

New York State Bridge Authority Governance Committee Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2013

The New York State Bridge Authority's Governance Committee met at the Authority's Headquarters in Highland, New York, at 3:20 p.m. on June 20, 2013.

In addition to Governance Committee Chairman Richard Gerentine and Committee members Vane Lashua and Roger Higgins, those in attendance included:

Roderick Dressel
Joseph Ruggiero
Brian Bushek
Carl G. Whitbeck, Jr., Esq.
John R. Bellucci

Upon a motion made by Chairman Gerentine and seconded by Mr. Higgins, the minutes of the March 21, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Bellucci made a report to the Committee regarding guidelines for a "Uniform Code of Conduct". Under Executive Law Article 4-A, JCOPE (the Joint Commission on Public Ethics) and the state Inspector General's office have jointly issues guidelines for a "Uniform Code of Conduct" to 'prevent or eliminate corruption, fraud, criminal activity, conflicts of interest and abuse'. State entities, including authorities, were directed to construct a 'Code of Conduct' for incorporation into policies and procedures with various suggestions and requirements including annual certifications by employees. The documents represents in one place both current NYSBA policies and directives as well a few additional requirements. Mr. Bellucci stated that each of these policies has been reviewed by Counsel and appears to meet the criteria established by JCOPE and the IG. These policies also incorporate applicable requirements of the Authority Budget Office (ABO) which also has jurisdiction over public authorities, including NYSBA. Of the eighteen policies that have been incorporated into this document, most have been long-standing approved policies or memorandum to staff (i.e. dress code) at NYSBA. Mr. Bellucci noted that the existing policies not materially changed other than to place them in a format consistent with the balance of the document. Chairman Gerentine made a motion to approve NYBSA's Uniform Code of Conduct. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lashua and was approved unanimously and will be sent to the full Board for consideration.

Having no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:23 pm.