

**Military Installation Remediation and
Infrastructure Authority ("MIRIA")
Board Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2026**

In attendance:

BOARD:

Todd Stephens, Chair (absent)
W. William Whiteside, Vice Chair
Thomas Panzer, Secretary (absent)
Tara Conner-Hallston
Scott DeRosa
Gregory Nesbitt
Samantha Slaff

STAFF:

Larry Burns, Executive Director
Kelly Eberle, Esq., Solicitor

Mr. Whiteside opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 am in the Horsham Township Municipal Building at 1025 Horsham Road.

Mr. Whiteside asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none.

Mr. Whiteside indicated the first agenda item was the June 5, 2026 meeting minutes and asked for the will of the board regarding them. Mr. Derosa motioned to approve the minutes to the June 5th board meeting. Mr. Nesbitt seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside noted the next agenda item was for the Executive Directors report and invited Mr. Burns' remarks. Mr. Burns confirmed that if any of the board has been along Route 611, the Shelby Apartments building is down and was demolished in the first two weeks of July. Aqua still has to fully disconnect water to the property, which is expected to occur on August 14th. Once that is complete, the contractor will backfill the pit where the water connection tied in, and the demo project will be complete. Regarding 401 Norristown Road, the township's Public Works Department has confirmed they have allotted time in the fall to remove asphalt and concrete and seed the property. We expect that will be done in September or October. On the current list of checks, there is a check from Criterion Labs for air sampling as part of the demo project. There is also a check to the township to reimburse it for mowing costs related to the 6 MIRIA properties. On the agenda today, Mr. Burns noted that the board would be asked to address 3 Quick Response Grants. As may be recalled, statute requires posting of local effort as part of our grant program and early on, leadership found it counter-productive for MIRIA to hold those funds for more than 6 months before approving grants and funding remedial projects. The Quick Response

Grant was devised as a solution to make local effort amounts available to Grantees should they wish to expedite projects ahead of the full grant approval in December and the execution of grant documents in January of the following year. Ms. Slaff asked how older grant monies are tracked and if requirements are met to spend funds as described in applications. Mr. Burns remarked that originally, grants were written for 1 year in duration and it was always recognized that project timetables could be negatively impacted by required approvals from local governments, DEP and other bodies. While grant contracts include timetables, MIRIA has not strictly enforced them. COVID in particular provided major timetable challenges. Ambler Borough still has 2021 grant money unspent, due to reports that Upper Dublin Township has created issues in their approvals that have slowed their project to a crawl. Mr. Burns noted that all grant cycles have a master budget that includes all grants, transferred local effort, project disbursements and MIRIA designated funding for that cycle. Cycle funds are never comingled as each cycle has its own grant and project escrow account. As funds are in those accounts, sometimes for extended periods, MIRIA is earning interest on unused grant funds.

Lastly, Mr. Burns confirmed that a conference call was scheduled for 1:30pm that day with Deana Zosky our compliance consultant to review the MIRIA Zone master list and to get an update on compliance reporting. As the board might recall, MIRIA Zone businesses and real estate owners are required to file tax information for the previous year with PA Department of Revenue from July 1 to midnight, September 1st of each cycle. Ms. Zosky helps MIRIA Zone businesses and real estate owners, free of charge, assemble and file the necessary information. Mr. Burns indicated that he had nothing else for the board in the way of the Executive Director's report, but offered to answer questions if there were any. There were none.

Mr. Whiteside indicated the next item on the agenda was MIRIA Quick Response Grants and invited Mr. Burns' remarks regarding the Horsham Township submission. Mr. Burns confirmed that Horsham Township has submitted a grant application for \$1.25 million and posted local effort in the amount of \$250,000. The Quick Response Grant request is for \$250,000 to make available their local effort funds and to fund project costs well ahead of addressing the \$1.25 Million grant request in December. He invited the board to review the final page of the application which set forth 13 project categories that grant monies could be available to fund. Mr. Nesbit moved to approve a 2026 MIRIA Quick Response Grant to the Horsham Township in the amount of \$250,000.00. Mr. DeRosa seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside encouraged Mr. Burns to comment on the 2nd grant and Mr. Burns advised that Horsham Water and Sewer Authority had submitted a grant request for \$3 million and posted local effort of \$600,000. Ms. Slaff inquired in the 2026 cycle if there were limits on available grants. Mr. Burns confirmed that in 2025, Northampton Bucks County entered the program and that they have substantial needs for remedial systems. Prior to 2025 no limits were officially set. After querying potential grant applicants in early 2025 it appeared there might be \$30+ million

