



**MINUTES**  
**NEW YORK STATE CANAL CORPORATION**  
**BOARD MEETING NO. CC-181**  
**January 24, 2013**

Minutes of a meeting of the New York State Canal Corporation held at the MTA Headquarters, 347 Madison Avenue 7th Floor, New York, New York; the New York State Thruway Authority's Buffalo Division Office, 455 Cayuga Road, Suite 800, Cheektowaga, NY; and the New York State Thruway Authority Boardroom, R. Burdell Bixby Administrative Building, 200 Southern Boulevard, Albany, New York.

The meetings of the New York State Thruway Authority and Canal Corporation Boards opened in joint session for the consideration of various matters. These minutes reflect only those items considered by the New York State Canal Corporation Board. The meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

There were present:

Chairman Howard P. Milstein

Donna J. Luh, Vice Chairperson, via video conference

J. Donald Rice, Jr., Board Member

Brandon R. Sall, Board Member

Richard N. Simberg, Board Member, via video conference

Jose-Holguin-Veras, Ph.D., Board Member, via video conference

**E. Virgil Conway, Board Member**

**Constituting all of the members of the Thruway Authority Board.**

**In addition, there were present the following staff personnel:**

**Thomas J. Madison, Jr., Executive Director**

**Thomas J. Ryan, Chief of Staff**

**John Bryan, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer**

**William Estes, General Counsel**

**Ted Nadratowski, Interim Tappan Zee Project Director**

**Jill B. Warner, Board Administrator and Secretary**

**Jonathan Ehrlich, Special Assistant to the Chairman**

**Karen Wilson, Information Technology Specialist III**

**Captain Mallard, Troop T**

**Kathleen Lefave, Special Assistant to Thomas J. Ryan, via video conference**

**Harry Lennon, Acting Director of Audit & Management Services, via video conference**

**Michael Shamma, Acting Chief Engineer**

**Brian Stratton, Director, Canal Corporation**

**Daniel Weiller, Director, Office of Public Affairs**

**Todd Gold, Inter-Governmental Relations, via video conference**

**Donald Bell, Director, Maintenance and Operations**

**John Barr, Director, Administrative Services**

**Shane Mahar, Deputy Director, Media Relations & Communications, via video conference**

**William Sweitzer, Deputy Director for Operations, Media Relations & Communications,  
via video conference**

**Also in attendance:**

**Ervel Douse, Expedite Video Conferencing Services**

**Jeffrey Parker, Senior Managing Director, Ernst & Young LLP**

**Murray Bodin, public**

**Joshua Herrenkohl, Partner/Principal, Ernst & Young LLP**

**Matthew Hobby, Senior Vice President, Ernst & Young Infrastructure Advisors, LLC**

Karen Rae, Deputy Transportation Secretary

Chairman Milstein noted that he, Ms. Luh, Mr. Conway, Mr. Rice, Mr. Simberg, Mr. Sall and Dr. Veras had received and reviewed the Agenda submitted for consideration at this meeting and were prepared to act on each of the Items.

Chairman Milstein called the meeting of the Thruway Authority and Canal Corporation Boards to order. (45:53)

Ms. Warner recorded the minutes as contained herein (public notice of the meeting had been given).

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**Item 1 by Ms. Warner (Appendix A)**  
**Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. CC-180 (46:20)**

On the motion of Ms. Luh, seconded by Mr. Conway, without any objections, the Board approved the minutes of Meeting No. CC-180 held on December 17, 2012, which were made available to the Board Members as part of the Agenda.

**Item 2 by Mr. Madison (Appendix B)**  
**Approved Report on Procurement Contracts and Other Agreements Up to \$150,000 Executed by the Executive Director During the Period April 1, 2012 Through December 31, 2012 (46:25)**

On the motion of Ms. Luh, seconded by Mr. Conway, without any objections, the Board accepted the report on Procurement Contracts and other Agreements up to \$150,000 executed by the Executive Director during the period April 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

**Item 3 by Chairman Milstein (Appendix C)**  
**Recognizing and Honoring Thomas J. Ryan (49:22)**

The details of the presentation by Chairman Milstein are included in the video recording of the meeting maintained in Corporation records.

On the motion of Ms. Luh, seconded by Mr. Conway, without any objections, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 5946**  
**RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THOMAS J. RYAN**

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WHEREAS, Thomas J. Ryan's faithful and selfless service to people of the State of New York is deserving of the highest praise and recognition, and

WHEREAS, a newspaper man by trade and inclination, Mr. Ryan's extensive public service included key positions with both Governor Mario M. Cuomo and the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and

WHEREAS, as former Chairman of the New York State Canal Planning and Development Board and former President of the State Council on Waterways, Mr. Ryan was a principle architect of the renaissance of New York's historic Canal System, continuing today under the stewardship of the New York State Thruway Authority, and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Canal Planning and Development Board published a report in 1989 which was the genesis of both the transfer of the Canal System to the Thruway Authority and the creation of the Canal Recreationway Plan, and

WHEREAS, through his executive-level service at both the State Department of Transportation and Department of Motor Vehicles, and at the Federal Transit Administration, Mr. Ryan developed an intimate and

unparalleled level of knowledge and experience pertaining to State and Federal transportation policy which has served the Authority and its customers well during his tenure, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ryan's leadership, advice and counsel helped advance planning for the New New York Bridge, the development of an interim agreement with the Mohawk Valley Water Authority to protect both Canal navigation and the local drinking water supply, and the prompt restoration of navigation following the unprecedented and catastrophic damaged caused by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, and

WHEREAS, a licensed professional mariner and lifelong Canaller, Mr. Ryan has played a critical role in shaping Canal policy and moving long-stalled projects forward such as the development of the Syracuse Inner Harbor, the restoration of the Lockport Flight of Five, and the development of a rest area at Lock 13, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ryan has served the New York State Thruway Authority and the New York State Canal Corporation with distinction since November 11, 2009, and

WHEREAS, through his intellect, skill, character, and passion for public service, Mr. Ryan has left an ameliorative and indelible mark on this organization and its people, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Thruway Authority and Canal Corporation Boards hereby extend to Thomas J. Ryan their thanks and appreciation for his faithful and commendable service, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Captain Ryan and be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There was one public speaker who did not address items specific to the Authority agenda. Refer to the video recording of the meeting for the content of the speaker's statements.

Murray Bodin, public (56:13)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, without any objections, on the motion of Chairman Milstein, with no objections, the meeting was adjourned. (58:12)

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Jill B. Warner  
Secretary

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