

**GATEWAY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES: TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017**

The following are the minutes of the actions taken at the Open Session of the Regular Meeting of the Gateway Program Development Corporation Board of Trustees, held at NJ TRANSIT Headquarters, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 12:00pm.

**Present**

Richard H. Bagger, Trustee

Anthony R. Coscia, Trustee

Steven Cohen, Trustee

James Ray, Trustee

**1. Call to Order, Safety Briefing**

- Chairman Bagger called the Open Session of the Regular Meeting of the Gateway Program Development Corporation's Board of Trustees to order at 12:17pm.
- A safety briefing was given to all attendees present.

**2. Roll Call, Notice of Meeting**

- Diana Lopez, Secretary, confirmed that all attendees were present, with Trustee Ray 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 April 7, 2017 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, 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 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

- Copies of the minutes from the January 12, 2017 Meeting of the GDC Board of Trustees were distributed prior to this meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

**4. Gateway Program Phase 1 Update Presentation**

- Interim Executive Director John D. Porcari provided an overview of the Gateway Program’s Phase 1 Projects: The Portal North Bridge Project and The Hudson Tunnel Project. The presentation included status updates on each project, an overview of the April 11 agenda items before the Board, and the dates of the remaining 2017 Board Meetings.

**5. Adoption of Revised By-laws**

- As stated at the January 12, 2017 meeting, the Board wished to undertake further review of the By-laws. The Board completed this review and the Amended and Restated By-laws were presented for adoption. Vice Chairman Coscia made a motion for the adoption of the Amended and Restated by-laws as the by-laws of the Gateway Program Development Corporation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cohen, and passed with unanimous vote.

**6. Public Comments on Agenda Items and Other Matters**

- Secretary Lopez announced that there was one registered speaker, and began the public comment period.
- Speaker: Mark Lohbauer, Regional Plan Association

**7. Action Item: Engagement of Executive Director Search Firm**

- Chairman Bagger announced the first action item before the Board, Item #0417-01, a Resolution to endorse Amtrak’s retention of the executive search firm Russell Reynolds Associates to manage and perform the search for a permanent Executive Director for GDC. Chairman Bagger and Vice Chairman Coscia will serve on the selection committee, and the appointment of the Executive Director is subject to a vote of the Board. Vice Chairman Coscia made a motion to advance the item. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cohen, and passed with unanimous vote.

**8. Action Item: Authorization to Enter into Funding and Support Agreements for GDC Operations**

- Chairman Bagger announced the remaining action item before the Board, Item #0417-02, a Resolution to authorize GDC to enter into funding and support agreements with certain of the partner agencies, including Amtrak, NJ TRANSIT, and Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, to assist with early GDC operations, which would allow GDC to maintain momentum on the Phase 1 projects and fulfill its responsibility to advance the Gateway Program. Vice Chairman Coscia made a motion to advance the item. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cohen, and passed with unanimous vote.

**9. Adjournment**

- There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Bagger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Coscia seconded the motion. It passed with unanimous vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:48pm.