



**MINUTES
NEW YORK STATE CANAL CORPORATION
BOARD MEETING NO. CC-205
June 6, 2016**

Minutes of a meeting of the New York Thruway Authority, held in the conference room at, 303 South Broadway, Tarrytown, New York and by video conference from Troy, New York and phone conference from MTA Headquarters, 2 Broadway, New York, NY.

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.

Members of the Board present were:

Joanne M. Mahoney, Chair
Richard N. Simberg, Board Member
Jose Holguin-Veras, Ph.D., Board Member, via video conference
J. Donald Rice, Jr., Board Member, via phone conference

Constituting a majority of the members of the Thruway Authority Board.

Member of the Board excused:

Donna J. Luh (Vice-Chair)

Staff Present:

Maria Lehman, Interim Executive Director
Karen Hunter, Chief of Staff
Gordon Cuffy, General Counsel
Matt Howard, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer
Cathy Sheridan, Chief Engineer
Harry Lennon, Acting Director of Audit & Management Services, via video conference
Major Joseph Dodd, New York State Police
Mark Hixson, Deputy Director Maintenance & Operations
Stephen Grabowski, Acting New York Division Director
John Barr, Acting Director of Administrative Services
Eric Christensen, Deputy Director of Operations
Richard Garrabrant, Director of Capital Program Development
Jamey Barbas, Project Director for the New NY Bridge
Brian Stratton, Director NYS Canal Corporation
John Callaghan, Deputy Director of the NYS Canal Corporation, via video conference
Shane Mahar, Deputy Communications Director



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Kevin Allen, Director of Purchasing
Matt Miller, Information Technology Specialist
Kathleen LeFave, Assistant Secretary

Also in attendance:

Matt Coyne – Journal News
Sean Adams – WCBS 880 AM
Amanda Ciavarrri – WHEC-TV
Murray Bodin – Welded Steel Sculptures
Rabbi Joel Fried – Community Liaison

Chair Mahoney called the meeting of the Thruway Authority and Canal Corporation Boards to order.

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

Chair Joanne Mahoney opened the meeting by acknowledging the family of our former colleague Virgil Conway to formally recognize him by presenting a citation by Governor Cuomo honoring and remembering Mr. Conway's legacy to his dedication, leadership, service and commitment for building a better future for the residents of New York State.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD RELATED TO THE MEETING AGENDA

The following individual signed up for the general comment period. His comments are included in the video recording of the meeting.

1. Murray Bodin, Member of the Public

Item 1 by Chair Mahoney

Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. 204

Chair Mahoney asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the minutes of Meeting No. 205 held on June 6, 2016, which were made available to the Board Members as part of the Agenda.

Item 2 by Ms. Lehman (Appendix B)

Approval of a New Salary Schedule for Management/Confidential Employees

The new salary schedule for Management/Confidential employees was advanced to the Board at the recommendation of the Finance Committee.



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Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the new salary schedule and adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 657

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR TO APPROVE NEW SALARY SCHEDULE FOR
MANAGEMENT/CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES**

RESOLVED, the Board authorize the Interim Executive Director to take the necessary steps to implement the Management/Confidential Salary Schedule (Exhibit A) effective the pay period that includes July 1, 2016 as outlined in the New York State Budget Bulletin D-1133; and

RESOLVED, that this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

Item 3 by Mr. Howard (Appendix C)

**Approval of the Modification of the Thruway Authority's and Canal Corporation's
Procurement Contracts Policy (25-5-01)**

Mr. Howard presented the resolution seeking approval to revise the Authority's/Corporation's Procurement Policy. The proposed changes include increasing the threshold under which the Interim Executive Director may execute contracts from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Details of the presentation and discussion with Board Members are included in the video recording of the meeting

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved and adopted the following resolution:



RESOLUTION NO. 658

**AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE THRUWAY
AUTHORITY'S AND CANAL CORPORATION'S
PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS POLICY (25-5-01)**

RESOLVED, that the Thruway Authority and Canal Corporation Procurement Contracts Policy (25-5-01) attached hereto as Exhibits C be, and the same hereby are, rescinded; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Procurement Contracts Policy (25-5-01) for the Thruway Authority and Canal Corporation attached hereto as Exhibit B be, and the same hereby is, approved, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Interim Executive Director be, and she hereby is, authorized to, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and the General Counsel, develop or modify operational and/or administrative procedures as necessary to implement the revised Policy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately, and be it further

RESOLVED, that these resolutions be incorporated in the minutes of these meetings.



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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The following individual signed up for the general comment period. His comments are included in the video recording of the meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the board voted to adjourn until its next meeting scheduled for June 13, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen LeFave".

Kathleen LeFave
Board Secretary

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