

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

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON  
January 15, 2015

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Gerentine, Richard A., Chairman  
Ramaglia, Joseph, Vice Chairman  
Dressel, Roderick O., Commissioner  
Higgins, Roger P., Commissioner  
Lashua, C. Vane, Commissioner

OFFICERS:

Ruggiero, Joseph, Secretary  
Bushek, Brian, Treasurer  
Whitbeck, Carl G., Counsel

Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the December 18, 2014 Regular meeting. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the minutes of the December 18, 2014 Regular meeting were adopted unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:1) E-ZPass IAG Annual Assessment for 2015

Mr. Russo reported to the Board that the Authority has received an invoice for the Authority's annual assessment as a member of the E-ZPass Interagency Group (IAG) for 2015. The IAG is the operating structure comprised of the member agencies that facilitate operational consistency, reciprocity and shared decision-making with respect to E-ZPass and its implementation. The Authority is a full voting member of this organization. As a "small" member agency the Authority's annual assessment for 2015 remains unchanged from previous years at \$17,500. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Ramaglia, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 015-001Resolution Date: January 15, 2015

WHEREAS, the Board has been presented with an annual renewal assessment for its membership in the Interagency Group (IAG) at a cost of \$17,500 in accordance with the E-ZPass IAG Operating Agreement ; and

WHEREAS, the Authority agrees that is necessary to maintain its membership in the IAG to continue its E-ZPass electronic toll operations ; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this payment to the IAG for its 2015 annual assessment is hereby approved at a cost not-to-exceed \$17,500; 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

ENGINEERING:1) Camera Replacement Program

In Mr. Wright's absence Mr. Ruggiero presented engineering's agenda items. Mr. Ruggiero indicated to the Board that older parts of the Authorities security camera system are in need of replacement and the budget included a camera replacement line item in our Capital Improvement Program. The Toll group would like to begin replacing cameras using the OGS contract and all purchases will be prepared in accordance with the Authority's Procurement Policy. This project allocates \$25,000.00 of Authority funds toward the Port Security grant (of \$75,000.00) in order to replace pier cameras throughout the system. This expenditure was approved by the Board in 2014, however, due to delays in the grant process the expenditure is now slated for 2015. The remaining \$75,000.00 of Authority funds will be used to replace broken and aging cameras as needed throughout the system and if funds allow, purchase incremental upgrades of equipment as appropriate. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Ramaglia, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 015-002

Resolution Date: January 15, 2015

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined that it is in the interest of public safety to replace non-functioning and aging critical pier and security cameras system-wide as well as incremental upgrades as necessary, under the contract entitled "System-Wide Camera Replacement" (BA-2015-RE-002-AC); and

WHEREAS, various purchases will be made throughout the duration of this project and the necessary equipment is available on OGS contract; and

WHEREAS, the priority will be the replacement of pier cameras, coupled with a Port Security Grant, and non-functioning cameras followed by incremental camera upgrades; and;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the expenditure of funds for this equipment in an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000.00; 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015.

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 Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Jobs in Progress

Mr. Ruggiero advised the Board regarding the Engineering Jobs in Progress Report for the month of December. Mr. Ruggiero mentioned that deck project continues on the north half of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 015-003Resolution Date: January 15, 2015

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 15th day of January 2015.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

FINANCIAL:1) Investment Transaction Report

Mr. Bushek reviewed the Investment Report for the month of November noting eight investments for the month. Investment yields stay static month to month. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 015-004

Resolution Date: January 15, 2015

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 December 18, 2014; 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Accident Review Committee Report – Fourth Quarter 2014

There were 70 accidents on Authority facilities in the fourth quarter of 2014, which compares with 85 the previous year. During this period there were 5 accidents involving Authority personnel, this compares to 6 during the fourth quarter 2013. No action required by the Board

BRIDGE OPERATIONS:1) TRANSCOM

Mr. Ferguson presented the 2015 invoice for the Authority's membership contribution to TRANSCOM. The invoiced amount of \$67,280.00 is consistent with their 2015 budget, which was unanimously approved by the TRANSCOM Board at their October 3, 2014 meeting. The Authority's annual contribution remains at 1.96% of TRANSCOM's overall operations cost and reflects no increase over 2014. Chairman Gerentine called Vice Chairman for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 015-005Resolution Date: January 15, 2015

WHEREAS, the Authority has reviewed the memorandum regarding the annual membership dues for TRANSCOM; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves payment for 2015 TRANSCOM Annual Dues in the amount of \$67,280.00; 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

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.

2) December 2014 Traffic and Revenue Analysis

Mr. Ruggiero noted for the month of December traffic increased 5.95% and revenue increased 5.92%. Year-to-date traffic has increased 0.55% and revenue has increased 0.64%. No action was required by the Board.

3) December 2014 E-ZPass Sales Analysis

Mr. Ruggiero indicated that year-to-date 2014 tag sales were 7,596, compared to 10,923 sold year-to-date 2013. No action was required by the Board.

4) Governance Committee Recommendation

The Governance Committee made a recommendation to the full Board for their approval to revise the Code of Ethics regarding Authority budget Office (ABO) guidance related to gifts. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Ramaglia, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 015-006Resolution Date: January 15, 2015

WHEREAS, under Public Authorities Law §2824, the Authority is required to adopt a Code of Ethics to be reported annually and published on the Authority's website. The Code of Ethics mirrors Section 74 Public Officers Law which, by statute, covers all Authority officers and employees and incorporates the recommendations of the Authority Budget Office; and,

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has adopted a Code of Ethics, places significant importance on accountability and transparency in its operations and policies and has incorporated this Code of Ethics into its Code of Conduct; and,

WHEREAS, The Joint Commission on Public Ethics issued in 2014 19 NYCRR Part 933 Gifts for Public Officials that has revised guidance related to gifts, the Authority Code of Ethics must be amended to reflect the revision; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby adopt the revised Code of Ethics and incorporates the revised Code of Ethics into the NYS Bridge Authority Code of Conduct; 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

This concluded the regular meeting. Chairman Gerentine asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia and approved unanimously, the regular meeting adjourned at 3:14 P.M.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2015 at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.