

## MINUTES NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING NO. 758 June 27, 2023

Meeting minutes of the New York Thruway Authority, held in the boardroom at 200 Southern Boulevard, Albany, New York.

The meeting of the New York State Thruway Authority Board opened in session for the consideration of various matters. These minutes reflect only the items considered by the New York State Thruway Authority Board. The meeting began approximately at 1:18 p.m.

The following committee members were present:

Joanne M. Mahoney, Chair Robert Megna, Vice-Chair Jose Holguin-Veras, Ph.D., Board Member Heather Briccetti Mulligan, Board Member Norman H. Jones, Board Member via Webex

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

Staff present:

Frank G, Hoare, Executive Director Matthew Trapasso, Chief of Staff Karen Osborn, Interim Chief Financial Officer Joseph Igoe, Deputy General Counsel Rich Lee, Chief Engineer Jim Konstalid, Director of Maintenance & Operations Selica Grant, Acting Director of Administrative Services Mary Boehm, Director, Audit Management Services Andrew Trombley, Director of Procurement Services Erika Beardsley, Acting Director, Center Excellence Tim Bonney, Director of Applications Development Sean Lasher, Information Technology Specialist William Hewitt, Information Technology Specialist Tanya Morris, Board Secretary

Chair Mahoney called the meeting of the Thruway Authority Board to order.

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

# PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD RELATED TO THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Mahoney asked Ms. Morris if there were any public comments. Ms. Morris stated there were no comments.

## **Item 1 by Chair Mahoney (Appendix A) Approval of the Minutes of Meeting No 757**

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. 757 held March 27, 2023, which was made available to the Board Members as part of the Agenda.

## <u>Item 2 by Karen Osborn (Appendix B)</u> <u>Financial Report– January, February & March 2023</u>

The Item was advanced to the Board at the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

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

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board accepted the Financial Reports for January, February & March.

## <u>Item 3 by Karen Osborn (Appendix C)</u> <u>Approval of the Authority's Investment Transactions –First Quarter 2023</u>

The Item was advanced to the Board at the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

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 the Item.

## <u>Item 4 by Selica Grant (Appendix D)</u> <u>Authorization for the Interim Executive Director to Approve 2023-2025 Salary</u> <u>Actions for Management/Confidential Employees</u>

Ms. Grant presented the resolution for Authorizing the Interim Executive Director to Approve 2023-2025 Salary Actions for Management/Confidential Employees.

Details of the discussion with Board Members are included in the audio recording of the meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board authorized the Interim Executive Director to approve 2023-2025 Salary Actions for Management/Confidential Employees and adopted the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 6431**

## AUTHORIZATION FOR THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE TO APPROVE 2023-2025 SALARY ACTIONS FOR DIRECTOR MANAGEMENT/CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES

RESOLVED, the Interim Executive Director be, and is hereby is, authorized to take the necessary steps to grant and implement any 2023-2025 salary actions for M/C employees described in this agenda item, and be it further

RESOLVED, the recommendations to withhold salary increases and/or lump sum payments, in whole or in part, are subject to the approval of the Interim Executive Director, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Interim Executive Director be, and hereby is, authorized to extend appropriate provisions of collective bargaining agreements that have been or may be reached as a result of labor negotiations with the Authority's unionized employees (including the reduction of such benefits) to the Authority's M/C employees, and be it further

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

## <u>Item 5 by Josh Klemm/Presented by Tim Bonney (Appendix E)</u> <u>Authorizing the Interim Executive Director to Execute a Non-Engineering Personal</u> <u>Services Contract with I-Site, Inc.</u>

Mr. Bonney presented the resolution for Authorizing the Interim Executive Director to Execute a Non-Engineering Personal Services Contract with I-Site, Inc.

Details of the discussion with Board Members are included in the audio recording of the meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board Authorized the Interim Executive Director to Execute a Non-Engineering Personal Services Contract with I-Site, Inc. and adopted the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 6432

AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXTEND A NON-ENGINEERING PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH I-SITE, INC. TO PROVIDE DRUPAL PLATFORM DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR AUTHORITY CUSTOMER FACING WEB SITES.

