

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

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON  
September 18, 2014

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Gerentine, Richard A., Chairman  
Ramaglia, Joseph, Vice Chairman - via remote location with voice and video  
Higgins, Roger P., Commissioner  
Lashua, C. Vane, Commissioner

OFFICERS:

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

ABSENT:

Dressel, Roderick O., Commissioner

Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 3:11 pm. Chairman Gerentine noted Vice Chairman Ramaglia joined via skype with two way video and audio. After resolving technical difficulties the meeting resumed at 3:25 pm. Chairman Gerentine asked for a motion to adopt the amended agenda. On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Lashua the amended agenda was approved unanimously. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion to adopt the minutes as amended of the August 21, 2014 Regular meeting. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the minutes of the August 21, 2014 Regular meeting were adopted unanimously.

Chairman Gerentine took the agenda items out of order asking for the financial presentations first.

FINANCIAL:

1) Investment Transaction Report

Mr. Bushek reviewed the Investment Report for the month of August noting four investments for the month. Mr. Bushek mentioned the interest income yields are relatively flat 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.: 014-083

Resolution Date: September 18, 2014

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 August 21, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Bridge System Net Revenues

Mr. Bushek noted the Audit and Finance committees, meeting as a Whole, made a recommendation to approve the Bridge System Net Revenues. 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.: 014-084Resolution Date: September 18, 2014

WHEREAS, §7.13(c) of the Bridge System Revenue Bond Resolution adopted December 19, 1996, requires a review of the financial condition of the New York State Bridge Authority for the purpose of estimating whether the Net Revenues less investment earnings on amounts held in the General Fund and the Construction Fund for each year and for the next succeeding year will be sufficient to provide all the payments specified in subsection (b) of §7.13; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Authority has completed such a review and has determined the Net Revenues less investment earnings on amounts held in the General Fund and the Construction Fund for the years 2014 and 2015 will be sufficient to provide all of the payments specified by subsection (b) of §7.13; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary is directed to provide the Trustee with a certified copy of this resolution together with a certificate setting forth a reasonably detailed statement of actual and estimated Revenues and Operating Expenses and other pertinent information upon which such determination was made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 18th day of September 2014.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) Operating Budget

Mr. Bushek noted the Audit and Finance committees, meeting as a Whole, made a recommendation to approve the Operating Budget. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Lashua, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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

Resolution No.: 014-085Resolution Date: September 18, 2014

WHEREAS, §2801 of the Public Authorities Law requires that budget information for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 shall be prepared, adopted, and forwarded in report form to the offices cited in §2801, Public Authorities Law; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Authority hereby adopts the proposed 2014 and 2015 budgets; 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 September 2014.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

ENGINEERING:1) 2015-2019 Capital Plan

Mr. Wright reviewed the 2015-2019 Capital Plan with the Board noting the replacement of the railings and sidewalk project at the Rip Van Winkle Bridge as well as resurfacing and painting the truss and towers of the Mid-Hudson Bridge. Also mentioned was the approach paving and deck replacement project at 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.: 014-086Resolution Date: September 18, 2014

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the 2015-2019 Capital Program for scope and cost; and

WHEREAS, the Authority Directors and Executive Office have prepared this plan upon recommendations from our General Consultant, Modjeski & Masters; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2015-2019 Capital Program in the amount of \$117,737,000 be approved; 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Jobs in Progress Monthly Report

Mr. Wright advised the Board regarding the Engineering Jobs in Progress Report for the month of August. Mr. Wright mentioned that they are 60% complete with navigation lights on the Walkway Over the Hudson. Regarding the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge Mr. Wright said they are 50% complete with the redecking project on the south span with the north span paint project nearing completion. Mr. Wright went on to say that multi-facility projects of substructure repairs are 33% complete. 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.: 014-087

Resolution Date: September 18, 2014

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 18th day of September 2014.

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 Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:1) Server Replacement Program

Mr. Herd requested Board approval to purchase four servers. Three video servers will be replaced as well as the Authority's primary file server. The servers currently being used are four years old, out of warranty and due for replacement. These new servers will also come with a five year warranty instead of four years. Through the NYS OGS Contract and IBM, a price quote has been supplied to the Authority, with the total purchase at \$28,076.00. 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.: 014-088

Resolution Date: September 18, 2014

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the memorandum describing the need to replace one file server and three video servers; and

WHEREAS, the Authority will participate in the NYS OGS Contract #63994 and IBM for the server procurement; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the purchase of the four servers will be a not-to-exceed amount of \$28,076.00; 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.

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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) **Outside Activity Request**

Mr. Ruggiero requested an approval by the Board to continue to engage in an outside activity as a Trustee for the Grinnell Library District in the Town of Wappinger in Dutchess County. This position is a non-compensated, elected position on the Grinnell Library Board of Trustees with a one year term. The election is slated for mid-October. With Board approval Mr. Ruggiero will submit his request for outside activity to JCOPE for its consideration. 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.: 014-089

Resolution Date: September 18, 2014

WHEREAS, Executive Director Joseph Ruggiero, in a letter dated September 16, submitted an Outside Activity request to serve as Trustee on the newly formed Grinnell Library District; and

WHEREAS, the position of Executive Director is a policy making position that requires approval for Outside Activities by the New York State Joint Committee on Public Ethics (JCOPE), and

WHEREAS, JCOPE requires covered employees to submit an Outside Activity Report for its consideration with the consent of the employee's appointing authority for the application, and,

WHEREAS, the Authority Board of Commissioners has reviewed the proposed Outside Activity Report and supporting documentation; and now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board Commissioners hereby finds that the proposed Outside Activity request by Mr. Ruggiero, poses no conflict with the Authority's policies, procedures or rules and regulations governing employee conduct ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Authority consents to the above-stated outside activity requested by Mr. Ruggiero, having determined that this request is appropriate, considering Sections 73 and 74 of the Public Officers Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board, Richard Gerentine, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, the New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics' Outside Activity Report, expressing the Board's consent of this proposed activity pending JCOPE's consideration of this request and its ultimate determination, 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.

Upon roll call,

Chairman Richard Gerentine	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Roderick Dressel	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Roger Higgins	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Vane Lashua	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Joseph Ramaglia	<u>Aye</u>

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) August 2014 Traffic and Revenue Analysis

Mr. Ruggiero noted for the month of August traffic increased .44% and revenue decreased .16%. Year-to-date traffic has decreased 0.23% and revenue has decreased 0.33%. No action was required by the Board.

4) August 2014 E-ZPass Sales Analysis

Mr. Ruggiero indicated that year-to-date 2014 tag sales were 5,619, compared to 7,844 sold year-to-date 2013. No action was required by the Board.

This concluded the regular meeting. Chairman Gerentine asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion of Vice Chairman Ramaglia, seconded by Commissioner Lashua and approved unanimously, the regular meeting adjourned at 3:31 P.M.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2014 at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.