

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

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON
March 17, 2011

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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
Higgins, Roger P., Commissioner
Lashua, C. Vane, Commissioner

Carl G. Whitbeck, Jr., Counsel

OFFICERS:

Ruggiero, Joseph., Secretary
Bushek, Brian., Treasurer

ABSENT:

Ramaglia, Joseph, Commissioner

Chairman Sproat called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM. Chairman Sproat called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 17, 2011 Regular meeting. On motion of Commissioner Gerentine, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the minutes of the February 17, 2011 Regular meeting were adopted unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:

1) IBTTA Member Dues 2011

Mr. Russo informed the Board that the Authority is in receipt of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) invoice for active membership dues for the year 2011. The dues schedule is based on each member's toll revenue for the prior fiscal year. The dues rate had been held constant for the prior two years however the IBTTA Board voted to increase the base rate by 3.0% for 2011. Based on our audited toll revenue for 2010, the dues for 2011 is \$17,867. A brief discussion followed relative to the increase of members, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-180

Resolution Date: March 17, 2011

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 2011 in the amount of \$17,867.00 ; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that payment to the IBTTA is approved in the amount of \$17,867 for the Authority's 2011 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 17th day of March, 2011.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Prompt Payment Annual Report 2010

Mr. Russo indicated to the Board that pursuant to New York State Bridge Authority Prompt Payment Policy §207.4b and §2880 of the Public Authorities Law, 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. A brief discussion followed relative to the process of payments on a weekly basis and future use of procurement cards. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Vice Chairman Vecellio, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-181

Resolution Date: March 17, 2011

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 2010 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 17th day of March, 2011.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) Annual Procurement Contract Report

Mr. Russo stated to the Board that Public Authorities Law and the Authority's Guidelines for Establishing Standards for the Use, Award, Monitoring and Reporting of Procurement Contracts require an annual report detailing information on contracts over \$5,000 entered into during 2010 or ongoing from previous years. Mr. Russo indicated that the report together with the guidelines is submitted to various State departments and Legislative committees. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-182

Resolution Date: March 17, 2011

WHEREAS the Board has received and reviewed the Authority's 2010 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 17th day of March, 2011.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

4) Disposal Guidelines and Annual Report

Mr. Russo informed the Board 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. 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 called for a motion. On motion of Vice Chairman Vecellio, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-183
Resolution Date: March 17, 2011

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 17th day of March, 2011.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

5) Denovo Consulting óTask Order

Mr. Russo indicated that under the Authority's existing EDP consulting services contract he requested authorization to assign a task to Denovo to perform modifications to the security module within JD Edwards and to build and test the security menus in the production environment. Mr. Russo expressed that these security menus are used to assign user roles for security and permissions across all applications. The task also includes an effort to train the Authority's IT staff on the on-going technical maintenance of the menus/security module. Mr. Russo further indicated that the total estimated effort for this task is 24 hours or \$3,120 with no on-site activity. Commissioner Higgins wanted to commend Executive Director, Joseph Ruggiero for moving the Authority and process in the right direction. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-184
Resolution Date: March 17, 2011

WHEREAS the Authority awarded a general consulting contract (BA2010-RA-015-PS) to Denovo for JD Edwards EnterpriseOne consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the staff memo relative to assigning a task order to Denovo to modify the JD Edwards security set-up to provide additional user security and related staff training; now

BE IT RESOLVED that a task order is approved in an amount not to exceed \$3,120.00 for Denovo to provide software security modifications and training as described; 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 17th day of March, 2011.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

6) Denovo Consulting óAdditional Work

Mr. Russo stated that the Authority awarded a one year contract to Denovo to perform as needed EDP professional services in connection with the JD Edwards business software applications and related enhancements. Mr. Russo went on to say that under the contract Denovo has been configuring and testing an enhancement to the software to add the functionality of creating electronic requisitions and purchase orders, including electronic approval routing and integration with the accounts payable module. Mr. Russo indicated that while they were performing the work, several factors that are primarily technical in nature, consumed some of the budgeted and approved hours for this particular task necessitating a change request to complete the original scope of work. The existing software procurement module was not at the latest release of the software which necessitated additional work to install a number of software updates with subsequent testing and verification. There were approximately 8 service requests initiated with Oracle by Denovo on NYSBA's behalf to resolve and test a number of technical problems associated with specific items within the procurement module. Mr. Russo noted that as a result of the protracted schedule and consequently Doug Garrison's retirement, there was also some time spent communicating with NYSBA's IT staff in connection with performing builds and deployments for software updates. All of the additional time has deferred some of the original scope of work associated with final production set-up, go-live cutover, final updates to user documentation and post go-live support. Mr. Russo added that the additional 92 hours forecasted includes 40 hours of post go-live support which may not be entirely necessary but worth having should any problems arise. The additional cost estimate totals \$11,960. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-185
Resolution Date: March 17, 2011

