

MINUTES NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING NO. 769 April 23, 2025

The meeting minutes of the New York State Thruway Authority were held in the Boardroom at 200 Southern Boulevard, Albany, New York, and via video conference at the following locations:

SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry 229 Bray Hall 1 Forestry Drive Syracuse, NY 13210

Westchester County Office Building 148 Martine Ave White Plains, NY 10601

Monroe County City Place Building 50 W. Main Street, Rochester, NY 14614

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. It is noted that Board Member Paul Tokasz is absent.

The following Board Members were present:

Robert Megna, Vice-Chair Jose Holguin-Veras, Ph.D., Board Member Heather Briccetti Mulligan, Board Member

Also available via WebEx:

Joanne M. Mahoney, Chair Joan McDonald, Board Member Norman Jones, Board Member

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

Staff present:

Frank Hoare, Executive Director

Nicole Leblond, Chief of Staff

Tom McIntyre, Deputy Executive Director of Operations & Special Projects

Dave Malone, Chief Financial Officer

Sandra Rivera, General Counsel

Brent Howard, Chief Engineer

Kevin Wisely, Chief Maintenance & Operations Officer

Jennifer Givner, Chief Media & Government Relations Officer

Julie Miskinis, Board Secretary

Michelle McHale, Assistant Board Secretary

William Hewitt, Information Technology Specialist

Ari Rosenblum, Information Technology Specialist

Jonathan Dougherty, Deputy Director of Media Relations

Kira Gruber, Excelsior Service Fellow

Cassandra Klewicki, Empire Service Fellow

Also present:

Jonathan Gibbs, BST & Co. CPA's LLC

Chair Mahoney called the meeting of the Thruway Authority Board to order at 2:14 p.m.

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

A. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD RELATED TO THE MEETING AGENDA (12:32)

Chair Mahoney asked the Board Secretary if there were any public comments related to today's agenda items. Ms. Miskinis stated there were no comments.

B. CONSENT ITEMS (13:00)

<u>Item 1 by Chair Mahoney (Appendix A)</u> Approval of the Minutes of Meeting No. 768

Chair Mahoney requested a motion to approve the minutes from the previous Board of Directors meeting held on March 25, 2025.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the minutes of Meeting No. 768, which were made available to the Board Members as part of the agenda.

Item 2 by Chair Mahoney (Appendix B)

Report of BST & Co. CPAs, LLC's Audit of the Authority's Financial Statements, Single Audit Report, Report on Compliance with Investment Guidelines and Required Communications to the Authority's Board

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

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board accepted the referenced reports and required communications to the Authority Board and adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 6574

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF BST & CO. CPAs, LLC's AUDIT OF THE AUTHORITY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SINGLE AUDIT REQUIREMENTS, REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH INVESTMENT GUIDELINES AND REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS TO THE AUTHORITY'S BOARD

RESOLVED, that the Authority's Financial Statements, Report on Compliance with Single Audit Requirements, Report on Compliance with Investment Guidelines, Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Authority's Financial Statements has been reviewed and is hereby approved, and be it further

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

C. <u>ACTION ITEMS (13:27)</u>

Item 3 by Brent Howard (Appendix C)

Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute an Agreement C010764 with Geocomp, P.C. dba Geocomp Engineering to Provide the Authority with Acoustic Emissions Monitoring Services

Chief Engineer, Brent Howard, presented the resolution to the Board to execute an Agreement with Geocomp, P.C. to provide the Authority with Acoustic Emissions Monitoring for the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge. The proposed monitoring system will supplement periodic inspections by continuously monitoring key structural components and alerting Authority staff of any conditions requiring detailed inspection.

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The Agreement is for a term of three (3) years with the option to renew for one (1) 5-year period. The maximum amount payable for the term of this contract will not exceed \$999,744.00.

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 authorized the Agreement with Geocomp P.C. for Acoustic Monitoring Services and adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 6575

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT C010764 WITH GEOCOMP TO PROVIDE THE AUTHORITY WITH ACOUSTIC EMISSIONS MONITORING SERVICES

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, or his designee, be, and hereby is, authorized to execute an agreement with Geocomp P.C. dba Geocomp Engineering for a term of three (3) years with the option to renew for one (1), 5-year period. The maximum amount payable for the term of this contract will not exceed \$999,744.00 to provide the Authority with Acoustic Emissions Monitoring Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such shall be on such other terms and conditions as the Executive Director and General Cousel determine to be in the best interest of the Authority; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Chief Financial Officer be, and hereby is, authorized to charge expenditures for goods and services rendered pursuant to such agreement to the GMMCB Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or his designee shall have the authority to exercise all powers reserved to the

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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.

D. REPORT TO THE BOARD (16:10)

The Executive Director, Frank Hoare, provided a report for the Board Members. He highlighted that the Thruway Authority was in the middle of National Work Zone Safety Week and stressed the importance of drivers slowing down and paying attention in work zones.

The Chair thanked the Thruway's Communication team for their public outreach.

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

E. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR GENERAL THRUWAY AUTHORITY MATTERS (15-Minute Limit) (22:25)</u>

Chair Mahoney asked the Board Secretary if there were any public comments regarding general matters not included on today's agenda. Ms. Miskinis stated there were no comments.

Details of the public comment period are included in the audio recording of the meeting.

F. OTHER BUSINESS (22:45)

G. ADJOURNMENT (22:55)

There being no other business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 2:25 p.m.

Julie Miskinis

Board Secretary