



**SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2023**

This Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting of the South Jersey Transportation Authority was held on December 20, 2023, with Chair Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti calling the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Present

- Chair Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti (in person)
- Vice Chairman Christopher M. Milam (in person)
- Commissioner John F. Amodeo (in person)
- Commissioner Zoe Baldwin (in person)
- Deputy Commissioner Joseph Bertoni (teleconference)
- Commissioner Bryan J. Bush (teleconference) **called in at 9:04*
- Commissioner Barbara Holcomb (in person)
- Commissioner Joseph Ripa (teleconference)
- Thomas Holl, Governor’s Authorities Unit (in person)
- Stephen F. Dougherty, Executive Director (in person)
- Karen Davis, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer (in person)
- David Zappariello, Chief of Staff (in person)
- Paul Heck, Chief Administrative Officer (in person)
- James G. Sullivan, Chief of Field Operations (in person)
- Cynthia Blasberg, Board Secretary (in person)
- Caroline Roseboro, Alternate Board Secretary (in person)
- Nicholas Sullivan, General Counsel (in person)
- Louis Cappelli Jr., Esq., General Counsel (in person)

Absent

- Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt
- Commissioner Christina Fuentes, EDA Representative

Statement of Public Notice

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners was opened advising the Commissioners and public that notice of the meeting was duly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City, the Camden Courier Post, and with the Secretary of the State of New Jersey as to the time and date of convening. Notice had also been posted at the Farley Service Plaza, the Atlantic City International Airport, and Blackwood Offices as prescribed by law.

The following members were in attendance.

Roll Call

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Chair Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti	X	
Commissioner John F. Amodeo	X	
Commissioner S. Zoe Baldwin	X	
Commissioner Bryan J. Bush <i>*called in at 9:04</i>		*
Commissioner Barbara Holcomb	X	
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt		X
Vice Chairman Christopher M. Milam	X	
Commissioner Joseph Ripa	X	
Commissioner Christina Fuentes		X

***One (1) members of the public attended the meeting in person*

Approval of the Agenda

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti called for a motion to approve the December 20, 2023 agenda. Whereupon a motion was made by Vice Chairman Milam and seconded by Commissioner Holcomb approving said agenda. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked for questions on the motion. No questions were asked. A unanimous vote was taken approving and adopting the agenda. A copy of the agenda is attached hereto and made a permanent part of these official Authority minutes.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti called for a motion to approve the November 15, 2023 meeting minutes. Whereupon a motion was made by Commissioner Baldwin and seconded by Commissioner Amodeo approving said minutes. No questions were asked. All Commissioners in attendance voted affirmatively, approving, and adopting said minutes.

Executive Session

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked if an Executive Session was needed, Counsel responded, affirmatively. Mr. Dougherty presented Resolution 2023-124 to the Chair and Commissioners for the exclusion of the public from discussions related to personnel actions related to the Schedule "A" associated with Resolution 2023-116. Whereupon, the motion was made by Vice Chairman Milam and seconded by Commissioner Baldwin approving Resolution 2023-124. A unanimous vote was taken approving the resolution, adjourning the open portion of the meeting at 9:05 a.m. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked the call operator to place the public audience on hold while the Board conducted the Executive Session.

At the close of the Executive Session, Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked for a motion to return to the open portion of the meeting. Whereupon, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Milam and seconded by Commissioner Amodeo. The open portion of the meeting reconvened at 9:09 a.m.

The call operator opened the meeting back up to the public portion of the meeting. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti then requested the Secretary call the roll.

Roll Call

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Chair Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti	X	
Commissioner John F. Amodeo	X	
Commissioner S. Zoe Baldwin	X	
Commissioner Bryan J. Bush	X	
Commissioner Barbara Holcomb	X	
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt		X
Vice Chairman Christopher M. Milam	X	
Commissioner Joseph Ripa	X	
Commissioner Christina Fuentes		X

Executive Report

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked for the presentation of the Executive Report. Mr. Dougherty presented the December 20, 2023 Executive Report.