RESOLVED, that the Interim Executive Director or his designee be, and hereby is, authorized to execute an amendment to extend a Non-Engineering Personal Services Contract with I-Site, Inc. for a maximum amount payable of \$487,500 for a five year term for the purpose of providing personal services related to Drupal platform development and maintenance support services for Authority customer facing web sites; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such amendment shall be on terms and conditions deemed to be in the best interest of the Authority and consistent with all Authority polices; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Interim Executive Director or his designee, shall have the authority to exercise all powers reserved to the Authority under the provisions of the agreement, manage and

administer the agreement, amend the provisions of the agreement consistent with the terms of this item and other Board authorizations and suspend or terminate the agreement in the best interests of the Authority; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be incorporated in full in

the minutes of this meeting.

## <u>Item 6 by Josh Klemm/Presented by Tim Bonney (Appendix F)</u> <u>Authorizing the Interim Executive Director to execute a Non-Engineering Personal</u> <u>Services Contract with Oracle</u>

Mr. Bonney presented the resolution for Authorizing the Interim Executive Director to Execute a Non-Engineering Personal Services Contract with Oracle.

Details of the discussion with Board Members are included in the audio recording of the meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board Authorized the Interim Executive Director to Execute a Non-Engineering Personal Services Contract with Oracle and adopted the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 6433**

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A NON-ENGINEERING PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ORACLE TO PROVIDE UNIFIER PLATFORM MIGRATION, DEVELOPMENT. TRAINING, INTEGRATION, AND MAINTENANCE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR UNIFIER, THE AUTHORITY'S INTEGRATED AND HOLISTIC **FINANCIAL** MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.

RESOLVED, that the Interim Executive Director or his designee be, and hereby is, authorized to execute an agreement with Oracle, Inc. for a maximum amount payable of \$673,800 for a one year term for the purpose of providing personal services related to the Unifier migration, development, integration, training, and maintenance support services for the Authority's integrated and holistic financial management system.

RESOLVED, that such agreement shall be on terms and conditions deemed to be in the best interest of the Authority and consistent with all Authority polices; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Interim Executive Director or his designee, shall have the authority to exercise all powers reserved to the Authority under the provisions of the agreement, manage and administer the agreement, amend the provisions of the agreement consistent with the terms of this item and other Board authorizations and suspend or terminate the agreement in the best interests of the Authority; and be it further

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

#### <u>Item 7 by Jim Konstalid (Appendix F)</u> <u>Authorizing the Interim Executive Director to Execute an Agreement with the Canal</u> <u>Society of New York State to Operate the Port Byron Old Erie Canal Heritage Park</u>

Mr. Konstalid presented the resolution for Authorizing the Interim Executive Director to Execute an Agreement with the Canal Society of New York State to Operate the Port Byron Old Erie Canal Heritage Park.

Details of the discussion with Board Members are included in the audio recording of the meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board Authorized the Interim Executive Director to Execute an Agreement with the Canal Society of New York State and adopted the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 6434**

## AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CANAL SOCIETY OF NEW YORK STATE TO OPERATE THE PORT BYRON OLD ERIE CANAL HERITAGE PARK AT MILEPOST 308.30 EASTBOUND

RESOLVED, that the competitive procedures required

by the Thruway Authority Procurement Contracts Policy are waived and the Interim Executive Director or designee be, and hereby is, authorized to negotiate and executive an Agreement with Heritage Park to operate the Port Byron Old Erie Canal Heritage Park; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such Agreement will be for a term of August 14, 2023 through December 31, 2026 with the option to renew for one (1) additional one (1) year term, shall have a maximum amount payable not to exceed \$700,204, and shall be on such other terms and conditions as the Interim Executive Director, Director of Maintenance and Operations, and General Counsel determine to be in the best interest of the Authority; and

be it further

RESOLVED, that the Interim Chief Financial Officer be,

and hereby is, authorized to charge expenditures for services

rendered pursuant to such Agreement to the Department of

Maintenance and Operations Budget; and be it further

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

## Item 8 by Joe Igoe (Appendix H)

Reaffirming Previously Approved Board Resolution No. 6343 Declaring Real Property Reference No. TN20-3 - Subject Property B, Located in the Town of Clarkstown and County of Rockland, as Not Necessary for Authority Corporate Purposes and Authorizing the Negotiated Sale Thereof

