Hudson River Sloop Clearwater
America's Environmental Flagship

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc.
Annual Meeting (In-Person)
Tuesday, October 5, 2025 at 10:00am

Board Members

Sarah Armour
Peter Capek
~~Joshua Clyburn~~
Stuart Findlay
~~Joan Gaylord, Executive Comm. At Large~~
~~Peter Gregory~~
~~Neil Gordon, Executive Comm. At Large~~
Samantha Hicks, President
Gareth Hougham
Arthur Jones, Vice-President
Aaron Mair
Neall Burger (New)
L.A. Kauffman (New)
~~Jillian Maresco~~
~~Jennifer McMillan~~
~~Tom Murphy, Treasurer~~
~~Liam Purvis~~
~~Jeremy Rainer~~
~~Dan Riesel~~
~~Larry Rothbart~~
~~Gabrielle Spielberg~~
Steve Stanne, Executive Comm. At Large
Adenike Bamgboye, Secretary
Sarah Underhill
Julia Wilson
~~(strike through~~ indicates absence)

Staff Members

Jen Benson
Caitlin Zinsley
Laura Freeman
Gigi Rapetti
Meg Mayo
David Toman, Executive Director
~~Erin Macchiaroli~~
~~Emily Marcet~~
Eli Schloss

The annual meeting events commenced at 10:15am with an opening song and introductions of the board candidates and staff members.

Approval of the 09/09/25 meeting minutes was tabled to the December meeting due to lack of quorum.

Presentations

Executive Director & Staff

David presented financial updates on revenue, expenses, and special donations as well as upcoming forecast revenues, expenses and challenges with the loss of certain docking station.

Jen Benson presented Advocacy and Communications updates on docking, water quality, collaboration with policymakers, advocacy activities, social media outreaches and other digital communications.

Meg Mayo presents Development updates on open vacancies, GiveCloud implementation for effective electronic donations, workflow and procedures documentation, revenue analyses and projections.

A special presentation was made by Stuart Findlay on the Hudson River.

Sloop Club Charters awarded:

- NYC Friends of Clearwater
- Beacon Sloop Club
- Walkabout Clearwater Chorus

2025 Election results announced: L.A. Kauffman, Lyndsey Cooper, and Neall Burger elected to the board of directors.

Organizational Meeting for 2026 board cohort called to order at 1:45pm

Officers' Elections:

Board President: Samantha Hicks was nominated to continue as by Arthur Jones and Julia Wilson, and approved by 11 yes votes and 1 abstain (Samantha Hicks).

Vice President (Arthur Jones): 11 in favor, 1 decline (Steve Stanne) and 1 abstain (Arthur Jones).

Secretary: Adenike Bamgboye unanimously approved by 12 board members

Executive Committee: 3 at-large members; Steve Stanne, Joan Gaylord, Sarah Armour, unanimously approved.

Nominating Committee: Arthur Jones and Julia Wilson – moved by Sam, seconded by Aaron Mair, unanimously approved.

Samantha presented the first 2026 cohort of the board. Sam informed on Alan Thomas' passing and tremendous contributions to Clearwater as well as his wife's (Rosemary) invaluable efforts to the organization in addition to her late husband.

Motion to adjourn the annual meeting and commence retreat was unanimously approved at 2:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Adenike Bamgboye, Secretary