

12303 RESOLUTION 24 -21 - RECOGNIZES AND SALUTES STEPHEN D. WILLIAMS FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY. The Executive Director presented the following Resolution:

WHEREAS Stephen D. Williams was appointed to serve as the Deputy Executive Director of the Delaware River and Bay Authority and began his formal duties on January 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS Mr. Williams also served as Airports Director, joining the bi-state agency on November 1, 2004, to direct and manage all five aviation facilities that the Authority operates in both Delaware and New Jersey; and

WHEREAS Mr. Williams, who served with distinction, enthusiasm and dedication as both Airports Director for nearly twenty years and Deputy Executive Director for the past six years, announced his retirement effective July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS Mr. Williams, who has more than forty years of airport and transportation management experience, was instrumental in recruiting several commercial airlines to the Wilmington Airport, including the most recent addition – Avelo Airlines; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mr. Williams successfully led the effort to secure Jet East's Maintenance and Repair Operation at the Millville Airport, helping to attract jobs and opportunity for the local economy; and

WHEREAS Mr. Williams advocated for replacement of the antiquated Cape May Airport terminal building with a new modern, state-of-the-art structure complete with aviation customer support services, FBO functions and fueling operations at a central location; and

WHEREAS, using this private and public sector experience, Mr. Williams provided a unique understanding of public transportation infrastructure related to the operations of the Delaware Memorial Bridge, Cape May - Lewes Ferry, New Castle Airport, Millville Airport, Cape May Airport, Delaware Airpark, Civil Air Terminal at Dover, and the Three Forts Ferry Crossing, all of which are managed by the Delaware River and Bay Authority; and

WHEREAS, as Deputy Executive Director, Mr. Williams supported the investment of financial resources in a number of targeted economic development projects at all of the agency's airports, helping to create opportunities for the region's citizens; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the Authority, Mr. Williams served as Republic Airport Manager and was responsible for the overall operation and development of this FAR Part 139 New York Metro reliever facility with nearly 200,000 annual air operations; and

WHEREAS a licensed pilot with more than 700 hours of flight experience, Mr. Williams began his aviation career at JFK International Airport and worked in a variety of positions with the City of New York's Department of Transportation, Bureau of Ferries and General Aviation;

and

WHEREAS, as an adjunct professor at Farmingdale State University of New York and Delaware State University, Mr. Williams shared his knowledge and experience in aviation planning and operations management with hundreds of future aviation professionals; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware River and Bay Authority does hereby praise and congratulate Stephen D. Williams for the invaluable services rendered by him to the States of Delaware and New Jersey through his outstanding contributions as both the Authority's Deputy Executive Director and Airports Director and does hereby record the Commissioners sincere appreciation by the presentation of this Resolution, adopted today, May 21, 2024.

Resolution 24-21 was moved by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, and was approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.