

**GATEWAY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES: FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018**

The following are the minutes of the actions taken at the Open Session of the Regular Meeting of the Gateway Program Development Corporation (GDC) Board of Trustees, held at 4 World Trade Center, 150 Greenwich St., New York, New York on Friday, March 16, 2018, at 10:00 am.

Present

Steven M. Cohen, Chairman

Anthony R. Coscia, Vice Chairman

Richard H. Bagger, Trustee (By Telephone)

1. Call to Order

- Chairman Cohen called the Open Session of the Regular Meeting of the Gateway Program Development Corporation's Board of Trustees to order at approximately 10:15 am.

2. Roll Call, Notice of Meeting

- Diana Lopez, Secretary, confirmed that all attendees were present, with Trustee Bagger attending by phone, and that there was quorum. Secretary Lopez announced that adequate notice of today's Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Gateway Program Development Corporation had been provided to provide full transparency and afford the public with an opportunity to participate. Notices were filed on March 14, 2018 with the New Jersey Secretary of State, the Clerk of Essex County, New Jersey, and the Clerk of Hudson County, New Jersey. These notices were mailed to newspapers of general distribution, including The Star-Ledger and The Bergen Record in New Jersey and The New York Times and The New York Post in New York on March 14, 2018, and posted in the main entrance of NJ TRANSIT Headquarters, and mailed to each agency, individual and organization that requested such notice.

3. Adoption of January 18, 2018 and March 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes

- Copies of the minutes from the January 18, 2018 and March 14, 2018 Meetings of the GDC Board of Trustees were distributed prior to this meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

4. Gateway Program Update Presentation

- Interim Executive Director John D. Porcari provided an update on both Gateway Program's Phase 1 Projects: The Hudson Tunnel Project and the Portal North Bridge Project. Interim Executive Director Porcari provided an update on the Portal Bridge's failure to close earlier that morning on March 16, 2018, resulting in train cancellations and delays throughout the United States. Mr. Porcari stated that Gateway Phase 1 is the primary focus as it addresses the most critical, time-sensitive elements. The evolution of the Gateway Program since 2012 was also discussed.

- Interim Finance Director Frank Sacr provided an update on local funding commitments for the Portal North Bridge and Hudson Tunnel Projects. Mr. Sacr discussed how loans from the Build America Bureau are dependent on the local revenue stream. Mr. Sacr also provided an overview of the multiple submissions provided to USDOT for Phase 1 projects.
- Mr. Porcari discussed how the Gateway Partners are taking action to expedite and advance Phase 1 projects, noting the progress on early work activities on Portal North Bridge, funding commitments for early work by the Port Authority and Amtrak for the Long Island Rail Road Emergency Services Building (ESB) utility relocation, and funding commitments by Port Authority and Amtrak for engineering, design, and program management services. The Hudson Tunnel Project environmental review update stated that the environmental review and permitting for the new tunnel and rehabilitation of the existing tunnel is expected to be issued by FRA in March 2018, with a FTA determination to follow.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items and Other Matters

- Secretary Lopez announced that there were four registered speakers, and began the public comment period.
- Speaker: Kathy Wylde, Partnership for New York City
- Speaker: Joseph Clift, Private Citizen
- Speaker: Christopher Boylan, General Contractors Association of New York
- Speaker: Dani Simons, Regional Plan Association

6. Executive Session Authorization

- At approximately 10:55 a.m., Chairman Cohen requested a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and contract negotiations.
- Vice Chairman Coscia moved the resolution, Trustee Bagger seconded it, and it was unanimously adopted.

7. Adjournment

- At approximately 12:11 p.m., Chairman Cohen reconvened the Open Session of the Regular Meeting of GDC's Board of Trustees.
- Secretary Lopez confirmed that there was quorum.
- Chairman Cohen announced that following a full procurement process using public sector best practices and in accordance with the Board's Resolution #0617-01, the General Counsel advised the Board of Trustees of the selection of Duane Morris LLP to serve as GDC's outside New Jersey counsel. The engagement of Duane Morris LLP is subject to the execution of a retainer agreement with GDC as provided in the RFP.
- There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:12 p.m.