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Kim Guadagno, Lieutenant Governor
Richard T. Hammer, Acting Commissioner
Veronique Hakim, Executive Director

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December 23, 2015

Dear Governor Christie:

Pursuant to Chapter 150, Laws of 1979, I herein transmit the minutes of actions taken at the open session of the Special Meetings of the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Transit Corporation, NJ Transit Rail Operations, Inc., NJ Transit Bus Operations, Inc., NJ Transit Mercer, Inc., and NJ Transit Morris, Inc., held on Wednesday, December 23, 2015.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Joyce J. Zuczek
Acting Board Secretary

Enclosures

Honorable Chris Christie
Governor, State of New Jersey
State House
Trenton, NJ 08625

Minutes of the actions taken at the Open Session of the special meetings of the Board of Directors' of the New Jersey Transit Corporation, NJ TRANSIT Rail Operations, Inc., NJ TRANSIT Bus Operations, Inc., NJ TRANSIT Mercer, Inc., and NJ TRANSIT Morris, Inc. held at NJ TRANSIT Headquarters, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey on Wednesday, December 23, 2015.

Present

Richard T. Hammer, Acting Chairman
Bruce M. Meisel, Vice Chairman
Amy Herbold, Governor's Representative (By Telephone)
Myron P. Shevell, Board Member (By Telephone)
James C. Finkle, Jr., Board Member (By Telephone)
Flora M. Castillo, Board Member (By Telephone)
Steven Petrecca, Treasurer's Representative (By Telephone)
Raymond W. Greaves, Board Member (Non-Voting)

Also Present

Veronique Hakim, Executive Director
Neil Yellin, Deputy Executive Director
Dennis Martin, Vice President/General Manager, Bus Operations
Robert Lavell, Vice President/General Manager, Rail Operations
John Squitieri, Chief, Light Rail and Contract Services
Christopher Trucillo, Chief of Police
Frank Savino, Acting Auditor General
Michael Slack, Chief Information Officer
Anthony Grieco, Acting Assistant Executive, Communications & Customer Service
Steve Santoro, Assistant Executive Director, Capital Planning & Programs
Alma Scott-Buczak, Assistant Executive Director, Succession Planning & Workforce Dev.
Gardner Tabon, Chief, Office of System Safety
Michael Gonnella, Deputy Attorney General
Joyce J. Zuczek, Acting Board Secretary

Acting Chairman Hammer convened the Open Session at 1:30 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Darwin Alviar, Office of System Safety, provided a Public Safety Announcement. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was conducted. Acting Board Secretary Zuczek conducted a Roll Call.

Acting Board Secretary Zuczek announced that adequate notice of the regularly scheduled meetings of the New Jersey Transit Corporation, NJ TRANSIT Rail Operations Inc., NJ TRANSIT Bus Operations, Inc. NJ TRANSIT Mercer, Inc. and NJ TRANSIT Morris, Inc. was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, and the meetings were occurring concurrently. Notices were mailed to newspapers of general distribution, forwarded to the Secretary of State, Trenton, New Jersey, and sent to each

individual, agency and organization that requested such notice. In addition, notices of the meetings were posted in the main lobby of NJ TRANSIT's Headquarters in Newark, New Jersey. Acting Board Secretary Zuczek announced that the Board Meeting was being video recorded.

Executive Session Authorization

There was no executive session.

Public Comments on Agenda Items and Other Matters

Murray Bodin discussed his favorite subject: change. He said there were enormous changes for the better. Mr. Bodin believes Executive Director Hakim has done a good job, gotten NJ TRANSIT on the right track, will be going to a good place, and thanked her for her service. He thinks her replacement is a change agent, and he looks forward to seeing NJ TRANSIT find a new way under his leadership.

Orrin Getz thinks Dennis Martin is a good problem solver and good choice for Interim Executive Director. He believes Mr. Martin will need to become familiar with the rail side but noted his experience improving the Port Authority Bus Terminal. Mr. Getz would like Mr. Martin to focus on improving the use of Hoboken Terminal and would like him to talk to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey about improving PATH service to Hoboken.

Mr. Getz also wants Mr. Martin to add the two missing sidings on the Pascack Valley Line to improve economic development along the line. Mr. Getz said they are going to push the MTA to be more interested in Gateway, lead the expansion of the #7 subway to Secaucus, and fund handicap accessibility at Suffern Station. Mr. Getz suggested looking at MTA's successes for creating a plan for dedicated funding for 2016. He noted their mortgage recording tax, sales tax, and especially their utility surcharge. Mr. Getz discouraged their use of a payroll tax. Additionally, Mr. Getz noted MTA uses bridge and tunnel tolls and suggested NJ TRANSIT continue receiving funding from the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. He wished everyone happy holidays and wished Executive Director Hakim success at the MTA.

