily Maung-Douglass, DE Sea Grant\*  
Eugene Young, Enstructure\*  
Ezra Aharone, Center for Global Africa  
John Flaherty\*  
Jordan Seemans, Harvey Hanna & Assoc.\*

Karl Baker, Spotlight Delaware\*  
Kyle Connor\*  
Laurie Stovall\*  
Quinn Johnson\*  
Robert Sisk\*  
Ryan Grimme, Enstructure\*  
Scott Sipple  
Simeon Hahn  
William Ashe, ILA\*  
Zoom User Identified as “Mary” \*  
Zoom User Identified as “Theo”\*

*\*Attended Virtually*

**I. Chair Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. with Charuni Patibanda-Sanchez, Chair of the Board presiding. The Chair welcomed everyone to the public session and each of the Board of Directors introduced themselves.

## **II. Executive Session**

A motion was made and seconded at 2:04 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss strategy sessions involving legal advice and to discuss the content of documents excluded from the definition of public record in §10002 of Title 29.

## **III. Public Session**

At 3:07 p.m. the meeting returned to Public Session. The Chair welcomed everyone back to the public session.

## **IV. Consideration of Public Session Minutes of the August 26, 2025 Meeting**

The Chair asked if all the members received and reviewed the minutes from August 26, 2025, public session. **The Vice Chair made a motion to approve the public session minutes, and Board Director Michael Smith seconded the motion. With no opposition, the motion was carried unanimously.**

## **V. Consideration of the Executive Session Minutes of August 26, 2025 Meeting**

The Chair asked if all the members received and reviewed the minutes from August 26, 2025, executive session. **Board Director Peaches Whalen made a motion to approve the executive session minutes, and the Board Director David Burt seconded the motion. With no opposition, the motion was carried unanimously.**

## **VI. DSPC Update**

The Chair stated that there were no updates at this time, and asked the Board if they had comments, to which there was none.

## **VII. Enstructure/Port Wilmington Update**

The Chair welcomed Ryan Grimme, Chief Commercial Officer of Enstructure, and Eugene Young, Senior Vice President of Enstructure, to the meeting and asked that they provide an update on the Port.

Mr. Grimme began by stating that the paper and pulp products have expanded service, beginning in October, in support of key markets in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. He also provided that they are in the process of engaging with key importers and exporters on planning for the upcoming Chilean grape and Moroccan clementine season, along with preparations to optimize cold storage and fumigation capacity for the peak season. He also provided an operational update noting that the Bulk Tonnage is up 15% and the Breakbulk Tonnage is up 2,063%, with overall labor hours being up by 42%.

Mr. Grimme turned the presentation over to Mr. Young who provided details on the Job Fair and Career Expo that was held on September 24, 2025, at the DelTech Wilmington Campus. Mr. Young stated that they had a very good turnout of about 500+ attendees, over 20 employers and training programs in attendance and offered on-site TWIC registration to the attendees as well. Mr. Young also stated that they had a representative from Apex that was able to answer questions for the attendees regarding record expungement, etc. This job fair was very successful, and they are planning on having another one in early 2026.

## VIII. Edgemoor Expansion Updates

The Chair invited Enstructure to proceed with its presentation to provide an update on the expansion project.

Mr. Grimme reported there are not many major updates at this time, providing that the site investigations are ongoing and the design is continuing to progress. They continue to collaborate with DSPC in support of the analysis/studies towards the USACE permit reinstatement. Mr. Grimme reviewed the USACE permit and navigational study process for the Board.

There being no further questions or discussion, Mr. Grimme and Mr. Young thanked DSPC for their continued support.

## IX. Resolutions

The Chair announced that there be a review of proposed resolutions. The Chair advised that after each resolution is presented, the Board would invite public comments before proceeding to vote on that resolution.

- a. **Resolution #25-10 – Authorizations Related to Grant Funding:** Ms. Betterly briefed the Board that this Resolution authorizes the Chair and the Vice Chair and any authorized officer of DSPC to submit applications, negotiate and execute agreements, and take all other actions needed to obtain applicable grants. It also authorizes the expenditure of funds for professional services and other expenses needed to obtain the grants, along with expending funds received pursuant to a grant in accordance with the terms of that grant.

There being no questions from the Board, the Chair invited the public to make comments on this Resolution, noting general public comments can be made at the end of the meeting.

There being no public comment or further discussion from the Board and the Chair invited a motion. Accordingly, a **motion to approve was made by the Vice Chair and seconded by the Board Director Kimoko Harris. With no opposition, Resolution #25-10 was unanimously approved.**

## X. General Public Comment

Being no further questions or comments from the Board, the Chair opened the meeting for public comments. The following public comments were made:

- Simeon Hahn: Mr. Hahn noted that he attended the job fair and was very impressed with the event. He added that the public comment portion of the meeting does not allow for meaningful dialogue with the Board, and he encouraged the Board to consider hosting an event that would allow for direct engagement with the community. He went on to add that funding for the Port is an issue with the community.
- Darryl Baker: Mr. Baker stated that he represents Holt Logistic and began his comments with asked on the whereabouts of the feasibility studies and whether they would be part of the grant application.
- John Flaherty: Mr. Flaherty commended DSPC for doing the best that they can and trying to get more customers and create businesses with the port.

No further public comments were made.

With there being no further questions or comments, the Chair thanked all for attending. **The Board Director Peaches Whalen made a motion to adjourn, and the Vice Chair seconded the motion. With no opposition, the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.**

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Bobbi DiVirgilio*