

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON
MARCH 18, 2010

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Sproat, James P., Chairman
Vecellio, Francis N., Vice Chairman
Dressel, Roderick O., Commissioner
Gerentine, Richard A., Commissioner
Lashua, C. Vane, Commissioner

Carl G. Whitbeck, Jr., Counsel

OFFICERS:

Sewell, John R., Treasurer

ABSENT:

Ruggiero, Joseph, Secretary
Higgins, Roger P., Commissioner
Ramaglia, Joseph, Commissioner

Chairman Sproat called the meeting to order at 3:25 P.M. Chairman Sproat called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 2010. On motion of Vice Chairman Vecellio, seconded by Commissioner Gerentine, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 2010 were adopted unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:

1) IBTTA 2010 Annual Dues

Mr. Russo indicated that the Bridge Authority is in receipt of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) invoice for active membership dues for the year 2010. The dues schedule is based on each member's toll revenue for the prior year and the rate has been held constant for the past two years. Based on the Authority's audited toll revenue for 2009, the dues for 2010 are \$17,308. A brief discussion followed relative to the recommendation of continuing the relationship with the organization and the benefit of using it as a resource for information sharing. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Vice Chairman Vecellio, seconded by Commissioner Dressel the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-023
Resolution Date: March 18, 2010

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority is an active member of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has received an invoice for its annual IBTTA membership dues for the year 2010 in the amount of \$17,308.00 ; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that payment to the IBTTA is approved in the amount of \$17,308 for the Authority's 2010 membership dues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 18th day of March 2010.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Prompt Payment Annual Report

Mr. Russo presented to the Board the Bridge Authority's Prompt Payment Annual Report for 2009 which is pursuant to New York State Bridge Authority Prompt Payment Policy §207.4b and §2880 of the Public Authorities Law. Mr. Russo indicated that according to that section, copies are to be mailed within ninety days of the end of the fiscal year to the State Comptroller, the State Director of the Budget, the Chairman of the State Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. After a brief discussion relative to payment terms and vendor discounts, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Gerentine, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-024

Resolution Date: March 18, 2010

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority Prompt Payment Policy as adopted by this Authority in compliance with §2880 of the Public Authorities Law requires an annual report on the scope and implementation of such policy be submitted to the Board for review purposes within ninety (90) days after the close of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has compiled and submitted such a report reflecting the requirements of Section 207.4 of such Policy; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby approve the described report for fiscal year 2009 filed herewith; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 18th day of March 2010.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) Annual Procurement Report

In accordance with Public Authorities Law and the Authority's Procurement Guidelines, Mr. Russo presented the Annual Procurement Report to the Board indicating that it included information on all Authority contracts over \$5,000 either entered into 2009 or carrying over from previous years. Following discussion of the report and which parties where to receive it, Chairman Sproat called for a motion if there were no further questions. On a motion of Commissioner Lashua, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio the following resolution was adopted:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-025
Resolution Date: March 18, 2010

WHEREAS the Board has received and reviewed the Authority's 2009 Annual Procurement Report in accordance with its Procurement Guidelines and pursuant to Section 2879 of the Public Authorities Law; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the report is hereby approved and authorized for official submission as required by the Public Authorities Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 18th day of March 2010.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

4) Disposal Guidelines and Annual Reports

Mr. Russo indicated that pursuant to the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2005, one of the requirements states that the Authority must annually review its guidelines for the disposal of property and furthermore, that the Board must re-designate a "Contracting Officer" to be responsible for such disposals. Mr. Russo further indicated that based on Article 9, Title 5-A, of the Public Authorities Law, the Board must also approve annually a report listing all real property as well as a report of real and personal property disposed during the fiscal year. These reports are then submitted to various State offices as listed in the guidelines. Chairman Sproat inquired about the Public Authorities Budget Office requiring any of these reports and General Counsel advised the board that once that office is up and running the Authority will comply with its reporting requirements as well. Chairman Sproat called for a motion if there were no further questions. On a motion of Commissioner Gerentine, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio the following resolutions were adopted:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-026

Resolution Date: March 18, 2010

WHEREAS, the Public Authority Accountability Act of 2005 requires that Authorities annually review and re-adopt guidelines for the disposal of property subject to Article 9, Title 5-A of the Public Authorities Law; and

WHEREAS, the Authority Board has received and reviewed its disposal guidelines; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached "Guidelines and Procedures for the Disposal of Personal Property" are hereby re-adopted and that the Board re-designates the Director of Administrative Services as its Contracting Officer with the duties and responsibilities as described within the "guidelines"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 18th day of March, 2010.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-027
Resolution Date: March 18, 2010

WHEREAS, the Public Authority Accountability Act of 2005 requires that Authorities submit annually a report listing all real property owned by the Authority together with a report of all real and personal property disposed subject to Article 9, Title 5-A of the Public Authorities Law; and

WHEREAS, the Authority Board has received and reviewed the subject reports; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the annual Real Property and the Disposal of Personal Property reports for 2009 are hereby approved for submission in accordance with the reporting requirements of Article 9, Title 5-A of the Public Authorities Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 18th day of March, 2010.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

