

**SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2018**

This regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting of the South Jersey Transportation Authority was held on January 9, 2018, commencing at 9:03 a.m. at the South Jersey Transportation Authority Administration Building, Farley Service Plaza, Atlantic City Expressway, Milepost 21.3 in Elwood, New Jersey 08217.

**Present**

Chairman Richard T. Hammer  
 Vice Chairman Jeffery A. April, Esq.  
 Commissioner Maurice B. Hill, Jr., DMD  
 Commissioner James J. McCullough  
 Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt (via teleconference)  
 Commissioner C. M. Milam  
 Commissioner Joseph Ripa  
 Commissioner Donna T. Sullivan (via teleconference)  
 Nicholas Kant, Governor’s Authorities Unit (via teleconference)  
 Stephen F. Dougherty, Executive Director  
 Lauren R. Staiger, Esq., General Counsel  
 Cynthia Blasberg, Board Secretary  
 Ed Cooney, Conner Strong

**Absent**

Commissioner Bryan J. Bush

At this time Chairman Hammer asked for a moment of reflection for the recent passing of the father of Commissioner Bryan J. Bush.

**Statement of Public Notice**

The rescheduled 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, Camden Courier Post, Newark Star Ledger and with the Secretary of the State of New Jersey as to the time, date and place of convening. Notice was also posted at the Farley Service Plaza, the Atlantic City International Airport, the Atlantic City Office and Blackwood Office as prescribed by law.

**Roll Call**

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Chairman Richard T. Hammer	X	
Vice Chairman Jeffery A. April, Esq.	X	
Commissioner Bryan J. Bush		X
Commissioner Maurice B. Hill, Jr., DMD	X	
Commissioner James J. McCullough	X	
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt		X
Commissioner Christopher M. Milam	X	
Commissioner Joseph Ripa	X	
Commissioner Donna T. Sullivan	X	

Three (3) members of the public attended this meeting.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Chairman Hammer called for a motion to approve the January 9, 2018 agenda. Whereupon, a motion was made by Commissioner Milam and seconded by Commissioner McCullough, approving said agenda. Chairman Hammer asked for questions on the motion. No questions were asked. A unanimous vote was taken adopting and approving the agenda. A copy of the agenda is attached hereto and made a permanent part of these official Authority minutes.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Hammer called for a motion to approve the December 20, 2017 meeting minutes. Whereupon, a motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Milam approving the December 20, 2017 meeting minutes. Chairman Hammer asked for questions on the motion. No questions were asked. All Commissioners in attendance voted, approving and adopting the minutes.

### **Executive Session**

Chairman Hammer asked General Counsel if an Executive Session was needed, to which General Counsel responded affirmatively.

Mr. Dougherty presented Resolution 2018-05 to the Chairman and Commissioners for the exclusion of the public to discuss personnel matters pertaining to the Schedule "A," associated with Resolution 2018-01.

Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner McCullough and seconded by Commissioner Hill approving Resolution 2018-05. A unanimous vote was taken approving the resolution, adjourning the open portion of the meeting at 9:05 a.m. The public was advised the minutes of this Executive Session would be disclosed to the public in accordance with State Law. At this time, the public and staff exited the Board room. A copy of Resolution 2018-05 is attached hereto and made a permanent part of these official Authority minutes.

At the close of Executive Session, Chairman Hammer called for a motion to return to the open portion of the meeting. Whereupon, a motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Milam. The open portion of the meeting reconvened at 9:14 a.m. Once the public returned to the meeting room, Chairman Hammer then requested the Secretary call the roll.

### **Roll Call**

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Chairman Richard T. Hammer	X	
Vice Chairman Jeffery A. April, Esq.	X	
Commissioner Bryan J. Bush		X
Commissioner Maurice B. Hill	X	
Commissioner James J. McCullough	X	
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt	X*	
Commissioner Christopher M. Milam	X	
Commissioner Joseph Ripa	X	
Commissioner Donna T. Sullivan	X	

*\*Commissioner McDevitt called in at 9:13 of the Executive Session.*

Following roll call Vice Chairman April stated he would like to make a motion that would allow Commissioners to move the Executive Sessions into the conference room and allow the public to remain in the boardroom whereas the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hill and a unanimous vote was taken to move the executive sessions into the conference room.

