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DRBA Commission Selects Rashad Taylor to Lead Bi-State Agency

NEW CASTLE, Del. Today, the Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution 25-16 to appoint Rashad J. Taylor, who resides in Wilmington, Delaware, to be the agency's next Executive Director. The board action took place at the regularly scheduled March meeting held in the James Julian Boardroom at the New Castle Administration complex.

"I appreciate and value the confidence that the Commissioners have in my abilities to lead the Delaware River and Bay Authority," Taylor said. "Public service is important to me and the Authority operates and manages significant transportation infrastructure vital to our region's prosperity. It's a great opportunity to use the experience, skills, and knowledge that I've gained throughout my professional career to make a difference for the citizens of Delaware and New Jersey. I look forward to working with the dedicated men and women of the Authority to further our transportation and economic development missions."

Prior to joining the Authority, Mr. Taylor served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Delaware Governor Matt Meyer, where he oversaw multiple state agencies, managed cabinet appointments, and led cross-agency collaboration to improve government efficiency and service delivery. Previously, as Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for New Castle County, he spearheaded initiatives to modernize county operations, improve transparency, and enhance public engagement.

Mr. Taylor also served as Chief Policy Officer and Senior Advisor to Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, where he played a central role in policy development, budget planning, and crisis management. He was instrumental in launching the Mayor's Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, securing significant philanthropic investments, and leading key infrastructure and economic development projects. His leadership also extended to serving two terms in the Georgia House of Representatives, where he was elected Democratic Caucus Vice Chairman and helped shape state policy on education, transportation, and economic growth

"As New Castle County's Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Rashad Taylor has a proven track record, focused on driving major policy initiatives, managing complex government operations, and leading teams to deliver meaningful results and achieving goals," said Samuel E. Lathem,

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who leads the Delaware Commission delegation. "Rashad is a highly respected and experienced leader whose background makes him ideally suited for his new role as Executive Director. We look forward to working with him."

"Mr. Taylor has the right combination of significant government experience and results oriented approach that will make a great agency even better," added Chairman Earl Ransome. "We're pleased that Rashad will lend his talents, leadership abilities and problem-solving skills to the DRBA. He's a great addition to lead our management team."

Mr. Taylor, who officially begins his duties on April 2, 2025, is the Authority's sixth Executive Director since its inception in 1962.

About the Delaware River and Bay Authority

The DRBA, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962, owns and operates the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May- Lewes Ferry, and the Forts Ferry Crossing. The DRBA also manages two airports in New Jersey (Millville Executive Airport and Cape May Airport) and three in Delaware (Wilmington Airport, Civil Air Terminal and Delaware Airpark). All DRBA operating revenues are generated through the bridge, ferry and airport facilities. For more information, visit www.drba.net.