Joseph Clift wished Executive Director Hakim the best in New York, in a very important and challenging job that is even more important to him since he lives in New York. He said Executive Director Hakim accomplished a lot while leading NJ TRANSIT. Mr. Clift hopes Dennis J. Martin will not be a placeholder, but rather will manage to get things done. He noted the item allows the Board to take back powers and urged them not to do that.

Mr. Clift noted in Mr. Martin's short time heading Bus Operations, he and his team were successful in untying the Gordian knot during the afternoon rush at the Port Authority Bus Terminal. Mr. Clift received an in-depth tour of NJ TRANSIT's Port Authority Bus Terminal operations from Alecia Arenaitwe and observed first-hand the positive impact on customers. He noted commuters were no longer angry, rushing, or pushing.

Mr. Clift urged Mr. Martin to use his skills to apply the same type of approach to review NJ TRANSIT’s capital and rail side and particularly past actions. He specifically noted the Delco Lead/County Yard project.

Action Item:

1512-52: APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Acting Chairman Hammer presented Action Item #1512-52, Appointment of Interim Executive Director, for approval.

Authorization was requested to appoint Dennis J. Martin, Interim Executive Director effective December 28, 2015, with all the powers normally held by the Executive Director under NJ TRANSIT’s enabling legislation, its By-Laws and Board Resolutions, unless specifically limited by appropriate action of the NJ TRANSIT Board of Directors.

Board Member Myron P. Shevell moved the amended resolution, Vice Chairman Bruce M. Meisel seconded it, and it was unanimously adopted.

Roll Call Vote:

Hammer	Meisel	Herbold	Petrecca	Shevell	Castillo	Finkle	Greaves
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Non-Voting Member

After the vote, Vice Chairman Meisel told Dennis J. Martin that he looks forward to working with him and he believes Mr. Martin was a wise choice for Interim Executive Director. Vice Chairman Meisel wished Executive Director Hakim well. Board Member Shevell wished them good luck.

Board Member Greaves believes Mr. Martin was an excellent choice. He has had the opportunity to work with Mr. Martin and said no one has Mr. Martin’s expertise relating to transit bus and noted his accomplishments with the Port Authority Bus Terminal and reaching across the aisle to employees. Board Member Greaves commended Executive Director Hakim on the job she has done and wished her the best.

Adjournment

Since there were no further comments or business, Acting Chairman Hammer called for adjournment and a motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Bruce M. Meisel, seconded by Myron P. Shevell, and unanimously adopted. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:48 p.m.

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SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NJ TRANSIT**

DECEMBER 23, 2015

MINUTES

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➤ CALL TO ORDER	-
➤ SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT	-
➤ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG	-
➤ PUBLIC COMMENTS	-

ACTION ITEM

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Appointment of Dennis J. Martin as Interim Executive Director effective December 28, 2015.

➤ ADJOURNMENT	
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ACTION ITEM

AMENDED

ITEM 1512-52: APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BENEFITS

This authorization will temporarily fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Executive Director Veronique Hakim.

ACTION

Appointment of Dennis J. Martin as Interim Executive Director effective December 28, 2015.

PURPOSE

Effective December 27, 2015, Veronique Hakim will resign from her position as Executive Director of NJ TRANSIT. Dennis J. Martin is qualified to fill the position of Interim Executive Director until a final decision is made with regard to that position.

When appointed, the Interim Executive Director will have all of the powers normally held by the Executive Director under NJ TRANSIT's enabling legislation, its By-Laws, and Board Resolutions, unless specifically limited by appropriate action of the NJ TRANSIT Board of Directors.

FISCAL IMPACTS

Requested Authorization:

Appointment of Interim
Executive Director

AMENDED

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the resignation of Veronique Hakim as Executive Director of NJ TRANSIT will be effective December 27, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Dennis J. Martin is qualified to fill the position of Interim Executive Director until a final decision is made with regard to that position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that effective December 28, 2015, Dennis J. Martin is appointed Interim Executive Director and he shall have all of the powers normally held by the Executive Director under NJ TRANSIT's enabling legislation, its By-Laws, and Board Resolutions, unless specifically limited by appropriate action of the NJ TRANSIT Board of Directors.