

Gateway Development Commission  
Regular Meeting of the Board  
In-Person (New York)

January 16, 2025

MINUTES

The following Commissioners were present:

**NEW JERSEY**

Balpreet Grewal-Virk, Co-Chair  
Amy Rosen  
Janine Bauer

**NEW YORK**

Alicia Glen, Co-Chair  
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 2:00 PM.

Co-Chair Grewal-Virk advised that public comments were being solicited 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 Sommer conducted a roll call and confirmed that all Commissioners were present with Commissioner Rosen joining at 2:11 pm, and that there was a quorum.

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

**II. Report on Minutes of the December 12, 2024 Meeting**

Acting Secretary Sommer reported that copies of the Minutes of the meeting of December 12, 2024 were delivered in electronic form to the Governors of New York and New Jersey on December 12, 2024, and that the time for action by the Governors of New York and New Jersey expired at midnight on December 27, 2024, at which time the actions recorded in the Minutes went into full force and effect.

**III. Public Comments**

Co-Chair Grewal-Virk announced that the Commission had solicited 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.

There was one (1) written comment received by 5:00 PM on January 15, 2025:

<b>Commenter</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Joshua Berman, Regional Plan Association	Hudson Tunnel Project

Co-Chair Grewal-Virk noted that all written comments received by 5:00 p.m. on January 15, 2025 before the meeting were distributed to the Board, posted on the Gateway Program website, and would be filed in the Commission’s records after the meeting.

The following individuals provided in-person public comments during the January 16, 2025 Board Meeting:

<b>Commenter</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Jerry Keenan, Alliance for Action	Hudson Tunnel Project
Joshua Berman, Regional Plan Association	Hudson Tunnel Project
Carlos Scissura, NY Building Congress	Hudson Tunnel Project
Chris Boylan, General Contractors Association	Hudson Tunnel Project
Sam Turvey, Rethink New York City	Hudson Tunnel Project

There were no written comments received on the day of the meeting.

**IV. Action Items**

**#0125-01: Authorization of Gateway Development Commission’s Annual Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2025**

The Board acted on this referenced action item, enclosed herewith. Commissioners did not have any comments on this Resolution. Commissioner Barbas made a motion, and Commissioner Bauer seconded the motion. The Resolution was approved. The roll call vote is referenced in the attached Resolution.

**#0125-02: Authorization of Appointment of Thomas Prendergast as Chief Executive Officer**

The Board acted on this referenced action item, enclosed herewith. Co-Chair Grewal Virk, Co-Chair Glen, Vice Chair Coscia, Commissioner Dominguez, Commissioner Bauer and Commissioner Barbas commented on this Resolution. Commissioner Dominguez made a motion, and Commissioner Bauer seconded the motion. The Resolution was approved. The roll call vote is referenced in the attached Resolution.

**V. Adjournment**

Co-Chair Grewal-Virk noted that there was no further business to conduct and then motioned to adjourn the meeting. Upon the motion being duly made by Vice-Chair Coscia and seconded by Commissioner Barbas the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Maria C. Anderson  
 Maria C. Anderson, Acting Secretary

**#0125-01: ESTABLISHING THE GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION'S ANNUAL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025**

The Gateway Development Commission (the "Commission") is a public authority and government sponsored authority created through the enactment of parallel legislation by the States of New York and New Jersey codified as the Gateway Development Commission Act (2019 N.Y. Sess. Laws Ch. 108 and 2019 N.J. Sess. Law Serv. Ch. 195) (collectively, the "GDC Act").

The Commission's Open Meetings Policy, Bylaws, and the GDC Act provide procedures related to the timing, public notice, and location of meetings of the Commission's Board of Commissioners (the "Board") to allow for public participation and protocols that allow for meetings to be conducted in an efficient and effective manner.