Mr. Igoe presented the resolution for Reaffirming Previously Approved Board Resolution No. 6343.

Details of the discussion with Board Members are included in the audio recording of the meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board Authorized the Reaffirming of Previously Approved Board Resolution No. 6343 and adopted the following resolution:

## **RESOLUTION NO. 6435**

REAFFIRMING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 6343 DECLARING REAL PROPERTY REFERENCE NO. TN20-3 – SUBJECT PROPERTY B, LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN AND COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, AS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE AUTHORITY'S CORPORATE PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATED SALE THEREOF RESOLVED, that the Board reaffirms Resolution No. 6343 and hereby finds, determines and declares that all remaining right, title and interest in and to Real Property Reference No. TN20-3 (hereinafter, "Subject Property"), as shown and delineated on Exhibits II and III attached hereto and made a part hereof, are not necessary for the Authority's corporate purposes and, therefore, available for auction; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Interim Executive Director, or his designees, be and the same herby is/are, authorized to negotiate the disposal of real property because the public auction of the Property resulted in bids below the minimum-bid in open competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Subject Property be, and the same hereby is, authorized for conveyance to GIS Realty, LLC (hereinafter, "Applicant") pursuant to Public Authorities Law Section 2897, subsec. 6, par. C, subpar. iii,; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such conveyance to the Applicant be predicated upon Applicant's payment consideration in the amount of \$110,500; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Interim Executive Director, or his designee, be, and the same hereby is, authorized to execute an agreement for the Subject Property with the Applicant on the terms and conditions specified herein and other terms and conditions deemed by General Counsel to be in the Authority's best interest, and to take all necessary actions to convey the Subject Property to the Applicant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chief Engineer, or his designee, be and the same hereby is, authorized to execute the SEQRA Short Environmental Assessment form and SEQRA Negative Declaration, and to distribute any required documents on behalf of the Board relative to such adoption; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Interim Executive Director, Chief Engineer, Chief Financial Officer, and First Deputy General Counsel be, and the same hereby are, authorized to take all steps necessary to implement this Board action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be incorporated in the

minutes of this meeting.

#### Item 9 by Joe Igoe(Appendix I)

Amending Resolution 6421 Declaring Full Jurisdiction Over Title, Real Property Reference No. TB22-4 Located in the Town of Hamburg and County of Erie, as Not Necessary for the Authority's Corporate Purposes; and Consenting to the Transfer of Such Full Jurisdiction to the New York State Department of Transportation

Mr. Igoe presented the Item for Amending Resolution 6421 Real Property Reference No. TB22-4.

Details of the discussion with Board Members are included in the audio recording of the meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board Authorized the Amending Resolution No. 6421 Real Property Reference No. TB22-4 and adopted the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 6436**

AMENDING RESOLUTION 6421 DECLARING FULL JURISDICTION OVER TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY REFERENCE NO. TB22-4, LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF HAMBURG AND COUNTY OF ERIE, AS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE AUTHORITY'S CORPORATE PURPOSES; AND CONSENTING TO THE TRANSFER OF SUCH JURISDICTION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

RESOLVED, that full jurisdiction over title in and to certain real property designated as revised Real Property Reference No. TB22-4 (hereinafter, "Subject Property") and shown on, and described in Exhibit I attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby found to be not necessary for the Authority's corporate purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, pursuant to New York Public Lands Law § 3, subdivision 4, and without any monetary consideration to be given by any party to the other, a transfer of full jurisdiction over title in and to Real Property Reference No. TB22-4 (hereinafter, "TJ") from the Authority to the New York State Department of Transportation be, and the same hereby is, authorized; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Interim Executive Director, Chief Engineer, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Maintenance and Operations and General Counsel be, and the same hereby are, authorized to take all steps necessary to implement this board action; and be it further of this meeting.

