

PORT AUTHORITY TRANS-HUDSON CORPORATION

MINUTES

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MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation held Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 2 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, Hudson County, State of New Jersey and via videoconference.

PRESENT:

NEW JERSEY

Hon. Kevin J. O’Toole, Chairman
 Hon. J. Christian Bollwage
 Hon. George Helmy
 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
 Michael Brown
 Christina Callahan
 Ana M. Carvajalino
 Clarelle D. DeGraffe
 Lisa M. Dewey-Mattia
 Christopher Diaz
 Gregory W. Ehrie
 Jordan Eugenis
 Benjamin E. Feldman
 Whitney Ferguson
 Kristen L. Figaro
 Robert E. Galvin
 Isuf Gashi
 Shannon E. Gates
 John Gay
 Erik H. George
 Jessica S. Gummerman
 James D. Heitmann
 Kirsten Hernandez
 Benjamin Hunter
 Natasha G. Jean Philipp-Cumberbatch
 Sherien N. Khella
 William Laventhal
 Stephen Marinko
 Elizabeth M. McCarthy

* Remote participants via teleconference.

Jacqueline C. McCarthy
James E. McCoy
Zachary McCue
Sarah McKeon
Cesar Morales
Matthew F. Murray
Danielle M. Outlaw
Hersh K. Parekh
Kathryn W. Parneros
Matthew Pedersen
Antonio Peterson
Thomas Pietrykoski
Steven P. Plate
Nathan D. Reilly
Alan L. Reiss*
Rebecca Rivera
Bethann Rooney
Jessica Russ*
Aaron F. Sherburne*
Peter D. Simon
Will Sommer
Debra M. Torres*
Derek H. Utter,
Lillian D. Valenti*
Michael S. Wojnar

Guests:

Bruce Ebersole
Sharon Ebersole
Jessica S. O'Connor, Associate Counsel, Authorities Unit, Office of the Governor of New Jersey*
Daniel Salvatore
David Ullman, Assistant Secretary for Transportation, Office of the Governor of New York*

* Remote participants via teleconference.

Public Commenters:

Mussab Ali
 Hon. Ravinder Bhalla, Mayor, Hoboken, NJ
 Matthew Buchys-Hyland (Video Statement)
 Brandon Burstion
 Aryeh Cohen-Wade
 Eric Allen Conner
 Sofya Davydova
 Debra Greif
 William Healey
 West Honeycutt
 Patrick Jean
 Tianna Johnson
 Ann Mannino
 Mike Manzella
 Matthew Ramirez
 John Taranu
 Luke Theodorou (Written Statement)
 Wynnie-Fred Victor Hinds (Video Statement)

Topic:

PATH Service
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 2024 Toll Increases
 Airport Workers Wage Policy
 PATH Service
 PATH Improvements
 PATH Service
 Accessibility
 2025 Capital Plan
 PATH Service
 Airport Workers Wage Policy
 Airport Workers Wage Policy
 Accessibility
 2025 PATH Budget
 PATH Service
 PATH Off-Peak Service
 PATH Service
 PATH Expansion

The public meeting was called to order by Chairman O’Toole at 1:05 p.m. and ended at 3:03 p.m. The Board also met in executive session prior to the public session. Director Rosado was present for the executive session and most of the public session, participating via teleconference, 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 November 14, 2024 were delivered in electronic form to the Governors of New York and New Jersey on November 15, 2024. The time for action by the Governors of New York and New Jersey expired at midnight on December 3, 2024.

Chairman’s Report

The Chairman advised that as part of the Port Authority’s public speakers’ program, two video statements 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 statements were 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 Hui M. Xu, a 31-year employee of the Port Authority’s Aviation Department.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Pursuant to the By-Laws of Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (“PATH”), this Board meeting, the last of 2024, will be PATH’s annual meeting. Under the By-Laws, officers are elected at the annual meeting, based on nominations from the Nominating Committee, which includes every member of the Board, other than the Chairman and the Vice Chairman.

At its meeting held earlier today, the Nominating Committee unanimously acted to nominate the officers listed in the attached Nominating Committee report.

