

## MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING HELD JULY 1, 2025

A formal meeting of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission convened at 11:02 a.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at the Central Office located in Middletown, Pennsylvania. Present for the meeting were Michael Carroll, Chair; Pasquale T. Deon, Sr., Vice Chair; Sean Logan, Commissioner; and Douglas B. Farnham, Commissioner. Available via Teams was Dr. Keith Leaphart, Secretary Treasurer.

Also available for the meeting were Mark Compton, Chief Executive Officer; Craig Shuey, Chief Operating Officer; Catherine Clements-Jenkins, Director of Diversity & Inclusion; Sheri Herbst, Chief Administrative Officer; Doreen McCall, Chief Counsel; Kelli Roberts, Chief Strategy and Communications Officer; Rick Dreher, Chief Financial Officer; Stacia Ritter, Asst. Chief Operating Officer/Toll Collection; Tom Porter, Chief Engineer, Michael Baker Int'l; and Lauren Dennis, Asst. Secretary Treasurer.

Others available via Teams Daniel Russell, Unified Technology Solutions Architect (in person); Jason Falchek, Unified Technology Solutions Architect (in person); Donald Klingensmith, Asst. CFO/Financial Administration (in person); Jeffrey Naugle, Manager of Treasury Operations/Asst. Secretary Treasurer (in person); Fawn Cassel, Contract Management Services Manager (in person); Kathryn Hartzell, Director of Technology and Innovation (in person); Karen Muro, D&I Program Manager (in person); Laura Arneson, Manager of Insurance and Risk Services (in person); Leslie Gervasio, Director of Communications (in person); Gina Murray, Manager of Professional Services Procurement; Holly Herdman, Debt and Derivatives Manager; Steve Marroni, Communications Specialist (in person); Robert Firestine, Employee Safety Specialist; Crispin Havener, Assistant Press Secretary; Michael Joseph, Procurement Specialist; Stephanie Newbury, Senior Procurement Specialist; Marissa Orbanek, Press Secretary; Alex Rohrbaugh, Transportation Planning Specialist 3; Johnathan Harmon, Consultant (in person); Christopher Drumm, AmeriHealth Caritas (in person); Faith Daniels, Human Resources CEO Intern (in person); Keyurkrishna Nallani, IT CEO Intern (in person); Joey Richmond, Facilities Operations CEO Intern (in person); Omar Rodriguez, Communications CEO Intern (in person); Carley Strohecker, Communications CEO Intern (in person); Daniel Laird, GAI; Jessica Donnelly, Phoenix Resources Advisory Group, Inc. (PRAG); Patricia Fahy, Acrisure; Seemon Georges, GPI; Sarah Hartman-Caverly, Penn State Faculty librarian; Lori Karalius, CAI; J.T. Lincoln, Dewberry; Paul McNamee, KCI; Jonathon Perrego, KCI; Luz Santana, Susquehanna Civil; and Steve Barber, Michael Baker Int'l (in person).



Chair Carroll led the Commissioners, staff and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.



The Asst. Secretary Treasurer, Lauren Dennis, called the roll and declared a quorum available.



### SUNSHINE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Commissioners met in Executive Session prior to today's Formal Agenda Session to consider matters of Personnel, which included a promotion, department reorganization, reclassifications, and new hires.

The Commissioners also discussed Docket No. PTC-20230065854 and engaged in informational discussions regarding various actions and matters, which have been approved at previous public meetings.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Dennis: While Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Meetings are held in person, the Commission will continue to post information on its website for those who wish to attend the meeting virtually. Today's meeting is being recorded and the Commission will post the recording on its website.

Copies of today's agenda are located in the Large Board Room for those attending in person. The agenda is also available on the Commission website. The public is welcome to address the Commission regarding items listed on the agenda or other items not listed on the agenda that are within the Commission's authority or control. In order to conduct an orderly and effective meeting, all persons wishing to address the Commission should have requested time to speak at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting.