## Item 10 by Joe Igoe (Appendix J)

## Amending Resolution 6420 Declaring Real Property Reference No. TB21-2, Located in the Town of Hamburg and County of Erie, as Not Necessary for Authority Corporate Purposes and Authorizing the Auction Thereof

Mr. Igoe presented Amending Resolution No. 6420 Real Property Reference No. TB21-2.

Details of the discussion with Board Members are included in the audio recording of the meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board authorized Amending Resolution No. 6420 Real Property Reference No. TB21-2 and adopted the following resolution:

## RESOLUTION NO. 6437

AMENDING RESOLUTION 6420 DECLARING REAL PROPERTY REFERENCE NO. TB21-2, LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF HAMBURG AND COUNTY OF ERIE, AS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE AUTHORITY'S CORPORATE PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING THE AUCTION THEREOF

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby finds, determines and declares that all remaining right, title and interest in and to revised Real Property Reference No. TB21-2 (hereinafter, "Subject Property"), as shown and delineated on Exhibit I attached hereto and made a part hereof, is not necessary for the Authority's corporate purposes and, therefore, available for auction subject to the reservation of a drainage easement for the People of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Office of Real Property Management is authorized to conduct a public auction (hereinafter, "Auction") of the Property at a minimum-bid amount of \$4,965,000 (hereinafter, "Minimum Bid"); and be it further RESOLVED, that the Interim Executive Director, or designee, be, and the same hereby is, authorized to accept the highest responsive bid that meets or exceeds the Minimum Bid, to memorialize such acceptance via the execution of an agreement for the sale of real property with the highest bidder on terms and conditions deemed by General Counsel to be in the Authority's best interest, and to convey the Subject Property to such highest responsive bidder; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chief Engineer, or his designee, be and the same hereby is, authorized to execute the SEQRA Short Environmental Assessment form and SEQRA Negative Declaration, and to distribute any required documents on behalf of the Board relative to such adoption; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Interim Executive Director, Chief Engineer, Chief Operating and Financial Officer, and General Counsel be, and the same hereby are, authorized to take all steps necessary to implement this Board action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be incorporated in the minutes

of this meeting.

#### <u>Item 11 by Rich Lee (Appendix K)</u> <u>Authorizing Additional Funding for TAA 23-13B/D214916, MP 111.13 and 113.22 Bridge</u> <u>Preservation</u>

Mr. Lee presented the resolution for Authorizing Additional Funding for TAA-23-13B/D214916, MP 111.13 and 113.22 Bridge Preservation.

Details of the discussion with Board Members are included in the audio recording of the meeting.

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 6438

# AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TAA 23-13B/D214916, MP 111.13 AND 113.22 BRIDGE PRESERVATION

RESOLVED, that an additional \$5,283,000.00 (revising the total contract value to \$9,283,000.00) for TAA 23-13B/D214916, MP 111.13 and 113.22 Bridge Preservation be, and the same hereby is authorized, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the additional funding be allocated to TAA 23-13B/D214916, from project deferments and bid savings from the 2023 Contracts Program, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chief Engineer or his designee shall have the authority to exercise all powers reserved to the Authority under the provisions of the contract, manage and administer the contract, amend the provisions of the contract consistent with the terms of this Item and other Board authorizations and suspend or terminate the contract in the best interests of the Authority, and be it further

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

## <u>Item 12 by Rick Lee (Appendix L)</u> <u>Authorizing Additional Funding for TAN 23-15B/D214897A, Structural steel repairs, seismic</u> <u>retrofits & light pole replacements of the North Grand Island bridges and light pole</u> <u>replacements of the South Grand Island Bridges</u>

Mr. Lee presented the resolution for Authorizing Additional Funding for TAN 23-15B/D214897A.