WHEREAS the Board awarded a consulting contract (BA2010-RA-015-PS) to Denovo for JD Edwards EnterpriseOne consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has previously authorized a task order to Denovo to provide enhanced software functionality in connection with the JD Edwards Procurement Module; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the staff memo relative to additional consulting hours needed for technical work not previously anticipated in connection with this task order; now

BE IT RESOLVED that a change order to authorize additional consulting hours under this task order is approved in an amount not to exceed \$11,960.00 for Denovo to complete the Procurement Management functionality software upgrade; 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 17th day of March, 2011.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

1) Jobs in Progress Monthly Report

Mr. Moreau presented the Engineering Jobs in Progress Report for the month of February and said that they received all the bids for the LED Light Project which has potential for savings especially at the Newburgh-Beacon facility and will be ready to go to full Board in April with his recommendation. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Vice Chairman Vecellio, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-186
Resolution Date: March 17, 2011

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

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 17th day of March 2011.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) WOTH As Built Design Review

Mr. Moreau indicated to the Board that they advertised the above referenced project in the NYS Contract Reporter on January 7, 2011 and received 31 requests for the proposal package. Eleven cost proposals were received and reviewed by the Engineering department. Mr. Moreau further indicated that while all respondents were deemed to meet the minimum technical requirements, the scope of understanding and proposed staffing hours varied considerably. The four best qualified consultants advanced to the Authority's weighting committee. The score for each consultant was factored to reflect the importance of the evaluation criteria. Mr. Moreau added that this committee is completely independent from the Engineering department. When the technical scores and weighting factors were applied, WSP-Sells of Briarcliff Manor, received the highest overall ranking. Mr. Moreau recommended an award of this assignment to WSP-Sells in an amount not-to-exceed \$225,437.00. A brief discussion followed relative to the substantial range of the bid proposals. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-187

Resolution Date: March 17, 2011

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined that it is in the public interest to award a professional services contract (BA-2011-RE-103-ES) for the review of the As-Built records in connection with the Walkway Over The Hudson (WOTH); and

WHEREAS, this assignment was advertised in the NYS Contract Reporter and a total of 11 cost proposals received; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that WSP-Sells is best qualified for this assignment based upon a review of the proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering Department has reviewed and approved a cost-plus-not-to-exceed proposal; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a professional service agreement be issued to WSP-Sells, of Briarcliff Manor, New York in an amount not-to-exceed \$225,437.00

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 17th day of March 2011.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) WOTH Navigation Lights and Omnibus Grant

Mr. Moreau stated that an advertisement was placed in the NYS Contract Reporter on January 7, 2011 and received 13 requests for the proposal package. Three cost proposals were received and reviewed by the Engineering department. While all respondents were deemed to meet the minimum technical requirements, the scope understanding and proposed staffing hours varied considerably. Mr. Moreau noted that all three consultants advanced to the Authority's weighting committee and the score for each consultant was factored to reflect the importance of the evaluation criteria. Mr. Moreau went on to say that the committee is completely independent from the Engineering department. With the technical scores and weighting factors, Lockwood, Kessler & Bartlett, Inc. (LKB) of Syosset received the highest overall ranking. Mr. Moreau recommended an award of this assignment to LKB in an amount not-to-exceed \$68,200.00. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-188

Resolution Date: March 17, 2011

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined that it is in the public interest to award a design agreement for the upgrade of the navigation light system for the Walkway Over the Hudson (WOTH) to be designated (BA-2011-RE-104-DE); and

WHEREAS, this assignment was advertised in the NYS Contract Reporter and a total of 3 cost proposals received; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that Lockwood, Kessler & Bartlett, Inc., is best qualified for this assignment based on review of the cost proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering Department has reviewed and approved a cost-plus not-to-exceed proposal; now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that a professional service agreement be issued to Lockwood, Kessler & Bartlett, Inc., of Syosset, New York in an amount not-to-exceed \$68,200.00.