in applications. In the program's best year, our award from Harrisburg was only \$21 million, so in 2025 to right-size the program official limits on local effort amounts and grant requests were implemented. In 2026, this cycle, limits again were put in place limiting local effort to \$600,000 and grant requests to \$3 million. He also reminded that any amount not funded in one cycle were admissible for grant funding in subsequent cycles. Mr. Burns referred the board to page 2 of the application which laid out numerous economic development and PFAS projects and asked for the board's approval. Mr. DeRosa motioned to approve a 2026 MIRIA Quick Response Grant to the Horsham Water & Sewer Authority in the amount of \$600,000.00. Ms. Slaff seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside encouraged Mr. Burns to continue and he brought to the board attention the North Wales Water Authority application for a \$3 million grant for which they posted \$600,000 in local effort. Mr. Burns encouraged the board to look at page 2 of their application, and discussed generally the 3 projects they sought funding for. He requested the board approve the \$600,000 Quick Response Grant. Ms. Conner-Halston motioned to approve a 2026 MIRIA Quick Response Grant to the North Wales Water Authority in the amount of \$600,000.00. Mr. DeRosa seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside noted the next agenda item was bills and communications. He invited Mr. Burns comments. Mr. Burns confirmed that MIRIA did not have a board meeting in July and that he was requesting the board ratify the list of checks from July 2nd. That list included normal monthly operating costs, as well as quarterly payroll and benefits, and 8 grant disbursements. Mr. Derosa motioned to ratify the list of checks dated July 2, 2026 in the total amount of \$4,012,052.95 for payment of MIRIA operational expenses, funding of MIRIA project costs and disbursement of MIRIA grant monies to Horsham Township, Warminster Township Municipal Authority, and to the HLRA. Mr. Nesbitt seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the board regarding the July 2nd list of checks regarding the shuttle bus operation. Mr. Burns confirmed the check was issued to pay for cost of shuttle service for June 2026. He reminded the board the MIRIA is a conduit in running the shuttle and that all costs of the shuttle are reimbursed by Horsham Township. Mr. Nesbitt moved to ratify the July 2, 2026 list of checks to be paid from the Shuttle Bus Operating Account in the amount of \$11,739.75 for June 2026 cost of service. Ms. Slaff seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside then asked for the will of the board regarding the list of checks dated August 7, 2026 and invited Mr. Burns for his comments. Mr. Burns confirmed normal monthly expenses were in the check run as well a check to Criterion Labs for air testing for asbestos as part of the Shelby demo project. A check was available to reimburse the township for mowing costs related to the 6 MIRIA owned properties. There is also a check for quarterly water & sewer bills for 4 of the MIRIA owned properties. The August 7th check run includes 8 grant disbursements. Mr. DeRosa motioned to approve the list of checks dated August 7, 2026 to be paid from the MIRIA

operating account in the amount of \$757,355.12 to fund MIRIA operating expenses, MIRIA project costs and eight (8) MIRIA grant disbursements to Horsham Township, the HLRA, Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority and Ambler Borough. Mr. Nesbitt seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the board regarding the approval of the August 7 list of checks related to shuttle bus operations. Mr. Nesbitt motioned to approve the list of checks to be paid from the MIRIA Shuttle Bus Account in the amount of \$11,739.75 for payment for service for July, 2026. Ms. Slaff seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked if there was any additional business. There was none. He noted the next meeting of the board would be on Friday, September 4, 2026 at 9:00 am here in the Horsham Township Building.

With no other business, Mr. Whiteside adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:14 am.

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Thomas Panzer, Secretary