

**PORT AUTHORITY TRANS-HUDSON
CORPORATION**

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MINUTES of the Meeting of The Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation held Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 150 Greenwich Street, New York City, New York and via videoconference.

PRESENT:

NEW JERSEY

Hon. Kevin J. O’Toole, Chairman
 Hon. J. Christian Bollwage
 Hon. Joseph Kelley
 Hon. Kevin P. McCabe
 Hon. Michelle E. Richardson*

NEW YORK

Hon. Jeffrey H. Lynford, Vice Chairman
 Hon. Leecia R. Eve*
 Hon. Elizabeth R. Fine
 Hon. Winston C. Fisher
 Hon. Gary LaBarbera*
 Hon. Rossana Rosado*

Richard Cotton, President
 Amy H. Fisher, Counsel

Richard J. Abbato
 James K. Allen Jr.
 M. Rizwan Baig
 Christopher J. Beacham*
 Christina Callahan*
 Ana M. Carvajalino
 Edward T. Cetnar
 Ralph D’Apuzzo
 Clarelle D. DeGraffe
 Lisa M. Dewey-Mattia
 Diannae C. Ehler
 Gregory W. Ehrie
 Steven Ekizian
 Jose Febrillet
 Benjamin E. Feldman
 Whitney Ferguson
 Kristen L. Figaro
 Howard M. Fisher
 Robert E. Galvin
 Shannon E. Gates
 John Gay
 Erik H. George
 Jessica S. Gummerman
 James D. Heitmann
 Kirsten Hernandez*
 Benjamin Hunter
 Natasha G. Jean Philipp-Cumberbatch

* Remote participants via teleconference.

Sherien N. Khella
 Elizabeth M. McCarthy
 James E. McCoy
 Zachary McCue
 Sarah McKeon
 Cesar Morales
 Matthew F. Murray
 Hersh K. Parekh*
 Kathryn W. Parneros*
 Thomas Pietrykoski
 Steven P. Plate
 Nathan D. Reilly
 Alan L. Reiss*
 Bethann Rooney*
 Jessica Russ*
 Peter D. Simon
 Debra M. Torres
 Derek H. Utter
 Lillian D. Valenti
 Michael Vozza
 Li Pei Wang
 Susan Warner-Dooley*
 Michael S. Wojnar*

Guests:

Edward Ilsen, Food Bank of New York City
 Jessica S. O'Connor, Associate Counsel, Authorities Unit, Office of the Governor of New Jersey

Public Commenters:

Jason Anthony
 Matthew Buchys-Hyland (Video Statement)
 Rosanna Glasgow
 Christopher Greif
 Debra Greif
 Patrick Jean
 Tianna Johnson
 Sonia Marin
 Fatiah Marrow
 Christopher O'Leary (Written Statement)
 Manny Pastreich
 John Taranu

Topic:

Accessibility/PABT Signage
 PATH Announcements
 Airport Workers Wage Policy
 Accessibility
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 Airport Workers Wage Policy
 Airport Workers Wage Policy
 Airport Street Pricing Policy
 Airport Workers Wage Policy
 PATH Off-peak Service

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The public meeting was called to order by Chairman O’Toole at 1:02 p.m. and ended at 3:04 p.m. The Board also met in executive session prior to the public session. Director LaBarbera was present for most of the executive session and all of the public session, participating via teleconference. Director Rosado was present for the executive session and most of the public session, and submitted her affirmative votes to the Port Authority Secretary on several of the resolutions before the Board for consideration in public session, prior to departing the public session.

Report on Prior Meeting’s Minutes

Copies of the Minutes of the meeting of June 27, 2024 were delivered in electronic form to the Governors of New York and New Jersey on June 28, 2024. The time for action by the Governors of New York and New Jersey expired at midnight on July 16, 2024.

The Minutes of the meeting of June 27, 2024 were corrected to address a clerical error with respect to the resolution entitled “*PATH – Replacement of Substation No. 14 – Project Reauthorization and Increase to Contract PAT-774.217*”, which in two instances erroneously listed the contract number to deliver the project as PAT-774.216.

Chairman’s Report

The Chairman advised that as part of the Port Authority’s public speakers’ program, one video statement and one written statement were received. The written statement was provided to the Directors and other relevant staff prior to today’s Board Meeting. The written statement will also be filed with the transcripts of today’s meetings on the Port Authority’s website. The video statement was shown as part of the public Board Meeting.

Moment of Silence

The Chairman called for a moment of silence in observance of the recent passing of Joseph T. Black, a five-year employee of PATH.

Staff Recognition

As part of the public Board Meeting, the Chief Procurement Officer, Lillian D. Valenti, was recognized for her 50 years of dedicated service to the agency.

**PATH - PROPOSED FARE REDUCTION FOR QUALIFYING DISABLED RIDERS
PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD**

It was recommended that the President be authorized to: (i) solicit public comment regarding the following proposed changes to the fares for use of the PATH rail system (“Fares Proposal”) by taking such action as required by the PATH by-laws, including publicly posting a description of the Fares Proposal, (ii) arrange for public hearings on the Fares Proposal to be attended by at least two Directors (one from each of the States of New York and New Jersey), notifying the public of such hearings and conducting such hearings, (iii) arrange for transcripts and reports of the hearings to be made available to the Directors, and (iv) subsequently report the results of such hearings and public comment to the Board.

The Fares Proposal would implement a new fare reduction for certain disabled riders (“Disability Reduction”) by extending the existing reduced fare program offered to riders 65 years of age and older, which provides a 50-percent reduction from the single-ride fare, so that it also covers (i) individuals who, because of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or any other incapacity or temporary or permanent disability (including an individual who is a wheelchair user or has semi-ambulatory capability), cannot use a public transportation service or a public transportation facility effectively without special facilities, planning, or design; and (ii) individuals presenting a Medicare card issued to that individual under Title II or XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 401 et seq., and 1395 et seq.). The Disability Reduction would be structured to comply with the requirement promulgated by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as the implementation of such a program is a condition to federal funding by the FTA.

It is anticipated that riders would be able to apply for the reduced fare program beginning this spring, with the program expected to go into effect in summer 2025. The forecast reduction in revenues for PATH as a result of implementing the Disability Reduction is \$3 million per year.

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted, with Directors Bollwage, Eve, Fine, Fisher, Kelley, LaBarbera, Lynford, McCabe, O’Toole, Richardson, and Rosado. Counsel confirmed that sufficient affirmative votes were cast for the action to be taken, a quorum of the Board being present.

RESOLVED, that the President be and he hereby is authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH), to solicit public comments on the extension by PATH of its existing reduced fare program for those riders 65 years of age and older to disabled individuals meeting criteria established by the Federal Transit Administration as set forth in the report to the Board (“Fares Proposal”) by (i) posting the Fares Proposal for public comment, (ii) advertising such hearings, (iii) setting a schedule for such hearings; (iv) conducting such hearings and arranging a transcripts of the proceedings, and (v) reporting on such hearings to the Board --- all in the manner set forth in the foregoing report; and it is further

RESOLVED that, in light of information to be gained both during the public hearings and by means of written public comments, the Board will expect to consider enacting the Fares Proposal, as set forth in the foregoing report, at its December 12, 2024 meeting.

Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned.

Counsel