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 17th day of March 2011.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

FINANCIAL:

1) Investment Report

Mr. Bushek reviewed the Investment Report for the month of February noting interest rates remain low. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Gerentine, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-189

Resolution Date: March 17, 2011

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 17, 2011; 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 17th day of March 2011.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Annual Report Per Section 2800 Public Authorities Law

Mr. Bushek indicated that the Annual Report will be sent to the Governor (Authority Budget Office), Comptroller and the Chairpersons and ranking minority members of the Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means committees. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-190

Resolution Date: March 17, 2011

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 2010; 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 17th day of March 2011.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) 2010 Annual Investment Report

The Authority's Investment Guidelines, adopted pursuant to Public Authorities Law, requires the Authority to file an Annual Investment Report. The contents of the report are the Independent accountants' report on compliance with Authority Investment Guidelines, The Investment Guidelines (which had no amendments in 2010), Investment Income record and cost of investment associated services. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Vice Chairman Vecellio, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-191
Resolution Date: March 17, 2011

WHEREAS, Investment Guidelines adopted by this Authority pursuant to the Public Authorities Law § 2925 require that an annual investment 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 2010; 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 17th day of March 2011.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

4) 2010 Retirement Incentive

Mr. Bushek advised the Board that the Authority elected in 2010 to utilize an option to pay the retirement incentive over five years. The decision at the time was based on the assumption that the Authority would recognize the cost of the incentive over each of the five years. Mr. Bushek indicated that the audit by Toski, Schaefer & Co., P.C. brought to management's attention that the appropriate accounting treatment was to recognize the entire cost of the incentive in 2010, \$982,086. The Authority would also be required to recognize \$248,964 in financing costs if the five year option were used. Mr. Bushek said that, considering the new information, NYSBA conferred with the State Comptrollers Office is allowed to change the payment option. Mr. Bushek noted that if we elect to pay the balance in one lump sum, it would save the Authority \$248,964 or effectively an 8.037% financing charge. Mr. Bushek recommended to the Board to change our election and pay the balance in 2010 to save the financing costs. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-192

Resolution Date: March 17, 2011

WHEREAS, the decision by the New York State Bridge Authority to elect to pay the 2010 Retirement Incentive over five years would have cost \$248,964 over the one lump sum payment; the Board has reviewed the report on the 2010 Retirement Incentive election and the recommendation to change the election to the one lump sum payment; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby approve the recommendation to change prior election for the 2010 Retirement Incentive election to now make a one lump sum payment to avoid the financing charges; 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 17th day of March 2011.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

1) Port Security Monthly Procurement Report

Mr. Herd noted that the Board approved a not to exceed amount for procurement for the Bear Mountain Bridge ITS Project of \$1,700,000.00. There are no expenses for this month and the total spent to date remains at 1,321,106.58 which leaves a balance of \$378,893.42. No action was required by the Board.

2) Jobs in Progress for IT - February

Mr. Herd apprised the Board of several projects that the Information Technology Teams are working on. The phone system at the Mid-Hudson Bridge Facility is 95% complete with some programming required and work in the Command Center to be completed. The three digit dialing still needs to be turned on. Dark fiber installation and repair has been completed and next week the fiber termination will begin. The OmniAir 5.9GHz testing is ongoing at the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge Facility. The project testing is 85% complete and should be done in April. The ITS/Video Installation project for Homeland Security is in many different stages. The work at the BMB facility is 90% complete with just a few head end and minor field work to complete. The FLIR cameras are installed at BMB and working. The NBB FLIR camera will be installed next week. The MHB camera will be installed when the weather breaks. No action was required by the Board.

OPERATIONS:

1) New York State Thruway óFourth Quarter

Mr. Ferguson stated to the Board that he and the manager of toll systems have reviewed the attached invoice from the New York State Thruway Authority for 4th quarter 2010 Bridge Authority E-ZPass expenses for the period October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 and found them to be true and accurate and as such, recommends that the invoice be paid in the amount of \$722,887.69. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-193

Resolution Date: March 17, 2011

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the report relative to the payment to the New York State Thruway Authority for 4th Quarter 2010 Bridge Authority E-ZPass costs in the amount of \$722,887.69; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this payment is hereby approved at a cost not to exceed \$722,887.69; 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 17th day of March 2011.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

OPERATIONS:

Mr. Bellucci briefed the Board regarding progress on the non-toll revenue advertising program and pending events.

REPORTS TO BOARD:

1) Monthly Activity Report of the Executive Director

The Monthly Activity Report was submitted by Executive Director Joseph Ruggiero noting no expenditures in the month of February.

2) Traffic Classification Report

Mr. Ruggiero presented the Traffic Classification Comparison report for the year to date and January 2011. This report shows the traffic count on each bridge, as well as the associated revenue. Year to date, New York State Bridge Authority's revenues are \$97,257.00 below last year's receipts. No action was required by the Board.

