DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc.
Board Meeting (Virtual)
Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 7:00pm

Board Members
~~Sarah Armour~~
~~Peter Capek~~
Stuart Findlay
~~Joan Gaylord~~, Executive Comm. At Large
Samantha Hicks, President
~~Gareth Houghman~~
~~Arthur Jones, Vice-President~~
Aaron Mair
Neall Burger
L.A. Kauffman
Lyndsey Cooper
Jillian Maresco
~~Jennifer McMillan~~
~~Tom Murphy, Treasurer~~
Jeremy Rainer
~~Dan Riesel~~
Larry Rothbart
~~Gabrielle Spielberg~~
Steve Stanne, Executive Comm. At Large
Adenike Bamgboye, Secretary
Sarah Underhill
Julia Wilson
Jeremy B.
~~(strike through~~ indicates absence

Staff Members
David Toman, Executive Director
Jen Benson
Meg Mayo
~~Erin Macchiaroli~~
Emily Marcet

The board meeting was called to order by Samantha Hicks at 7:07 pm, with a quorum of 12 members. Opening song by Steve Stanne. .

Minutes Approval:
Samantha requested approval of the minutes of the May 13, 2026, meeting. Steve Stanne moved the motion, seconded by Aaron Mair, which was unanimously passed by the board.

Operations Update:

- Audit & Fundraising Updates - David
    - Approved May 13 board meeting minutes needed for the auditors' closeout process. Auditing firm confirms that report will be ready by month's end despite staff changes

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- Proposed fundraising plan to offset expenses due to potential revenue loss because of the sloop project
- Capital campaign goal increased to $175k, $25k lead gift already secured

- Clearwater Programs and Advocacy Updates - David
  - An action alert about National Estuarine Research Reserve funding
  - Senator Hinchey secured an additional $200k for Clearwater operations from the Environmental Protection Fund
  - Upcoming events include SAIL250 parade tickets ($250/ticket), a Clearwater Benefit concert with Jenna Nichols on July 11th in Saugerties, and the folk picnic rescheduled to August 22nd in Beacon
  - Wood storage moved from Island Dock to the Maritime Museum due to property sale, with plans to finalize a written agreement and complete work through July

- Education programs update - Emily
  - August weeklong drop-off Mudlark camp in Beacon
  - River Ramblers homeschool program - ages 7-13
  - Pint-Sized Pirates - ages 3-6
  - Youth empowerment programs (YEP) enrollments: 17 Young Women at the Helm, 13 Queerwater, 8 Senior YEP
  - Collaboration with Hudson River Maritime Museum; taking on volunteers/docents for restoration project
  - Partnership Hudson River Expeditions for Paddle and Learn programs work on getting kayak programming to EJ communities.

- Fundraising Updates – Meg
  - Nearly met May's budget goal, tracking at 120% of budget year-to-date
  - Most revenue lines are performing well
  - Small business outreach underway; business cultivation sail well-received
  - Capital Campaign:
    - Goal is 80% ($140k) inquiet phase, ending by 11/30/26, (2026 fiscal year-end)
    - Final $35k in public phase complete by April 2027.
    - 100% Board participation is imperative.

- Capital Campaign Launch Update – David & Lyndsey
  - $175k capital campaign to fund revenue gap for sloop restoration
  - Lyndsey presented a participation menu offering various engagement options from financial contributions to outreach activities
  - Participation poll showed at least one board member for each proposed participation item; members can review and suggest other ideas; the board to confirm their participation and contributions by July 15th

Meeting adjournment: Moved by Steve Stanne and seconded by Larry Rothbart.The board meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm unanimously by 14 members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Adenike Bamgboye, Secretary

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