#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Motion-That the Minutes of the meeting held June 17, 2025, be approved and filed as submitted -was made by Commissioner Logan, seconded by Commissioner Deon, and passed unanimously.



#### COMMUNICATION

Motion-That the Commission approves the memo received from the Chief Counsel -was made by Commissioner Logan, seconded by Commissioner Deon, and passed unanimously.



#### PERSONNEL

Motion-That the Commission approves personnel as amended -was made by Commissioner Logan, seconded by Commissioner Deon, and passed unanimously.



#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business to consider.



#### ADVERTISING

Motion-That the Commission approve advertising for the construction of the Mon/Fayette Expressway SR 0043, Section 53B1A between MP M-55.40 and MP M-58.06. -was made by Commissioner Deon, seconded by Commissioner Logan, and passed unanimously.



#### AGREEMENT

Motion-That the Commission approve the negotiation and execution of a Settlement Agreement and Release with Richard Perez; authorize the appropriate Commission officials to execute the necessary settlement documents; and authorize payment of the workers' compensation settled amount. -was made by Commissioner Logan, seconded by Commissioner Deon, and passed unanimously.



#### RIGHT-OF-WAY REQUESTS

Motion-That the Commission approve the Right-of-Way Requests for the items listed in memos "a" through "e":

- a. Acquisition of Right-of-Way #7110-A (Joyce D. Rodgers and Deborah L. Caruso), a partial take parcel necessary for the I-95 Interchange project by authorizing payment of \$48,196.50 representing fair market value and pro-rated taxes to Joyce D. Rodgers & Deborah L. Caruso; authorize the appropriate Commission officials to execute the Agreement of Sale and other documents that may be required for closing; authorize the payment of statutory damages as calculated by the Right-of-Way Administrator and approved by the Chief Counsel; and payment of fair market value to the property owners is contingent upon the delivery of a deed as prepared by the Legal Department;
- b. Acquisition of Right-of-Way #6342 (Samuel Monastero and Kathleen M. Monastero), a partial take parcel necessary for the Lafayette Street Connector project at MP 331.60 by authorizing payment of \$118,835.00 representing personal property loss payment, business reestablishment payment, business move payment and business dislocation damages to Stumpo Construction, Inc. (tenant); authorize the appropriate Commission officials to execute the documents that may be required for closing; and authorize the payment of additional statutory damages to the tenant as calculated by the Right-of-Way Administrator and approved by the Chief Counsel;
- c. Adopt the proposed Property Acquisition Resolution for Right-of-Way #7096-B (Mark P. Klein, a/k/a M. Klein (deceased); his heirs Meredith Klein and Marnee Klein), a total take parcel necessary for the I-95 Interchange, Section C project by authorizing payment of \$6,000.00 representing estimated just compensation to counsel named at a later date; and authorize payment of additional statutory damages as calculated by the Right-of-Way Administrator and approved by the Chief Counsel;
- d. Adopt the proposed Property Acquisition Resolution for Right-of-Way #7097-G (Amandeep K. Gill-Thind and Sukhvir S. Thind), a partial take parcel necessary for the I-95 Interchange, Section C project by authorizing payment of \$1,000.00 representing estimated just compensation to counsel named at a later date; and authorize payment of additional statutory damages as calculated by the Right-of-Way Administrator and approved by the Chief Counsel;

- e. Acquisition of Right-of-Way #7097-F (Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority), a partial take parcel necessary for the I-95 Interchange project by authorizing payment of \$25,900.00 representing fair market value to Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority; authorize the appropriate Commission officials to execute the temporary construction easement agreement and other documents that may be required for closing; authorize the payment of statutory damages as calculated by the Right-of-Way Administrator and approved by the Chief Counsel; and authorize payment of fair market value to the property owner is contingent upon the delivery of a temporary construction easement as prepared by the Legal Department.

-was made by Commissioner Logan, seconded by Commissioner Deon, and passed unanimously.



