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**PORT OF
PASCAGOULA**
Mississippi's Largest Port

Board Management Relations – A Critical Factor in Your Port’s Success

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MISSION STATEMENT

JACKSON COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

*The mission of the
Jackson County Port Authority
is to acquire, develop and manage assets
as necessary to build
a world-class, multi-use industrial port;
and to encourage and support
industry and private investment
in Jackson County*

The Port of Pascagoula is an entity of the Jackson County Port Authority

***Governed by a nine member
Board of Commissioners (appointed):***

***Five commissioners are appointed by the Jackson
County Board of Supervisors; four commissioners are
appointed by the Governor of Mississippi***

Diverse Backgrounds:

- *Insurance Professional*
- *Real Estate Professionals (3)*
- *Accountant*
- *Attorney*
- *Business Owners (2)*
- *Banking Executive*

The Jackson County Port Authority is Responsible For:

- *Management and operations of the Port of Pascagoula public cargo facilities.*
- *Management of the Jackson County Industrial Water System*
- *Management of the county's industrial parks and former Naval Station*
- *Serving as the local sponsor for the federal navigation project*

Jackson County Port Authority Board of Commissioners

Standing Committees

➤ ***Architectural Review***

➤ ***Finance***

➤ ***Jackson County Economic Development Foundation***

➤ ***Personnel***

➤ ***Pilot***

Guiding principles.....

- *The Port Director is not a Board Member*
- *Board Members are not Port Directors*
- *Check your ego at the meeting room door and do what is best for the public*

What I expect of my Board of Commissioners

- *Provide the Port Director with a clear understanding of the Board's expectations*
- *Recognize the distinction between policy setting and operations*
- *Work with fellow board members and the Port Director in a spirit of cooperation*
- *Regular attendance at meetings and port functions*
- *Base all decisions on what is best for the port, not on any special interests*
- *Ensure that the Port Director is the primary contact*
- *Refer all complaints and suggestions to the Port Director*
- *Maintain appropriate confidentiality*
- *Prepare adequately for board meetings*
- *Address inappropriate behavior of fellow board members*
- *Handle the "politics"*

What the Board Expects of the Port Director

- ***Honesty in dealing with the Commissioners***
- ***Be committed to the effective operation of the Port***
- ***Keep all Commissioners informed of issues, needs and operations of the Port***
- ***Be available to answer questions from Board members***
- ***Accept that a consensus of the board may not always be possible***
- ***Provide guidance to the board in the development of goals***
- ***Involve board members appropriately in decision making***
- ***Support the Board's policies and actions to staff and the public***
- ***Find ways to make things happen***



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