3) IBTTA Travel Request ó IBTTA Management Organization Workshop, April 11, 2011

Mr. Ruggiero indicated to the Board that he has been invited to speak representing NYSBA on Metropolitan New York Regional Mobility Issues at the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) conference on Management Organization Workshop on April 11, 2011 in Jersey City, New Jersey. Mr. Ruggiero explained that the program will examine the Regional Mobility Challenges. The panel is expected to include representatives from the Port Authority of NY/NJ, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, NY State Thruway, New Jersey Turnpike Authority, Delaware River & Bay Authority, New York State Department of Transportation and others. Mr. Ruggiero requested the Board's Authorization to attend this conference on behalf of NYSBA. He expects to attend one day of the three day conference, will use an Authority vehicle for transportation and does not expect any overnight expenses. The registration fee is \$350.00 for speakers and he expects total expenses to be less than \$450.00. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Vice Chairman Vecellio, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-194

Resolution Date March 17, 2011

WHEREAS the New York State Bridge Authority's membership in the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) has provided valuable and insightful information to NYSBA ; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director Joseph Ruggiero has been invited to participate in a panel discussion at the IBTTA Organization Management Workshop in Jersey City, New Jersey to discuss "Regional Mobility Challenges" in the metropolitan New York and New Jersey area; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Executive Director Joseph Ruggiero is authorized to represent NYSBA at the April 11, 2011 IBTTA Organization Management Workshop at a cost not to exceed \$450.00.; 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 17th day of March, 2011.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

The Board recessed to Attorney Client session at 4:15. The Board meeting reconvened at 5:20pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) **Committee Recommendation to Adopt Annual Financial Report**

The Audit and Finance Committees held a joint meeting prior to the Board of Commissioner's meeting on March 17, 2011. Both committees heard a report of the independent auditor as well as received and reviewed the 2010 Annual Financial Report. The committees find these items in order and asked the full Board to accept the committee's recommendation to accept the reports and file them with the appropriate authorities. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Vice Chairman Vecellio, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the following resolution was adopted unanimously

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-195

Resolution Date: March 17, 2011

WHEREAS the Members of the Audit Committee and the Finance Committee have met jointly to receive and review the report of the independent auditor and the 2010 Annual Financial Report; and

WHEREAS, the Committees recommend that the Board of Commissioners accept these reports as completed; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the NYS Bridge Authority Board of Commissioners accepts the recommendation of the Audit Committee and Finance Committee and that such reports be filed with the appropriate authorities and posted on the Authority's web site to insure full public disclosure; 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 17th day of March, 2011.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Information Technology Evaluation/SAGE Commission

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

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-196

Resolution Date: March 17, 2011

WHEREAS, Governor Andrew Cuomo has initiated the State Accountability and Government Efficiency Commission (SAGE) to review the functions and operations of agencies and public entities across the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has been asked to participate in the Transportation Working Group covering all aspects of transportation operations along with the NYS Department of Transportation and the NYS Thruway Authority; that the Transportation Working Group began work in February and is expected to produce initial finding by mid-March; and that one of the major components of the Transportation Working Group is the evaluation of Information Technology Services; and

WHEREAS the Executive Director had begun the process of contracting for an independent evaluation of the Information Technology aspects of the Authority functions in February and determined, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, the substantial benefit to the Authority and the SAGE Commission to utilize this independent evaluation as a component of the review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners recognizes the benefits of the Information Technology evaluation and, while the amount of the contract with Resources Global Professionals does not meet the threshold typically requiring Board of Commissioner approval, the Board recognizes the necessity of an expedited implementation of the contract to serve the purposes of both the Authority and the SAGE Commission and hereby confirms the Executive Director's implementation of the contract for an estimated amount of \$14,400.00; 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 17th day of March, 2011.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) Reorganization Plan

Chairman Sproat called for a motion to adopt the resolution for the Reorganization Plan. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-197
Resolution Date: March 17, 2011

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has presented a comprehensive reorganization plan based on evolving challenges and opportunities at the New York State Bridge Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognizes the potential for operational efficiency and greater accountability in the reorganization proposals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement the reorganization plan as presented to the Board of Commissioners.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 17th day of March, 2011.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Amend Homeland Security Grant Procurement Authorization

Chairman Sproat called for a motion to amend the Homeland Security Grant Procurement Authorization. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-198

Resolution Date: March 17, 2011

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has entered into an Agreement with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for a Homeland Security Grant (BA-2010-RO-013-HS) to install security systems within the Bridge system in accordance with the grant application; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 010-070 of the Authority, dated July 15, 2010, authorized the Executive Director, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board, to take the necessary measures to implement the grant agreement, and

WHEREAS, due to the formal process for submitting for grant reimbursement, the Executive Director must seek approval to add his designee(s) to be able to authorize reimbursement submittals and continue the grant implementation process in a coordinated and efficient manner;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director and/or his designee, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board, are hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement the grant agreement and procurement process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director and/or his designee will report the status of the project each month to the Board and will seek confirmation from the Board for any procurement items purchased prior to a Board meeting in order to meet the emergency timetable established for the completion of this project.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 17th day of March, 2011.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

This concluded the regular meeting agenda. On motion of Commissioner Gerentine, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio and approved unanimously, the regular meeting adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2011 at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.