#### CHANGE ORDERS & FINAL PAYMENTS

Motion-That the Commission approve the Change Orders and Final Payments for the items listed in memos “a” through “c”:

- a. Change Order #2 and Final Payment for Contract #EN-00287-03-07 for roadway and miscellaneous repairs between MP A-31.34 and MP A-130.64 with J.D. Eckman, Inc. for a decrease of \$143,647.04 for reduction of the not-to-exceed amount to reflect the actual cost of the completed work authorizations, for a final contract value of \$7,056,352.96 and final amount due to the contractor of \$141,127.06;
- b. Change Order #4 and Final Payment for Contract #T-308.00T001-3-05 for replacement of Bridge No. EB-719 at MP 310.36 with J.D. Eckman, Inc. for an increase of \$636.30 for normal quantity adjustments for select rock excavation, for a final contract value of \$9,493,477.12 and final amount due to the contractor of \$23,612.97;
- c. Change Order #2 and Final Payment for Contract #EN-00287-03-04 for roadway and miscellaneous repairs between MP 122.00 and MP 201.58 with New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. for a decrease of \$658,608.35 for reduction of the not-to-exceed amount to reflect the actual cost of the completed work authorizations, for a final contract value of \$8,091,391.65 and final amount due to the contractor of \$116,361.32.

-was made by Commissioner Logan, seconded by Commissioner Deon, and passed unanimously.



#### CHANGE ORDERS, PURCHASE ORDERS AND THE AWARD OF A BID

Motion-That the Commission approve the Award of a Bid, Change Orders and the Issuance of Purchase Orders for items listed in memos “a” through “g”:

- a. AI Traffic Prediction Professional Services with Google partner Nerdery, utilizing the Commonwealth’s contract with Carahsoft Technology Corp.; at an estimated cost of \$264,420.00;

- b. Portable Provider Radios (XL185P), utilizing the Commonwealth's contract with L3Harris Technologies, Inc.; at an estimated cost of \$250,772.50;
- c. Replacement PDU Power Strips for electrical work, utilizing the Commonwealth's contract with GR Sponaugle & Sons, Inc.; at an estimated cost of \$296,361.00;
- d. One (1) 4XTHC-15 UPS battery installation and testing, utilizing the Commonwealth's contract with GR Sponaugle & Sons, Inc.; at an estimated cost of \$491,667.00;
- e. Nuance Hosted Cloud IVR Services subscription with Carahsoft Technology Corp., to extend the agreement through June 15, 2026; at a cost of \$333,721.00;
- f. One (1) Western Star Wide Wing Tri-Axle Dump Truck, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Tenco Industries, Inc.; at a cost of \$573,323.45.
- g. Enterprise security incident event monitoring with CDW Government, LLC/CDW, LLC; exercising the option to renew the agreement for an additional year (July 19, 2025 - July 18, 2026); at a cost of \$196,465.50.

-was made by Commissioner Logan, seconded by Commissioner Deon, and passed unanimously.



#### IAG

Motion-That the Commission approve payment for the E-ZPass Interoperability Hub assessment for 2025 in the amount of \$161,037.54. -was made by Commissioner Logan, seconded by Commissioner Deon, and passed unanimously.



#### SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

Motion-That the Commission grant signature authority to the Director of Traffic Engineering and Operations to execute Right-of-Entry Agreements permitting third parties to operate Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) from Commission property, on behalf of the Commission, as reviewed and prepared by the Legal Department. -was made by Commissioner Logan, seconded by Commissioner Deon, and passed unanimously.



#### TOLL INCREASE

Motion-That the Commission approve the proposed 2026 annual toll increase of 4% across the entire Turnpike System effective January 4, 2026; E-ZPass and Toll-By-Plate (TBP) rates for passenger and

commercial vehicles will round up to the nearest cent. -was made by Commissioner Logan, seconded by Commissioner Deon, and passed unanimously.

CHAIR CARROLL: Each July, the Turnpike Commission faces this difficult decision as a result of consequences related directly to Act 44 and Act 89. As much as the PA Turnpike is not eager to increase the tolls, the financial obligation puts us in this position. Some good news is that this 4% is less than the previous year's 5% increase and will put us on a path of 3.5%, and ultimately 3%. Even with this toll increase, the Turnpike's rates will be mid-range among 47 toll agencies in the country. Chair Carroll commended the efforts of the Turnpike's workforce in the Central Office and across the state and thanked the leadership for recognizing the importance of providing for customers on a daily basis.