As part of the report, Mr. Dougherty presented employee James Furtaw with a proclamation exemplifying the highest standards of the Authority. On November 22, 2023, Mr. Furtaw took heroic actions during a vehicle accident occurring on the Atlantic City Expressway, saving the life of the vehicle's driver.

After the report, Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti thanked Mr. Dougherty and the Authority's staff for exemplary performance, specifically the Airport and Roadway including revenue and E-ZPass numbers. She stated the Authority should be proud of what has been accomplished, most notably, the extraordinary work for the community such as the Meals-on-Wheels program, which is a hugely important to her personally, and the food drive, which shows a great deal of compassion during these difficult times.

Mr. Dougherty then congratulated Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti on her new position and extended his personnel gratitude.

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti noted her passion in transportation and continuing her work in the industry.

Mr. Dougherty welcomed Vice Chairman Milam to say a few words. Vice Chairman Milam praised the Chair for work on projects which could not have happened without her.

Vice Chairman presented Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti with a proclamation for her exceptional leadership and proclaimed December 20, 2023 as a day to honor and celebrate the contributions of Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti to the South Jersey Transportation Authority. Commissioners individually thanked and congratulated the Chair for her work and continued service in future endeavors.

A copy of the Executive Report is attached hereto and made a permanent part of these official Authority minutes.

Committee Reports

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked Mr. Dougherty to present the Committee Reports. Mr. Dougherty reported all Committees met on December 6, 2023. During these meetings, briefings were provided on the resolutions being presented this morning as well as updates on the upcoming Audit Committee meeting, the BIRD Grant Project, Airport vehicle parking rates and the status of the Spirit-Jet Blue Merger. Commissioners were also provided with the schedule of upcoming projects, the EO-8 Report and Airport statistics.

Public Response to Agenda Items

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked the public for comments on any of the agenda items. No comments were made.

Approval of Bills

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked Mr. Dougherty for the presentation of bills. Mr. Dougherty stated the bills had been sent to the Commissioners previously for their review and are being recommended for approval. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti called for a motion to approve the bill list. Whereupon the motion was made by Vice Chairman Milam and seconded by Commissioner Amodeo approving said bill list. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked the Commissioners for questions on the motion. Being none, Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti requested the Secretary call the roll.

Roll Call

Commissioner	Motion	2nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Recused	Absent
Chair Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti			X				
Commissioner John F. Amodeo		X	X				
Commissioner Zoe Baldwin			X				
Commissioner Bryan J. Bush			X				
Commissioner Barbara Holcomb			X				
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt							X
Vice Chairman Christopher M. Milam	X		X				
Commissioner Joseph Ripa			X				

Resolutions and Motions:

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked Mr. Dougherty to present the resolutions. Mr. Dougherty advised the Commissioners he would be presenting a total of eight (8) resolutions for their consideration. Mr. Dougherty presented Resolutions 2023-116 through 2023-123. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti called for a motion to approve said resolutions. The motion as presented was moved by Commissioner Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Baldwin approving said resolutions. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked for questions or discussions on the motion. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked the Secretary to call the roll.

Roll Call

Commissioner	Motion	2 nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Recused	Absent
Chair Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti			X				
Commissioner John F. Amodeo			X				
Commissioner Zoe Baldwin		X	X				
Commissioner Bryan J. Bush			X				
Commissioner Barbara Holcomb	X		X				
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt							X
Vice Chairman Christopher M. Milam			X				
Commissioner Joseph Ripa			X				

Copies of Resolutions 2023-116 through 2023-123 are attached hereto and made a permanent part of these official Authority minutes.

RESOLUTION 2023-116 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Pursuant to the Authority By-Laws, the Personnel Committee shall advise the Board on issues related to organization structure, equal employment opportunity, labor negotiations, employment practices and personnel actions affecting an individual’s employment status or compensation. This resolution seeks Board approval for personnel actions as specified in the “Schedule A” attached to this resolution.

RESOLUTION 2023-117 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (SJTPO)

As host agency to the SJTPO, the Authority regularly enters into agreements to accept funding on their behalf. This resolution designates the Executive Director to approve, on behalf of the Authority, each Federal Aid Agreement issued, to request reimbursement of eligible costs under each Federal Aid Agreement, to accept reimbursement thereof and execute sub-contracts with sub-regions, consultants or other parties as may be provided for in an approved Federal Aid Agreement for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. The Executive Director’s execution of any documents required in connection therewith is conclusive evidence of such authorization and approval.

RESOLUTION 2023-118 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF ENGINEER TO EXECUTE PROJECT APPLICATIONS, PERMITS AND GRANTS WITH AGENCIES SUCH AS THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE PINELANDS COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE AUTHORITY

The Authority is authorized to enter into any and all agreements or contracts convenient or desirable for the purposes of the Authority. The Authority identifies necessary projects to carry out its purposes under the Act. Many of these projects are led by or overseen by the Chief Engineer of the Authority. In order to pursue these projects, the Authority must complete various permit applications, project applications, grant applications and the like with agencies such as, but not limited to, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Pinelands Commission, the New Jersey Department of Transportation, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and the Federal Aviation Administration. The Chief Engineer is responsible for completing these various applications. It is the desire of the Authority to grant the Chief Engineer the authority to execute such applications on behalf of the Authority, provided these applications are part of approved projects (i.e., are identified within an adopted budget or capital project plan) or are at no cost to the Authority or will require future approvals from the Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners of the Authority do hereby authorize the Chief Engineer, during the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, to complete and submit permit applications, project applications, grant applications and the like.

RESOLUTION 2023-119 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE AN ASSIGNMENT OF A CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND

ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE ATLANTIC CITY EXPRESSWAY (ACE) FARLEY SERVICE PLAZA AND SJTA HEADQUARTERS PROJECT FROM AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. TO AECOM ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS (NJ), INC.

Following the Authority's request for proposals (RFP), pursuant to Resolution 2023-76, dated August 17, 2023, the Authority authorized award of a contract to AECOM Technical Services, Inc. ("ATS") for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Atlantic City Expressway (ACE) Farley Service Plaza & SJTA Headquarters Project ("Project"). AECOM maintains corporate entities throughout the U.S. that are specifically licensed to perform professional services in each state that AECOM operates in order to comply with each state's professional licensing requirements. AECOM has informed the Authority that their proposal, dated June 14, 2023, in connection with this Project, inadvertently submitted its Proposal in the name of "AECOM Technical Services, Inc.," ("ATS"). Said Proposal should have been submitted under "AECOM Architects & Engineers (NJ), Inc.," ("AECOM A&E") which is AECOM's New Jersey entity that does maintain New Jersey Certificates of Authorization to provide Architecture and Engineering services. The Authority is desirous of consenting to an assignment of the contract from ATS to AECOM A&E.

RESOLUTION 2023-120 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING 2024 ADVERTISING EXPENDITURES TO PROMOTE THE ATLANTIC CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

To dedicate funds for the purpose of promoting passenger and airline traffic at the Airport as increasing passenger and airline traffic at ACY generates income for the airport.

RESOLUTION 2023-121 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO LEVY CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. OF OAKLYN, NEW JERSEY FOR THE ATLANTIC CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ACY) 2022 OUTBOUND BAGGAGE TUNNEL REHABILITATION & TUG ROOM DOOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT REBID