### **Executive Report**

Chairman Hammer asked for the presentation of the Executive Report. Mr. Dougherty stated that there was no Executive Director's report for this month.

### **Committee Reports**

Chairman Hammer asked Mr. Dougherty to present the Committee Reports. Mr. Dougherty reported all Committees met on January 3, 2018. During these meetings, Commissioners were briefed on the resolutions being presented this morning as well as the impending snow event and lastly, the December 6<sup>th</sup> Audit Committee meeting. Commissioners received the schedule of upcoming projects, the EO-8 Report, and Airport statistics.

### **Public Response to Agenda Items**

Chairman Hammer asked the public for comments on any of the agenda items. No comments were made.

### **Approval of Bills**

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

### **Roll Call**

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Recused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Chairman Richard T. Hammer			X				
Vice Chairman Jeffery A. April, Esq.			X*				
Commissioner Bryan J. Bush							X
Commissioner Maurice B. Hill, Jr., DMD			X				
Commissioner James J. McCullough		X	X				
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt			X				
Commissioner Christopher M. Milam	X		X				
Commissioner Joseph Ripa			X				

\*Vice Chairman April approved all bills; however, abstained from voting on the bills from the firm Cooper Levenson.

### **Resolutions and Motions:**

Chairman Hammer asked Mr. Dougherty to present the resolutions. Mr. Dougherty advised the Chairman and Commissioners he would be presenting a total of four (4) resolutions for their consideration. Mr. Dougherty presented Resolutions 2018-01 through 2018-04. Chairman Hammer called for a motion to approve said resolutions. The motion as presented, was moved by Vice Chairman April and seconded by Commissioner Ripa, approving said resolutions. Chairman Hammer asked for questions on the motion. There being no comments or discussion, Chairman Hammer asked the Secretary to call the roll.

### **Roll Call**

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Recused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Chairman Hammer			X				
Vice Chairman Jeffery A. April, Esq.	X		X				
Commissioner Maurice B. Hill, Jr., DMD			X				
Commissioner Bryan J. Bush							X
Commissioner James J. McCullough			X				
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt			X				
Commissioner Christopher M. Milam			X				
Commissioner Joseph Ripa		X	X				

### **RESOLUTION 2018-01 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 2018-02 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO AN OUT-OF-HOME ADVERTISING DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH GARDEN STATE OUTDOOR, LLC, OF ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY**

Pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 52:31-1.1a*, the Authority is required to publicly advertise for bids for the lease of real property owned by the Authority for the purpose of displaying any advertisement. The Authority leases portions of the Expressway Rights-of-Way for the purpose of the placement of advertising structures. The Authority publicly advertised a Request for Proposals (“RFP”), for Out-of-Home Advertising Development and Management on September 21 and September 22, 2017. In response to said RFP, three (3) proposals were submitted by Garden State Outdoor, LLC of Atlantic City New Jersey and received by the Authority on October 12, 2017. The Authority’s Consultant Selection Committee met on November 8, 2017 and concluded that Garden State Outdoor, LLC, met the requirements of the RFP and recommended negotiations to finalize the terms of an agreement. Commissioners of the Authority authorized negotiations of said agreement, with Garden State Outdoor, LLC, of Atlantic City, New Jersey for the Out-of-Home Advertising Development and Management via resolution 2017-93. The Authority and Garden State Outdoor, LLC have agreed to terms for the development of a new digital billboard structure at Milepost 43.0 and new static billboards at Mileposts 42.8, 43.3 and 43.5, in a similar form as to the Out-of-home Advertising Development and Management Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit “A” (“Lease Agreement”). The Authority believes it to be in its best interest and in the interest of the users of the Expressway to enter into the Lease Agreement with Garden State Outdoor, LLC.