In accordance with provisions of the GDC Act, Section 4.01 of the Commission's Bylaws provides that "[t]he Board shall meet regularly as it may determine. The time and place for all Meetings shall be determined by Co-Chairpersons; provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, Meetings shall be held on an alternating basis in New Jersey and New York."

Section IV of the Commission's Open Meetings Policy requires that the Board "will establish a schedule of meetings and hold special meetings in accordance with the Commission's Bylaws," and that a schedule of meetings of the Board "will be included in a public calendar of meetings posted on the Commission's website, updated as appropriate."

In accordance with Section IV of the Commission's Open Meetings Policy, the Commission desires to adopt the annual Board meeting schedule for calendar year 2025, as further detailed in Exhibit A.

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted, with Co-Chair Glen, Co-Chair Grewal-Virk, Vice-Chair Coscia, Commissioner Barbas, Commissioner Bauer, and Commissioner Dominguez voting in favor:

**RESOLVED**, in accordance with Section IV(B)(1) of the Commission's Open Meetings Policy, the Commission hereby adopts the annual Board meeting schedule for calendar year 2025, as attached hereto as Exhibit A

**EXHIBIT A SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS AND LOCATIONS**

New Jersey	New York
<p>Unless otherwise indicated in public notices to be issued in accordance with the GDC Act, the regular meetings of the Gateway Development Commission’s Board of Commissioners will be held in-person at the NJ Transit Board Room at 2 Gateway Center, Newark, New Jersey, and live streamed via <a href="http://www.gatewayprogram.org">www.gatewayprogram.org</a> on the following dates:</p> <p>February 3, 2025 April 14, 2025 June 20, 2025 August 20, 2025 October 28, 2025 December 15, 2025</p>	<p>Unless otherwise indicated in public notices to be issued in accordance with the GDC Act, the regular meetings of the Gateway Development Commission’s Board of Commissioners will be held in-person at the Port Authority Board Room at 4 World Trade Center, 23rd Floor, New York, New York, and live streamed via <a href="http://www.gatewayprogram.org">www.gatewayprogram.org</a> on the following dates:</p> <p>January 16, 2025 March 18, 2025 May 16, 2025 July 28, 2025 September 16, 2025 November 20, 2025</p>

## **#0125-02: APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER**

The Gateway Development Commission Act (“GDC Act”) holds that the officers of the Gateway Development Commission (“Commission” or “GDC”) shall include a Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”), among other officers. See N.J.S.A. 32:36-4(b); 2019 N.Y. Laws Ch. 108, Section 2(3)(g).

The GDC Act also provides that the Commission has the power to “[a]ppoint, employ, contract with, and compensate such officers, ... as the business of the Commission may require ...” N.J.S.A. 32:36-8(l), 2019 N.Y. Laws Ch. 108, Section 2(7)(l)

Section 3.01 and 3.03 of the Bylaws of the Commission adopted March 5, 2021 (amended on July 12, 2021 and December 12, 2024) require the Board to appoint a CEO as an officer of the Commission who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Accordingly, the Commissioners of GDC are entrusted with the authority to appoint a CEO.

After a thorough search process that included a Board of Commissioners-led Search Committee (“Committee”) and the hiring of an Executive Search firm, the Committee is recommending the hiring of Thomas Prendergast for the position of CEO.

The search process included extensive interviews with Thomas Prendergast, as well as consultation with the Offices of the Governors of New Jersey and New York and National Passenger Railroad Corporation regarding qualifications to be CEO and have otherwise extensively reviewed Thomas Prendergast’s qualifications. Based on all the foregoing, the Committee has found Thomas Prendergast qualified to serve as CEO.

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted, with Co-Chair Glen, Co-Chair Grewal-Virk, Vice-Chair Coscia, Commissioner Barbas, Commissioner Bauer, Commissioner Dominguez, and Commissioner Rosen voting in favor:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Thomas Prendergast to serve in the capacity of Chief Executive Officer of the Commission, with such responsibilities and authority described within the Bylaws and any policies promulgated by the Board of Commissioners.