5) IBTTA Meeting – Travel Authorization

Mr. Russo stated that on May 23rd through May 25th the IBTTA will be holding a meeting in Boston MA to discuss topics of open road tolling, national interoperability and all electronic tolling. Mr. Russo indicated that this particular meeting is the fourth in a series of meetings which is of interest since it focuses on some relevant case studies and lessons learned from recent implementations of open road or all electronic tolling (AET). Mr. Russo further indicated that most of the recent implementations have been at toll facilities in the south and west and representatives from these facilities will be in Boston to share their experiences. Mr. Russo went on to say that this meeting will be a good opportunity to focus on the issues the Authority may be facing as the toll industry changes course. The meeting consists of multiple workshops to address issues associated with agency interoperability, finance, legal, operations, administration, technology, etc. Mr. Russo requested travel authorization for himself and Barry Mickle to attend this meeting as they have been actively involved in several working groups focused on addressing these very same issues. Mr. Russo also stated that the former Executive Director of the Bridge Authority Mr. Sinnott suggested that the new Executive Director Joseph Ruggiero attend this meeting as well to learn firsthand what issues lay ahead and in what direction the toll industry is moving. The cost of registration for IBTTA members is \$575. Travel would be by car and the meeting would require a two night stay. Total costs for Authority personnel including registration should not exceed \$3,900. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Lashua, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-028

Resolution Date: March 18, 2010

WHEREAS, the Board has received and reviewed a travel authorization request for staff to attend the IBTTA meeting on The Future of Tolling: Going Mainstream Through ORT and Interoperability to be held in Boston, MA, May 23-25, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined the conference subject matter will provide a direct benefit to staff and executive management; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that travel authorization is granted to Joseph Ruggiero, Robert Russo and Barry Mickle to attend the subject conference at an estimated cost of \$3,900 inclusive of registration fees and all travel related costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 18th day of March 2010.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE:

1) SPIDERS

Mr. Moreau stated that the engineering department has planned for and budgeted to replace some work platforms for bridge work, commonly referred to as SPIDERS. These platforms climb up and down a small diameter cable providing access for our men to the most remote locations on the structures. Mr. Moreau indicated that the Authority has used only SPIDER equipment since the mid 1960s and considers them a sole source provider. Mr. Moreau further indicated that there is a similar piece of equipment on the market which also climbs up and down a small diameter cable, SkyClimber however this platform does not wind the cable onto a storage spool; it simply uses friction to climb up and down and our staff feels more comfortable with the SPIDER system. The total cost is not to exceed \$43,000.00. After a brief discussion relative to being within the capital budget and location of the new SPIDERS, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Gerentine, seconded by Commissioner Lashua the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-029
Resolution Date: March 18, 2010

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined that it is in the public interest to issue a purchase order to Spider, of Weymouth, Massachusetts for the sole source purchase of four (4) Spider work platforms for the Bear Mountain Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering Department has reviewed and approved this cost proposal; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a purchase order be issued to Spider for the purchase of four (4) work platforms in the amount of \$43,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 18th day of March 2010.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) LED Street Lights

Mr. Moreau indicated to the Board that after examining the alternatives to conventional high pressure sodium (HPS) street lights, especially in lieu of the problems the Authority experienced with the typical Cobra Head style light fixture throughout the system. The Authority had a LED street light fixture in Johnson-Iorio Park for evaluation since last fall; the output is good but not equivalent to the conventional street lights nearby. A second supplier of LED fixtures was in the other day and demonstrated a larger unit with a more powerful output. Mr. Moreau further indicated that this fixture will save approximately 70% of the energy used in a conventional HPS light and appears to match the Authority's current street light output. Mr. Moreau proposed that the purchase of 3 Elumen fixtures and replace the conventional units currently lighting the maintenance yard at the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge. The engineering and maintenance department will accurately measure the light distribution in the yard before and after the fixture replacement and evaluate the overall fixture for reliability, ease of installation and performance. If pleased with this alternative the Authority can look at larger scale replacement projects and further reduce operating costs at all the bridges. Mr. Moreau went on to say that, while recovering the cost of a new fixture through the energy savings alone will take many years, allowing for one light bulb change every other year to maintain the conventional fixture, the return on investment is reduced to less than 5 years. After a brief discussion relative to directional lighting and cost and the return on investments, Chairman Sproat also asked Mr. Moreau to pursue the idea, track the savings and come back to the board with his figures. No action was required from the Board for the purchase.