**RESOLUTION 2018-03 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO BERENATO CONTRACTORS, INC., OF HAMMONTON, NEW JERSEY FOR THE ATLANTIC CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AMELIA EARHART BOULEVARD LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

On November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the Authority publicly advertised for bids for the Atlantic City International Airport Amelia Earhart Boulevard Lighting Improvements Project. Work associated with this project involves the installation of lighting improvements along Northbound Amelia Earhart Boulevard from the intersection with Airport Terminal Road to the traffic circle at Delilah Road and along Southbound Amelia Earhart Boulevard from the intersection with Airport Terminal Road to approximately 900 feet north of the traffic circle at Delilah Road (station 109+00). The work primarily involves installation of new lighting standards and the associated wiring and conduit needed for power supply. Major work items for lighting improvements include but are not limited to: Installation of 47 new light standards and providing power to same. As part of the solicitation, the Authority sought bids for the Base Bid as described above as well as an Add Alternate. The Add Alternate will provide a powder coating finish for the lighting standards and mast arms included as part of the base bid. The Authority’s selection of the Base Bid and Add Alternate is contingent upon funding from the FAA Technical Center and the availability of Authority funds. On December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, five (5) bids were received, opened and tabulated. Berenato Contractors, Inc., of Hammonton, New Jersey was deemed the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and Three Cents (\$692,584.03) for the desired Base Bid and the Add Alternate. The Authority desires to enter into a contract with Berenato Contractors, Inc., of Hammonton, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and Three Cents (\$692,584.03) for the desired Base Bid and the Add Alternate for the Atlantic City International Airport Amelia Earhart Boulevard Lighting Improvements Project.

**RESOLUTION 2018-04 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DEPARTURE MEDIA OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF ADVERTISING DISPLAYS AT THE AT THE ATLANTIC CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Act, the Authority is required to publicly advertise for all contracts and agreements made pursuant to the Act to be awarded by the Authority only after public advertising. On March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, the Authority publicly advertised an RFP for the Management and Operation of Advertising Displays at the Atlantic City International Airport; however, no responses were received. On April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the Authority publicly re-advertised an RFP for the Management and Operation of Advertising Displays at the Atlantic City International Airport. On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, one (1) proposal was received; however, as it did not meet the minimum requirements of the RFP, it was rejected. Pursuant to Section 8 a (6) of the Act, when the Authority has advertised for bids on two occasions and has received either no bids or no “responsive” bids, the Authority is permitted to negotiate with any contractor or supplier determined to be responsible, except that the terms, conditions, restrictions and specification set

forth in the negotiated contract are not substantially different from those which were the subject of competitive bidding. The Director of the Airport negotiated with Departure Media, of Charleston, South Carolina for Management and Operation of Advertising Displays at the Atlantic City International Airport. The Authority and Departure Media have agreed to terms for the Management and Operation of Advertising Displays at the Atlantic City International Airport. The Authority believes it to be in its best interest and the interest of the Authority to enter into an agreement with Departure Media, of Charleston, South Carolina according to the terms in the agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A" for a term of five (5) years commencing on or about February 1, 2017. The Authority desires to accept the recommendation of its Outdoor Advertising Consultant, Gobis and Company and award a contract to Departure Media, as set forth in the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

#### **Petitions or Communications, Unfinished Business and New Business**

Chairman Hammer 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 or are at the Commissioners' place. He further stated he has no new business to discuss; however, under unfinished business the Authority recommends the release of the following Executive Session Meeting Minutes: October 18, 2017, November 15, 2017, and December 20, 2017 without redactions. Mr. Dougherty further stated in accordance with State law, the Authority, its Commissioners and General Counsel have reviewed the minutes and find them suitable for release. He then recommended the public release of the Executive Session minutes for approval. Chairman Hammer called for a motion to approve the release of the Executive Session Minutes. Whereupon, the motion was moved by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Vice Chairman April, approving the release of minutes. Chairman Hammer asked the Commissioners for questions on the motion, no questions were asked. A unanimous vote was taken approving the release of the minutes.

#### **General Comment**

Chairman Hammer asked the public for any general comments. At this time, Vice Chairman April commended Chairman Hammer on his service with the Board whereas Commissioners Hill also stated his appreciation to the Chairman. Commissioner McCullough thanked James Sullivan, Director of Operations and his staff for their hard work maintaining the road during the winter storm and the great job the Department of Transportation did on the public streets. No comments from the public were made.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Hammer called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Milam and seconded by Vice Chairman April to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

Submitted by:

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Cynthia A. Blasberg, Board Secretary

**Note: An Executive Session was held during this meeting.**