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the Board adopted the following resolution, with Directors Bollwage, Eve, Fine, Fisher, Helmy, Kelley, LaBarbera, Lynford, McCabe, O’Toole, Richardson, and Rosado 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 the individuals listed in the attached Nominating Committee report be and they hereby are elected to serve as officers of Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation

Officer

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

President

Appointee

Kevin J. O'Toole

Jeffrey H. Lynford

Richard Cotton

PATH – FARE REDUCTION FOR QUALIFYING DISABLED RIDERS

At its November 14, 2024 meeting, the Board of Directors authorized the President to solicit public comment regarding a proposed new fare reduction for certain disabled riders (“Disability Fare Reduction Proposal”) which would extend the existing reduced fare program which provides a 50-percent reduction from single-ride fare for riders 65 years of age or older, to also cover (i) individuals who, because of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or any other incapacity or temporary or permanent disability (including any 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 Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 4012 *et seq.*, and 1395 *et seq.*). The Disability Fare Reduction Proposal would be made available upon the full implementation of PATH’s new TAPP fare payment system, which is expected to be in place during the summer of 2025, would be structured to comply with the requirements promulgated by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as the implementation of such a program is a required condition to receiving federal funding from the FTA.

In November, the Board resolved to consider the Disability Fare Reduction Proposal at its December 2024 meeting, in light of the public comments received.

The Disability Fare Reduction Proposal was posted on the Port Authority’s website for public comment and four public hearings, two in New York and two in New Jersey, were held to provide the opportunity for members of the public to comment on the Disability Fare Reduction Proposal. A summary of the comments received through close of business December 11, 2024 are summarized below. Any additional comments received up to the time of the Board meeting were provided to the Board of Directors. The consideration and vote on the matter was held after the public presentation of the Disability Fare Reduction Proposal and the public speaker portion of the public Board meeting.

At the four public hearings held December 3-December 5, 2024, through written submissions to the Port Authority and at the Port Authority’s December 12, 2024 public session, a total of 14 comments were received on the Disability Fare Reduction Proposal, all of which expressed support for the Disability Fare Reduction Proposal, with one of the commenters suggesting that the proposal should be expanded to also include U.S. military veterans.

Accordingly, staff recommended that the Disability Fare Reduction Proposal now be adopted by the Board of Directors as presented in November 2024.

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the Board adopted the following resolution, with Directors Bollwage, Eve, Fine, Fisher, Helmy, Kelley, LaBarbera, Lynford, McCabe, O’Toole, Richardson, and Rosado 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 the President be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed, for and on behalf of Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH), to adjust the PATH fare to effectuate the proposed new fare reduction for certain disabled riders as further described in this report; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the President be, and he hereby is authorized, for and on behalf of PATH, to exercise all discretion and take any and all action necessary or appropriate in his judgment to effectuate the foregoing, including, but not limited to, the execution of agreements, contracts or analogous documents with any appropriate parties, together with amendments and supplements thereof, and to take action in accordance with the terms of such agreements, contracts and other documents as may be necessary in connection therewith.

PATH – MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL 1413, SMART-TD

It was recommended that the Board of Directors approve a collective bargaining agreement between Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) and Local 1413, SMART-TD (SMART-TD).

SMART-TD represents more than 150 PATH employees who serve principally as conductors --- operating doors, making announcements, and generally helping to ensure that PATH operates in a safe, efficient, and customer-friendly manner. SMART-TD and PATH reached a tentative collective bargaining agreement on October 21, 2024. That agreement was ratified by SMART-TD members on November 21, 2024.

The agreement spans 12 months, from a retroactive commencement date of February 19, 2024 to February 18, 2025. Terms of the agreement include:

- (i) Over the covered period, an annual wage increase of 3 percent;
- (ii) The addition of Juneteenth as a paid holiday.

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the Board adopted the following resolution, with Directors Bollwage, Eve, Fine, Fisher, Helmy, Kelley, LaBarbera, Lynford, McCabe, O'Toole, Richardson, and Rosado 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 the October 21, 2024 agreement between Local 1413, SMART-TD (SMART-TD) and Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH), ratified by SMART-TD on November 21, 2024, be and it hereby is approved; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the President be and he hereby is authorized, for and on behalf of PATH, to exercise all discretion and take any and all action necessary or appropriate in his judgment to effectuate the foregoing, including, but not limited to the execution of all relevant agreements, contracts or analogous documents, together with amendments and supplements thereof, and to take action in accordance with the terms of such agreements, contracts, and other documents as may be necessary in connection therewith.

Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned.

Counsel