

Gateway Development Commission
Meeting of The Board
Held In-Person

July 19, 2022

MINUTES

The following Commissioners were present:

NEW JERSEY

Balpreet Grewal-Virk, Co-Chair
Janine Bauer

NEW YORK

Alicia Glen, Co-Chair¹
Jamey Barbas
Marie Therese Dominguez

AMTRAK

Anthony R. Coscia, Vice Chair

I. Call to Order

The public meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Grewal-Virk at approximately 12:05 PM.

Co-Chair Grewal-Virk advised that as part of the transition from virtual meetings, public comments were being solicited both in-person and virtually, and audio of the meeting was being live-streamed from the Gateway Program website.

Co-Chair Grewal-Virk noted that the Commission was continuing to solicit virtual comments, and that a form for soliciting these comments was posted on the Gateway Program website for those who wished to submit a comment for today's meeting.

Acting Secretary Caulfield conducted a roll call and confirmed that there was a quorum. Commissioner Jerry Zaro was absent from this meeting.

Acting Secretary Caulfield stated that adequate notice of today's regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission had been provided in accordance with the Commission's enabling legislation.

II. Action Item

#0722-01: Election of New York Co-Chair

Co-Chair Grewal-Virk noted that given the recent resignation of Steven M. Cohen, and the nomination and confirmation by the New York State Senate of Alicia Glen as a NY Commissioner, there must be an election of the NY Co-Chair.

Acting Secretary Caulfield indicated that in accordance with Article II of the Bylaws there must be an affirmative vote of at least two of the NY Commissioners, and he requested a nomination. Commissioner Dominguez nominated Commissioner Glen to the office of NY Co-Chair, and indicated she had confidence in Commissioner Glen's leadership given her expertise in areas of urban development, infrastructure financing and project delivery particularly through her role as Deputy Mayor for the City of New York. Commissioner Barbas seconded the nomination noting Commissioner Glen as well qualified. Acting Secretary Caulfield then conducted a roll call vote, and Alicia Glen was elected to the office of New York Co-Chair unanimously by the New York Commissioners. Acting Board Secretary Caulfield stated for

¹ Elected NY Co-Chair during the meeting.

the record that Resolution #0722-01 would be completed per the results of the New York Co-Chair election.

Co-Chair Grewal-Virk congratulated Co-Chair Glen on her election, and asked her for any remarks. Co-Chair Glen thanked the other Commissioners, as well as Steve Cohen for his years of service to the project. Co-Chair Glen indicated that the Gateway Program is a priority for Governor Hochul and the State of New York. She noted that this included getting Hudson Tunnel Project full funding and expanding Penn Station in the future. In order to advance that priority, she noted that her initial focus would be on standing up the Commission to be a fully functioning organization to deliver the Hudson Tunnel Project. She thanked current GDC staff for all the work they had done to get the project to the current state it was at today. She also thanked all of the project partners working to advance the project.

III. Executive Session

Co-Chair Grewal-Virk requested a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations, personnel matters and matters in which the release of information could impair a right to receive funds from the United States or other grantor. Co-Chair Grewal-Virk noted that the Board would reconvene the public meeting upon the conclusion of Executive Session for an update on the Gateway Program. Co-Chair Grewal-Virk motioned to enter into Executive Session, Commissioner Barbas seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously adopted at approximately 12:14 PM

IV. Reconvening of Public Meeting

The public meeting was reconvened by Co-Chair Grewal-Virk at approximately 1:15 p.m. Acting Secretary Caulfield confirmed that all Commissioners were present, with the exception of Commissioner Zaro, and that there was a quorum.

V. CEO Announcement

Co-Chair Grewal-Virk noted that the Co-Chairs and Vice Chair wanted to announce that the Board had completed the process of engaging Kris Kolluri as the inaugural CEO of GDC that was initially detailed in the May 16th Resolution adopted by the GDC Board. Co-Chair Grewal-Virk indicated that she worked closely with Co-Chair Glen and Vice Chair Coscia to negotiate the terms of Mr. Kolluri's engagement as CEO, following the appointment and confirmation of Co-Chair Glen in early June to replace Steven Cohen as a GDC New York Commissioner. Co-Chair Grewal-Virk emphasized that all of the Commissioners have supported an organized process to finalize terms with Mr. Kolluri following the recommendation of Governors Hochul and Murphy in early May, and she thanked all of the Commissioners for their hard work in completing this process.

