

**PORT AUTHORITY TRANS-HUDSON CORPORATION**

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**MINUTES of the meeting of Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation held Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 2 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, New Jersey and via videoconference.**

**PRESENT:**

**NEW JERSEY**

Hon. Kevin J. O'Toole, Chairman  
 Hon. Kevin P. McCabe  
 Hon. Robert J. Menendez  
 Hon. Michelle E. Richardson

**NEW YORK**

Hon. Jeffrey H. Lynford, Vice Chairman\*  
 Hon. Steven M. Cohen\*  
 Hon. Leecia M. Eve  
 Hon. Daniel J. Horwitz  
 Hon. Gary LaBarbera\*

Richard Cotton, President  
 Michael E. Farbiarz, Counsel

James K. Allen Jr.  
 Carrol Bennett\*  
 Vincent J. Borst  
 Meredith L. Brooks  
 Michael Brown  
 Ana Carvajalino\*  
 Rebecca L. Cassidy  
 Edward T. Cetnar  
 David W. Compton  
 Janet D. Cox\*  
 Jennifer S. Davis  
 Gregory Ehrie  
 Charles R. Everett, Jr.\*  
 Benjamin Feldman  
 Amy H. Fisher  
 Robert E. Galvin  
 John Gay  
 Robert W. Gibbon\*  
 Mary Lee Hannell\*  
 Kirsten Hernandez  
 Natasha G. Jean Philipp-Cumberbatch  
 Sherien N. Khella  
 Duncan Kisia\*

Amanda M. Kwan  
Brian Lapp\*  
Annesa H. Lau  
Huntley A. Lawrence  
Elizabeth M. McCarthy\*  
James E. McCoy  
Tobi Mettle  
Matthew Murray  
Jessica Ortiz  
Hersh K. Parekh\*  
Thomas Pietrykoski  
Steven P. Plate  
Alan L. Reiss\*  
Bethann Rooney  
Jessica Russ\*  
Kristen M. Schultz  
Peter D. Simon  
James A Starace  
Debra M. Torres  
Derek H. Utter  
Lillian D. Valenti  
Michael Vozza

Guests:

Brian Cranston  
Clare Cranston  
Donald Cranston  
Jeanmarie Cranston  
Mark Cranston, Jr.  
Mark Cranston, Sr.  
Mike Cranston  
Noreen M. Giblin, Deputy Chief Counsel, Authorities Unit, Office of the Governor of New Jersey\*  
James Kehoe  
Lauren LaRusso, Senior Counsel, Authorities Unit, Office of the Governor of New Jersey\*  
Bob Magas  
Natalie Millstein, Senior Advisor for Transportation, Office of the Governor of New York\*  
Kevin Sullivan

Public Commenters:

Murray Bodin  
Latoya Oats  
Carla Thomas

Topics:

Safety  
GWB Security Guards  
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The public meeting was called to order by Chairman O'Toole at 12:07 p.m. and ended at 1:50 p.m. The Board also met in executive session prior to the public session.

### **Report on Prior Meeting's Minutes**

Copies of the Minutes of the meeting of October 27, 2022 were delivered in electronic form to the Governors of New York and New Jersey on October 28, 2022. The time for action by the Governors of New York and New Jersey expired at midnight on November 14, 2022.

**SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS – T. DENOVELLIS v. PORT AUTHORITY TRANS-HUDSON CORPORATION**

It was recommended that the Board authorize Counsel, for and on behalf of Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH), to finalize the settlement of a personal injury claim in the civil action pending in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, entitled “Thomas Denovellis v. Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation” brought pursuant to the Federal Employers’ Liability Act, in the total amount of \$1.85 million, inclusive of a Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) lien, attorneys’ fees, costs and disbursements.

Plaintiff, Thomas Denovellis, suffered several injuries while working as a trackman, pump helper and pump maintainer for PATH, the most serious of which occurred in 2018 when flooring collapsed under a ladder he was using. Following this injury and two additional injuries in 2020, Mr. Denovellis underwent multiple surgeries to his back and knee and was advised to stop working at PATH, which he did in March 2021. This matter was settled by negotiation before trial for \$1.85 million, inclusive of approximately \$508,662.80 in medical liens and approximately \$11,664 in wage liens.

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted in executive session with Directors Cohen, Eve, Horwitz, LaBarbera, Lynford, Menendez, McCabe, O’Toole and Richardson in favor. Counsel confirmed that sufficient affirmative votes were cast for the action to be taken, a quorum of the Board being present.

**RESOLVED**, that Counsel be and he hereby is authorized, for and on behalf of Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH), to finalize the settlement of claims pending in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, brought by Thomas Denovellis against Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation for injuries suffered while performing his job duties for PATH, on the terms set out in the foregoing report; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall remain confidential until such time as the settlement is entered into the court records and becomes final.

Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned.

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Counsel