3) Monthly Engineering Jobs in Progress Report

Mr. Moreau presented the Engineering Jobs in Progress Report and indicated that all projects are under budget so far and that the upcoming paint project will start in April. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Dressel, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-030
Resolution Date: March 18, 2010

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the monthly Engineering Progress Report on Capital Project Status; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Engineering Progress Report is accepted as an instrument documenting the Board's briefing of Capital Construction activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 18th day of March 2010.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

FINANCIAL:

1) Investment Transaction Report

Mr. Sewell reviewed the Investment Transaction Report for the month of February with the Board. After a brief discussion relative to interest rates and yields slowly rising within the past month, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Lashua, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-031
Resolution Date: March 18, 2010

WHEREAS, the investment control procedures for the New York State Bridge Authority provide that the Board shall review and approve the report of investment transactions completed since the meeting of the Board on February 18, 2010; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby concur with and approve the investment report as filed with this body on this date for the purpose noted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 18th day of March 2010.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) 2009 Annual Investment Report

Mr. Sewell stated the Authority's Investment Guidelines adopted pursuant to Public Authorities Law requires the subject report. Mr. Sewell advised the Board of the report content and provided them with an outline on the following:

- Independent accountants' report on compliance with Authority Investment Guidelines
- The Investment Guidelines. There were no amendments in 2009
- Investment income record and cost of investment associated services

After a discussion of trustee related administrative fees, Chairman Sproat called for a motion if there were no further questions. On a motion of Commissioner Gerentine, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-032
Resolution Date: March 18, 2010

WHEREAS, Investment Guidelines adopted by this Authority pursuant to the Public Authorities Law §2925 require that an annual report be prepared and submitted to the Board for approval each year; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby approve the Annual Investment Report for the fiscal year 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 18th day of March 2010.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) Annual Report Per Section 2800 Public Authorities Law

Mr. Sewell advised the Board of the annual report that will be sent to the Governor, Authority Budget Office, Comptroller and the ranking majority and minority members of the Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means committees. After a discussion following Mr. Sewell's listing of the various documents comprising this report, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Dressel, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-033

Resolution Date: March 18, 2010

WHEREAS, Public Authorities Law §2800 requires that an annual report be prepared and submitted to the Board for approval; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby approve the Annual Report pursuant to Public Authorities Law §2800 for the fiscal year 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 18th day of March 2010.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

4) Bridge Authority Mission Statement and Performance Measurement

In accordance with the recently enacted Public Authorities Reform Act, Mr. Sewell presented to the Board the Authority's mission statement, the performance goals that will allow the Authority to meet its mission and the measurements by which the Authority will gauge its success in achieving these goals. Mr. Sewell indicated that the Authority's mission has always been to maintain and operate the vehicle crossings of the Hudson River entrusted to its jurisdiction for the economic and social benefit of the people of the State. Following a discussion of the performance goals and measurements, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Lashua, seconded by Commissioner Gerentine, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-034
Resolution Date: March 18, 2010

WHEREAS, the Public Authorities Reform Act of 2009 requires state public authorities to develop and adopt a mission statement and performance measures to assist the authority in determining how well it is carrying out its mission; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement of this new law, each state authority is to provide a copy of its mission statement and performance measures to the Authorities Budget Office; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby approve its mission statement and performance measures required by this Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 18th day of March 2010.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

HUMAN RESOURCES:

1) Transfer of Accruals for new Executive Director Joseph Ruggiero

Mr. Pizzuto indicated to the Board that the Authority has a reciprocal agreement of the transfer of time from the State Comptroller's Office to the New York State Bridge Authority for the Authority's new Executive Director Joseph Ruggiero. The time transferred is as follows:

Annual Leave:	39.00 hrs
Sick leave:	48.00 hrs
Holiday Leave:	16.00 hrs

Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Vecellio, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-035
Resolution Date: March 18, 2010

WHEREAS, Joseph Ruggiero has commenced to serve as Executive Director of the New York State Bridge Authority effective March 11, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Ruggiero resigned his position with the State of New York Office of the State Comptroller with accruals; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joseph Ruggiero commenced his employment with the New York State Bridge Authority on March 11, 2010 with the following accrued hours which include sick leave he would have received through April 3, 2010:

Annual Leave:	39.00 hrs
Sick Leave:	48.00 hrs
Holiday Leave:	16.00 hrs

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 18th day of March 2010.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

OPERATIONS:

1) New York State Thruway – Fourth Quarter 2009

Mr. Ferguson indicated that he and the manager of toll systems reviewed the invoice from the New York State Thruway Authority for 4th quarter 2009 Bridge Authority E-ZPass expenses for the period October 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 and found them to be true and accurate and, as such, recommend that they be paid in the amount of \$663,539.48. Chairman Sproat called for a motion to authorize the payment of this invoice. On a motion of Commissioner Lashua, seconded by Commissioner Dressel, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-036

Resolution Date: March 18, 2010

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the report relative to the payment to the New York State Thruway Authority for 4th Quarter 2009 Bridge Authority E-ZPass costs in the amount of \$663,539.48; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this payment is hereby approved at a cost not to exceed \$663,539.48; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 18th day of March 2010.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

REPORTS TO BOARD:

Mr. Bellucci provided the Board with a report of upcoming events. No action was required by the Board.

Monthly Activity Report of the Executive Director

The Monthly Activity Report was submitted by the Executive Director. Mr. Sinnott indicated there were no expenditures for the month of February.

This concluded the agenda of the regular meeting. On motion of Commissioner Ramaglia, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, and approved unanimously, the regular meeting adjourned at 4:15P.M.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2010 at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.