#### POLICIES

Motion-That the Commission approve revisions to Policies for the items listed in memos "a" through "d":

- a. Revisions to Policy Letter 2.20, Administration and Personnel Committees, to combine the Committee on Administration and the Committee on Personnel to streamline operations and expedite the hiring process; change the title to "Committee on Administration and Personnel"; and clarify duties, titles and definitions;
- b. Revisions to Policy Letter 3.11, Fraud and Abuse Tip Box, to update current ownership of the policy; clarify definitions; revise contact information for reporting; and expand information regarding employee protection in reporting;
- c. Revisions to Policy Letter 6.01, Construction Contract Change Order Approval, to conduct a detailed review of all change orders on a minimum of 20% of selected projects currently under construction that include change orders with extra work;
- d. Revisions to Policy Letter 8.05, Licensed Software Use, to change the title to "Software Asset Management and Use Policy"; add definitions related to software asset management and software license management; establish guidelines and responsibilities for software asset management and software license management in Section E under the Acquisition of Software; replace "Compliance Department" with "Software Asset Management team within the IT department" in Section E under the Reports of Suspected Violations; and other revisions to standardize terminology throughout the policy.

-was made by Commissioner Logan, seconded by Commissioner Deon, and passed unanimously.



### AWARD OF SERVICES

Motion-That the Commission approve the award of services and authorize the negotiations and execution of an agreement/agreements with the selected firm/firms for the items listed in memos “a” and “b”:

a. RFP #6100013934, Financial Advisory Services:

- Phoenix Capital Partners, LLP (for Co-Financial Advisor)-AWARDED
- Public Resources Advisory Group, Inc. (for Financial Advisor)-AWARDED

Staff briefing by Rick Dreher

The Commission has selected the firms Phoenix Capital Partners, LLP (for Co-Financial Advisor) and Public Resources Advisory Group, Inc. (for Financial Advisor) for award based on the Commission’s determination that the firms’ proposals are the most advantageous to the Commission as determined by the Commission based on its review of all materials submitted. The firms have demonstrated the ability to deliver the required services as the incumbents; employee the appropriate staff and has been doing work for the Commission for many years.

-was made by Commissioner Logan, seconded by Commissioner Deon, and passed unanimously.

b. RFP #6100014266, Insurance Consulting Services:

- Acrisure, LLC d/b/a North American Insurance Management (NAIM)-AWARDED

Staff briefing by Don Klingensmith

The Commission has selected Acrisure, LLC d/b/a North American Insurance Management (NAIM) for award based on the Commission’s determination that the firm’s proposal is the most advantageous to the Commission as determined by the Commission based on its review of all materials submitted. NAIM is the incumbent with years of experience with the Commission. NAIM proposed qualified key staff members to satisfy the Commission’s need for Insurance Consulting Services.

-was made by Commissioner Logan, seconded by Commissioner Deon, and passed unanimously.



### NEXT COMMISSION MEETING

The next meeting of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is scheduled on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Mark Compton, CEO, briefly discussed the CEO Intern Fellows Program, and Catherine Clements-Jenkins, Director of Diversity & Inclusion discussed the essence of the project, which is a Solar Integrated Marketing Campaign. The 2025 CEO Interns introduced themselves and expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the opportunity to work at the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission this summer. Chair Carroll thanked the CEO Interns and advised he is looking forward to their group presentation next month.



ADJOURNMENT

Motion-That this meeting of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission be adjourned at 11:23 a.m.  
-was made by Commissioner Logan, seconded by Commissioner Deon, and passed unanimously.



PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Lauren Dennis  
Asst. Secretary Treasurer

Dr. Keith Leaphart  
Secretary Treasurer

ATTACHMENT

Memo received from the Chief Counsel