

9020. RESOLUTION 04-17 – ADOPTS A PREVAILING WAGE POLICY ON A TRIAL BASIS FOR ALL AUTHORITY FUNDED CAPITAL PROJECTS IN EXCESS OF \$2 MILLION.

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the “Authority”) is a bi-state Public Authority created by Compact for the purpose of owning and operating both Crossing and non-Crossing facilities (the “Facilities”); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has adopted a 5 Year Capital Plan totaling \$125 Million for the construction and maintenance of its Crossing Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has adopted a \$7.4 Million One Year Capital Plan for the construction and maintenance of its non-Crossing Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Authority currently incorporates prevailing wage requirements in all projects of the Authority receiving any Federal or State funding; and

WHEREAS, the Authority, as a matter of policy desires to incorporate this same policy for a one year trial period for all Authority funded projects in excess of \$2.0 Million; and

WHEREAS, the Authority will evaluate this policy at the conclusion of the trial period and determine if it continues to meet its public policy initiatives and is in the best interest of the public and the Authority; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, working with the advice and consent of Counsel, is hereby authorized and directed to incorporate a prevailing wage policy into contract specification documents for all Authority funded projects in excess of \$2.0 Million for a one year period.

Resolution 04-17 was moved by Commissioner Koebig and seconded by Commissioner Dorn. A discussion ensued.

Commissioner Hensley stated her concerns on the Resolution noting that, by spending more money on prevailing wages, there will be less for economic development.

Commissioner Parkowski stated the Prevailing Wages are common practices in most government entities and that this Resolution is on a one-year trial basis.

Vice Chairman Wallace stated that he strongly supports the Resolution. Furthermore, he stated that the Authority has an obligation to address quality of life issues in addition to improving the economy within its jurisdiction.

A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Cooper abstained with the right to amend. At the end of the roll call, Commissioner Cooper revised his vote to yes.

The motion to approve Resolution 04-17 was approved with a roll call vote of 10-1 with Commissioner Hensley voting no.