

MINUTES OF MEETING
THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY
Monday, January 9, 2017
James Julian Boardroom
Delaware Memorial Bridge Plaza
New Castle, Delaware 19720

The meeting convened at 1:02 p.m. with Vice-Chairperson Hogan presiding.

Vice Chairperson Hogan called upon Commissioner Lathem to give the opening prayer.

The opening prayer was given by Commissioner Lathem, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Executive Director.

Vice Chairperson Hogan called on the Authority Staff Attorney to read the meeting notice. The Staff Attorney announced that a notice of the meeting had been made in accordance with its Freedom of Information Regulations concerning Notice of Meetings.

Vice Chairperson Hogan called on the Staff Attorney to take the roll.

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Commissioners from Delaware

Commissioners from New Jersey

PRESENT

*William E. Lowe, Chairperson
*Crystal L. Carey
*Richard W. Downes
*James L. Ford III
Samuel E. Lathem
*Terry C. Murphy

James N. Hogan, Vice-Chairperson
*James Bennett
Ceil Smith
Douglas Van Sant
*Shirley R. Wilson
VACANT

*Attended via telephone

ABSENT

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Vice Chairperson Hogan noted that this Special Commission meeting is to consider Resolution 17-01 and that no other business will be discussed. He then called for the acceptance of the Agenda.

Commissioner Smith motioned to accept the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Lathem, and the motion carried by a voice vote of 11-0.

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11197. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION ITEMS

Vice Chairperson Hogan noted that there was one (1) Resolution for consideration today and called for public comments.

There were no public comments

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11198. CHAIRPERSON'S CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS BEFORE THE BOARD

RESOLUTION 17-01– APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the current Executive Director of the Delaware River and Bay Authority (the “Authority”) has tendered his resignation contingent upon a new Executive Director taking office but in no event earlier than February 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Cook, currently Delaware Secretary of Finance, has been recommended for the position of Executive Director of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Authority have determined Mr. Cook is fully qualified to serve as Executive Director of the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Thomas J. Cook is hereby appointed Executive Director of the Authority effective as of February 6, 2017 and in that regard is authorized, on behalf of the Authority, to exercise all of the powers and fulfill all of the duties of the Executive Director as of that date.

A motion to approve Resolution 17-01 was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Lathem and approved by a roll call vote of 11-0.

Resolution 17-01 – Executive Summary Sheet

Resolutions: Authorizing an Offer of Employment

Committee: None

Committee Date: None

Board Date: January 9, 2017

Purpose of Resolution: Resolution 17-01 formally authorizes the Board of Commissioners to appoint a new Executive Director of the Authority.

Background for Resolution: In accordance with Authority By-Laws, Article II, Subsection 2, the Commissioners shall have the authority for the appointment of the Executive Director. Employment action for Executive Director is authorized by Resolution of the Commissioners.

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11199. COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC FORUM

Vice Chairperson Hogan opened the public forum. He acknowledged Secretary Cook and offered him the opportunity to introduce himself.

Secretary Cook thanked the Board for the opportunity. He is currently the Delaware Secretary of Finance and has extensive experience in state government and working with the General Assembly. Secretary Cook said the Executive Director and the Board have laid a great foundation and he is looking forward to working with the Board and Management to take the Authority to the next level.

Each of the Commissioners then took the opportunity to thank Executive Director Green for a job well done and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Each of the Commissioners then welcomed Secretary Cook and said they were looking forward to working with him. Several noted that he had big shoes to fill, but they had no doubt that he was up to the job and offered their support in making the transition go smoothly.

There were no additional public comments.

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There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Lathem, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and unanimously carried by a voice vote of 11-0

The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY

Michelle Hammel
Staff Attorney