

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

MINUTES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

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MINUTES of the Meeting of The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey held Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 2 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, Hudson County and State of New Jersey and via teleconference.

PRESENT:

NEW JERSEY

Hon. Kevin J. O’Toole, Chairman
 Hon. Dana M. Martinotti
 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. Daniel J. Horwitz
 Hon. Gary LaBarbera*
 Hon. Rossana Rosado*

Richard Cotton, Executive Director
 Michael E. Farbiarz, General Counsel*
 James E. McCoy, Secretary

James K. Allen Jr., Chief of Staff to the Vice Chairman
 Christopher Beacham, Chief of Staff, Chief Financial Officer
 Carrol Bennett, Acting Chief, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion*
 John Bilich, Chief Security Officer
 Vincent J. Borst, Assistant Director, Operation Services
 Benjamin M. Branham, Chief Communications Officer
 Meredith L. Brooks, Associate Board Management Support Specialist, Office of the Secretary
 Ana Carvajalino, Director, Financial Planning*
 Rebecca L. Cassidy, General Manager, Board Unit, Office of the Secretary
 Edward T. Cetnar, Director, Public Safety/Superintendent of Police
 Janet D. Cox, Chief of Staff and Special Counsel to the Executive Director*
 Jennifer S. Davis, Chief of Intergovernmental Affairs*
 Clarelle D. DeGraffe, Director, Rail Transit
 Alfred P. Doblin, Director Strategic Communications, Chief Communications Office
 Benjamin Feldman, Senior Advisor to the Chairman
 Amy H. Fisher, First Deputy General Counsel and Director of Legal Affairs
 Robert E. Galvin, Chief Technology Officer*
 John Gay, Inspector General
 Erik H. George, Interim Deputy Director, Management and Budget
 Robert W. Gibbon, Special Counselor to the Executive Director*
 Ryan J. Gilbert, Senior Management Analyst, Office of the Secretary
 Mary Lee Hannell, Chief, Human Capital*
 Kirsten Hernandez, Special Assistant to the Executive Director
 Natasha G. Jean Philipp-Cumberbatch, Corporate Transparency, Office of the Secretary
 Sherien N. Khella, Treasurer

Cristina M. Lado, Director, Government and Community Affairs, New Jersey*
 Annesa H. Lau, Director, Operations Services
 Huntley A. Lawrence, Chief Operating Officer
 Elizabeth M. McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer
 Aidan O'Donnell, Chief of Staff, Aviation
 Jessica Ortiz, Deputy Inspector General and Director of Investigations*
 Hersh K. Parekh, Director, Government and Community Affairs, New York*
 Matthew Pedersen, Assistant Director, Real Estate
 Thomas Pietrykoski, Director, Corporate Communications
 Steven P. Plate, Chief, Major Capital Projects
 Alan L. Reiss, Director, World Trade Center Construction*
 Bethann Rooney, Deputy Director, Port
 Sam Ruda, Director, Port*
 Jessica Russ, Executive Policy Analyst, Office of the Secretary*
 Peter D. Simon, Chief of Staff to the Chairman
 James A. Starace, Chief Engineer
 Debra M. Torres, Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer*
 Derek H. Utter, Chief Development Officer
 Lillian D. Valenti, Chief Procurement Officer

Guests:

Noreen M. Giblin, Deputy Chief Counsel, Authorities Unit, Office of the Governor of New Jersey
 Lauren LaRusso, Senior Counsel, Authorities Unit, Office of the Governor of New Jersey

Public Commenters:

Jason Anthony
 Terrance Bankston
 George Boada
 Courtenay Brown
 Angela Cazun
 Ramon Cuevas
 Dan Gillespie
 Tyrone Gilliam
 Bruce Hain
 Kesia Quito
 Neile Weissman
 James Young
 Patrick Young

Topics:

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 Port Authority Lease with Amazon
 LGA Ground Access
 Port Authority Lease with Amazon
 GWB Bike Paths
 Port Authority Lease with Amazon
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The public meeting was called to order by Chairman O'Toole at 1:22 p.m. and ended at 2:18 p.m. Commissioner Rosado was present for most of the public session. 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 March 17, 2022 were delivered in electronic form to the Governors of New York and New Jersey on March 18, 2022. The time for action by the Governors of New York and New Jersey expired at midnight on April 1, 2022.

The actions set forth on pages 20 through 41 of the Minutes of the meeting of March 17, 2022 adopting a Port Authority Plan of Financing were approved for the purposes of the public approval provision of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the regulations with respect thereto, upon expiration of the gubernatorial review period.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman advised that as part of the transition back from virtual to in-person meetings, speakers were provided with the options to submit written statements, pre-recorded videos, or to deliver their remarks in-person. In addition to the members of the public who spoke in-person at the public Board Meeting, two video statements were received as part of the Public Speakers Program, which were shown during the public Board Meeting.

TRIBUTE TO SAM RUDA

It is with sincere appreciation that we honor Sam Ruda for his exceptional service to The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and the region it serves.

Since joining the Port Authority in 2015 as an Assistant Director in the Port Department through his formal appointment as Director of the Port Department in 2019, Sam has successfully led the Port of New York and New Jersey in achieving and sustaining record levels of cargo growth to maintain the Port Authority's designation as the busiest port on the East Coast.

Under his leadership, the Port implemented critical projects that will serve the agency for decades, including the completion of the ExpressRail Port Jersey Intermodal Container Transfer Facility and significant upgrades to the New York-New Jersey Rail operation, which provide for the efficient movement of containerized cargo, in a sustainable and cost-effective manner.

Sam was instrumental in leading his team to begin implementing the Port Master Plan, which will ensure the achievement of sustainable development and growth to meet the challenges and foster continued success of the Port for the next three decades.

Under his direction, the Port Department effectively worked with stakeholders to handle all-time high cargo volumes safely and efficiently throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, with a commitment to the highest levels of employee safety.

It is with sincere gratitude that we recognize Sam Ruda for his dedicated public service to the Port Authority and the region it serves and wish him well on his future endeavors.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The Board approved a matter in executive session, which shall not be made available for public inspection until such actions have been completed.

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The Board approved a matter in executive session, which shall not be made available for public inspection until such time as litigation related to this matter has concluded.

Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary