

New York State Bridge Authority  
Governance Committee  
Minutes of December 18, 2008

The New York State Bridge Authority's Governance Committee met at the Authority's Headquarters in Highland, New York, at 3:00 pm on December 18, 2008, immediately preceding the Board meeting.

In addition to committee members Roderick Dressel and Richard Gerentine, those in attendance were as follows:

George C. Sinnott  
John R. Sewell  
Carl G. Whitbeck, Jr., Esq.

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The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on December 20, 2007.

The following matters were discussed:

(1) At its previous meeting the committee voted to ask the full Board to review the purpose of the Governance Committee and advise if they thought there should be any changes in the committee charter. This was addressed at the Board's January 17, 2008 meeting where it was decided no changes were needed. No action was taken.

(2) Mr. Sinnott discussed State approved training as a means of allowing Members to understand their responsibilities as Board Members. He indicated that training was recently provided to Members and staff at the Headquarters office. The training session was recorded so that other Members may receive that training by viewing the compact discs. No action was taken.

(3) Mr. Gerentine stated, as a result of the training, he thought the Board should consider having three members on both the Governance and Audit Committees. A discussion ensued as to the meaning of the term independent members as it applies to new Board members and the composition of Board committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.