Details of the discussion with Board Members are included in the audio recording of the meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board Authorized the Additional Funding for TAN 23-15B/D214897A and adopted the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 6439**

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TAN 23-15B/D214897A, STRUCTURAL STEEL REPAIRS, SEISMIC RETROFITS & LIGHT POLE REPLACEMENTS FOR THE NORTH GRAND ISLAND BRIDGES AND LIGHT POLE REPLACEMENTS OF THE SOUTH GRAND ISLAND BRIDGES

RESOLVED, that an additional \$31,705,000.00 (revising the total contract value to \$67,705,000.00) for TAN 23-15B/D214897A, Structural steel repairs, seismic retrofits & light pole replacements for the North Grand Island bridges and light pole replacements of the South Grand Island Bridges be, and the same hereby is authorized, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the additional funding be allocated to TAN 23-15B/D214897A from project deferments and bid savings from the 2023 Contracts Program, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chief Engineer or his designee shall have the authority to exercise all powers reserved to the Authority under the provisions of the contract, manage and administer the contract, amend the provisions of the contract consistent with the terms of this Item and other Board authorizations and suspend or terminate the contract in the best interests of the Authority, and be it further RESOLVED, that this resolution be incorporated in the minutes

of this meeting.

## <u>Item 13 by Rich Lee (Appendix M)</u> <u>Authorizing the Execution of Term Agreement D214917 with Stantec Consulting Services,</u> <u>Inc.</u>

Mr. Lee presented the resolution for Authorizing the Execution of Term Agreement D214917 with Stantec Consulting Services.

Details of the discussion with Board Members are included in the audio recording of the meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board Authorized the Execution of Term Agreement D214917 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. and adopted the following resolution:

## RESOLUTION NO. 6440

## AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT D214917 WITH STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC.

RESOLVED, that the Chief Engineer or his designee, be, and he hereby

is, authorized to execute agreement (D214917) with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., as listed in Exhibit A, attached hereto, provided that sufficient funding has been identified to complete services for the projects through this agreement, with the Maximum Amount Payable

of the agreement not to exceed the amount shown

in the attached Exhibit A, and such agreement shall be on such other terms and conditions as the Chief Engineer, in consultation with the General Counsel, determines to be in the best interest of the Authority, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chief Engineer or his designees shall have the authority to exercise all powers reserved to the Authority under the provisions of the agreement, manage and administer the agreement, amend the provisions of the agreement consistent with the

terms of this Item and in accordance with the 2023 Contracts Program

Resolution and other Board authorizations, and suspend or terminate

the agreement in the best interest of the Authority, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be incorporated in the minutes

of this meeting.

## Item 14 by Andrew Trombley (Appendix Y) Report on Procurement Contracts and Other Agreements Up to \$300,000 Executed by the Executive Director During the Period January, 2023 through March 31, 2023

Mr. Trombley presented the report on Procurement Contracts to the Board.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, without any objections, the Board accepted the Report on Procurement Contracts and other Agreements Executed by the Executive Director during the period January 1, 2023 through March December 31, 2023.

## **Report to the Board**

Interim Executive Director Hoare started off with thanking Tanya Morris, Board Secretary and Department heads on doing a good job preparing for the Agenda and Board meeting. It takes a lot of work scheduling and preparing for these meetings, and it is all lead by Tanya Morris.

Mr. Hoare recognized and thanked Karen Osborn for being the Interim Chief Financial Officer. He spoke about Karen's distinguished career here at the Thruway Authority. Karen will be retiring in July 2023.

Mr. Hoare also updated the Board on two critical projects the Service Areas and Comptroller's Audit.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chair Mahoney asked Ms. Morris if there was any public comment regarding the Board Meeting and Ms. Morris said no comments were made.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the board voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

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