On February 15, 2023 and February 16, 2023, the Authority publicly re-advertised for bids for the Atlantic City International Airport (ACY) 2022 Outbound Baggage Tunnel Rehabilitation & Tug Room Door Replacement Project Rebid. Work associated with this project include; The complete replacement of the existing gas detection system, including two exhaust fans, and two high-speed roll-up doors at the Outbound Baggage Tunnel, the two high-speed roll-up doors in the Tug Room, and limited metal panel siding and trim replacement on the exterior of the Outbound Baggage Tunnel. On March 15, 2023 two (2) bids were received, opened, and tabulated to ensure all met the requirements of the Bid Specifications. Levy Construction Co., Inc. of Oaklyn, New Jersey was deemed the sole responsive, responsible bidder for the Atlantic City International Airport (ACY) 2022 Outbound Baggage Tunnel Rehabilitation & Tug Room Door Replacement Project Rebid for a total amount not to exceed \$509,600.00. The Director of Engineering/Chief Engineer believes it to be in the best interest of the Authority and recommends entering into a contract with Levy Construction Co., Inc. of Oaklyn, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$509,600.00, for the Atlantic City International Airport (ACY) 2022 Outbound Baggage Tunnel Rehabilitation & Tug Room Door Replacement Project Rebid.

RESOLUTION 2023-122 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH THE ISRAEL-UNITED STATES BINATIONAL INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION AND PENTERA SECURITY LTD. FOR GRANT FUNDING AND CYBERSECURITY RESILIENCE AT THE ATLANTIC CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Israel-United States Binational Industrial Research and Development Foundation ("Foundation") is a legal entity created by agreement between the State of Israel and the United States of America. The Foundation was established to promote and support joint non-defense industrial research and development activities of mutual benefit to Israel and the United States. The Foundation has been designated as the entity charged with implementing a program authorized by the United States, acting through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Israel National Cybersecurity Directorate, for the funding of programs dealing with cybersecurity and emerging technologies projects. Pentera Security Ltd. ("Pentera") is engaged in the business of developing, manufacturing, and marketing automated

security validation software solutions. Pentera and the Authority seek to establish a commercial collaboration between themselves to provide a commercial license to the Authority for use of Pentera's software platform for cyber resilience to address cyber security vulnerabilities to protect against cyberattacks at the Airport. Pentera and the Authority submitted a formal proposal to receive certain grant funding assistance for the development of the software for a project entitled Atlantic City International Airport Cybersecurity Readiness Demonstration from the Foundation. The Transportation Technology Director believes it is in the best interest of the Authority to enter into agreements with the Foundation and Pentera for the purposes outlined herein.

RESOLUTION 2023-123 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF VEHICLE PARKING RATES AT THE ATLANTIC CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Pursuant to Section 7(i) of the Act, the Authority is authorized to fix and revise from time to time, charge and collect tolls, fares, passenger facility charges or other charges to establish fees for all its projects, including transportation projects such as the Airport and the parking facilities at the Airport. The Authority has direct control of vehicle parking operations at the Airport and desires to revise the daily maximum parking fees applicable to the use of the vehicle parking facilities at the Airport. The Authority proposes to raise the daily maximum vehicle parking rates at the Airport as indicated below and believes the rates to be competitive parking rates. The maximum daily rate for Short Term Parking at the Airport shall be raised from \$20 to \$22.00. The maximum daily rate for Garage Parking at the Airport shall be raised from \$13.00 to \$15.00. The maximum daily rate for Economy/Surface Lot Parking at the Airport shall be raised from \$10.00 to \$12.00. The maximum daily rate for all vehicle parking facilities will increase by an additional \$1 on July 1, 2025, if 2024 parking revenue per enplaned passenger decreases by at least \$.50 as compared to 2023 parking revenue per enplaned passenger. The maximum daily vehicle parking fees established herein are proposed to become effective on February 1, 2024 or at such later time as the Executive Director may direct in writing and shall remain in effect thereafter until changed by action of the Authority in accordance with the Act.

Petitions or Communications, Unfinished Business and New Business

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked if there were any petitions or communications, unfinished or new business. Mr. Dougherty responded, all petitions and communications were mailed prior to the meeting. There was no new business to discuss.

General Comment

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked the public for any general comments. Whereas the operator instructed the public to enter the queue for any public for General Comments. No comments by the public were made.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti announced the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon the motion was made by Vice Chairman Milam and seconded by Commissioner Baldwin to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

Submitted by: *Cynthia A. Blasberg*

Cynthia A. Blasberg, Board Secretary

Note: An Executive Session was held during this meeting.