

## **MINUTES**

# AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 42 200 Southern Boulevard Albany, New York March 27, 2017

The following committee members were present:

Joanne M. Mahoney, Chair Richard N. Simberg, Board Member Jose Holguin-Veras, Ph.D., Board Member Robert Megna, Board Member, via video conference

Constituting a majority of the members of the Thruway Authority Board.

## Members of the Board excused:

Donna Luh, Vice Chair J. Donald Rice Stephen Saland

## Staff Present:

Bill Finch, Acting Executive Director Gordon Cuffy, General Counsel Adam Wood, Chief of Staff Matt Howard, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer Richard Lee, Chief Engineer Jennifer Givner, Director of Media Relations & Communications Brian Donnelly, Director of Maintenance and Operations Dave Malone, Director of Accounting & Disbursements Mark Hixson, Deputy Director Maintenance & Operations Major Joseph Dodd, New York State Police Harry Lennon, Director of Internal Audit John Barr, Acting Director of Administrative Services Stephen Grabowski, Acting New York Division Director Kevin Allen, Director of Purchasing Tony Kirby, Director of Real Property Management Dorraine Steele, Director of Fiscal Audit and Budget Mr. Maureen McDermott, Director of Human Resource Management Carlos Millan, Director of Labor Relations and Employee Safety Lilia Chen, Assistant Director of Employee Safety Frank Macarilla, Information Technology Specialist Kathleen LeFave, Board Secretary

#### Also in attendance:

Joe Bress, Chief Negotiator

Karen Wilson, President CSEA Local 058

Paul Goetz, BST

Carly Hill, FAIR Committee

Karen Morrison, Vice President Transportations Services (AGC)

Laura Steinberger – Private Citizen

Scott Owens, Barrett Paving

Steve Avveduti – Harrison & Burrowes Bridge Contractors

Murray Bodin - Welded Steel Sculptures

Greg Floyd, WRGB News Channel 6

Mark Zwinak, WRGB News Channel 6 Cameraman

Jerry Olbrich, OGS Media Services Center

Fred Abramson, OGS Media Services Center

Chair Mahoney designated Robert Megna to serve as Member of the Audit Committee. In addition, serving on the Committee is Donald Rice as Chair, Richard Simberg and Chair Mahoney serves as the ex-officio. Chair Mahoney in Mr. Rice's absence called the meeting of the Audit Committee to order at 11:31 a.m.

Ms. LeFave recorded the minutes as contained herein (public notice of the meeting had been given).

## Item 1

## Approval of Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting No. 41

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Audit Committee approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on December 5, 2016.

#### Item 2

Report of BST, LLC's Audit of the Authority's Financial Statements, Report on Compliance with Investment Guidelines and Reports on Compliance with Single Audit Requirements

Paul Goetz of BST presented an overview of the reports produced on the Authority's financial statements, reports on compliance with investment guidelines and single audit requirements.

Copies of the reports were provided to the Committee Members and are maintained in Authority records. Details of the Committee Members discussion with the presented and staff are included in the video recording of and maintained by the Authority.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Audit Committee approved the BST reports and authorized their submission to the Authority Board for consideration.

## Item 3

Reports on Independent Accountants' Reports on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures on Rents Payable by HMS Host, Delaware North and McDonalds

Mr. Howard submitted for review and acceptance the Independent Accounts Reports on applying agreed-upon procedures on Rents Payable by HMS Host and Delaware North for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, and McDonalds for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Copies of the reports were provided to the Committee Members and are maintained in Authority records. Detail of the Committee Members discussion with staff are included in the video recording of and maintained by the Authority.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Audit Committee approved the Independents Accountants' Reports.

## Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Audit Committee, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

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