Co-Chair Grewal-Virk expressed confidence that Mr. Kolluri will be an experienced, smart, and committed leader for GDC, and will continue to build on the critical work that the GDC Board and staff has engaged in over the last few years to deliver the most urgent infrastructure project in the nation in the Hudson Tunnel. Finally, Co-Chair Grewal-Virk expressed gratitude to Governors Hochul and Murphy for recommending Mr. Kolluri to the GDC Board, and noted all Commissioners are going to work with him to keep Gateway moving forward.

Co-Chair Grewal-Virk indicated that Mr. Kolluri was at the meeting, and asked him if he wished to make any remarks. Mr. Kolluri congratulated Co-Chair Glen on her new position. He noted that each Commissioner is a volunteer and that he knows how dedicated they are to GDC. Mr. Kolluri said he was honored to have the opportunity to lead this organization and work with the Commissioners to bring to fruition the most significant infrastructure project in the nation. He noted that the Hudson Tunnel Project

is too important a project for the region or the nation to fail, and given that importance he noted he had already met with each of the Commissioners individually and he looks forward to working with them and building on the work of existing GDC staff to bring the project to fruition.

Mr. Kolluri noted the tremendous support for this program and project, and that recent momentum was evidenced by the MOU signed by both governors showing commitment from a local perspective. He indicated he would immediately focus on the urgent business of fully operationalizing GDC, instituting systemic processes with the goal of first making the agency eligible to receive federal funds followed by a singular pursuit of a full funding grant agreement. He indicated he would do everything in his power to ensure that honoring the commitment of the states and the taxpayers to this project.

VI. Report on Minutes of the May 16, 2022 Meeting

Acting Secretary Caulfield reported that copies of the Minutes of the meeting of May 16, 2022 were delivered in electronic form by Acting Secretary Caulfield to the Governors of New York and New Jersey on May 26, 2022 and that the time for action by the Governors of New York and New Jersey expired at midnight on June 11, 2022, at which time the actions recorded in the Minutes went into full force and effect.

VII. Gateway Program Update

Frank Sacr and Stephen Sigmund provided an update presentation on the Gateway Program.

Following the presentation, Co-Chair Grewal-Virk thanked Mr. Sacr and Mr. Sigmund for their update, and asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. None of the Commissioners had any questions or comments.

VIII. Public Comments

Co-Chair Grewal-Virk announced that the Commission had solicited in-person and virtual comments from the public in advance of, and during, today’s meeting. She indicated that a form for soliciting these comments was posted to the Gateway Program website and was available throughout today’s meeting. She also indicated that public attending in-person had opportunity to sign up in advance or when arriving today. There were no written comments received by 5:00 PM on July 18, 2022. Co-Chair Grewal Virk noted that all written comments received during the meeting would be distributed to the Board, posted on the Gateway Program website, and filed in the Commission’s records after the meeting. However, no additional written comments were received following the initial July 18th deadline.

The following individuals provided in-person public comments during the July 19, 2022 Board Meeting:

Commenter	Topic
Christopher Boylan, General Contractors Association of New York	General support
Aaron Sanders, Association for a Better New York (ABNY), Inc.	General support
Carlo Casa, NY Building Congress	Funding & Project Start
Tom Wright, Regional Plan Association (RPA)	General support
Joseph Clift, Individual	CEO Appointment

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, Co-Chair Grewal-Virk requested a motion to adjourn the meeting, and upon the motion being duly made by Co-Chair Grewal-Virk and seconded by Vice-Chair Coscia, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Edmund Caulfield
Edmund Caulfield, Acting Secretary

#0722-01: ELECTION OF NEW YORK CO-CHAIR

The Gateway Development Commission Act (“GDC Act”) created the Gateway Development Commission (“Commission”), a body corporate and politic established by the state of New Jersey and state of New York.

Pursuant to the GDC Act, the co-chairpersons of the Commission “shall serve from among the commissioners appointed by the state of New Jersey and the commissioners appointed by the state of New York and shall include one co-chairperson from New Jersey and one co-chairperson from New York. The commissioner who shall serve as co-chairperson from each state shall be decided in accordance with the laws of each respective state or if the respective state has no laws related to the selection of a co-chairperson then as elected by the commissioners appointed from each respective state.”

Further, pursuant to the GDC Act and Section 2.04(b) of the GDC Bylaws, the New York co-chairperson of the Commission shall be selected from the three New York commissioners of the Commission, determined by the affirmative vote of at least two of the New York commissioners.

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that Commissioner Alicia Glen is elected as the New York co-chairperson of the Commission.

Adopted with New York Commissioners Barbas, Dominguez and Glen voting in favor.