

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
April 26, 2018**

The meeting was convened at 50 Park Place, Newark, New Jersey, at 4:00 P.M.

Pursuant to (Ch. 231 PL 1975) "Open Public Meeting" Act, Chapter 113, adequate notice was given to the Star Ledger and transmitted to the City of Newark's information office and posted on the Authority's Web Site.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll Call as follows:

Present:

Chairperson Evelyn Williams
Vice-Chairperson Deborah Ballard

Commissioner Raquel Cagley
Commissioner Niathan Allen
Commissioner James Parrillo
Commissioner Hassan Abdus-Sabur
Commissioner Andre Hollis (excused)

Executive Director, Anthony C. Mack, Esq.
(excused)

Others Present:

Chigozie U. Onyema, General Counsel
Gabriela Santos, Fiscal Manager
Sr. Executive Asst., Merian Williams

Members of the Public: NONE

General Counsel, Chigozie Onyema, noted that there was a quorum present and the Board was in accord with State Statute and the meeting could now commence.

Chair Williams advised the Board that Director Mack was out of town and will not be attending. Commissioner Hollis emailed a work emergency and did not attend.

General Counsel, Chigozie Onyema requested a Motion to adopt the Agenda by Commissioner Cagley and Seconded by Commissioner Allen and approved by unanimous consent.

General Counsel, Chigozie Onyema requested a Motion to adopt the Minutes of the meeting of March 29, 2018. Motion to approve by Chair Williams, and Seconded by Commissioner Allen. Commissioner Cagley requested that the minutes be amended to reflect that she was not absent but excused because of car problems. Motion was properly moved and seconded and approved by unanimous consent. Minutes have been corrected to reflect same.

General Counsel, Onyema, presented the following Resolutions:

1. **RESOLUTION #04-2018-20 OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK RATIFYING THE LIST OF BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR March 2018.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Cagley, second by Commissioner Allen and approved by unanimous consent.

General Counsel Chigozie Onyema provided a legal update to the Board related to the Parking Garage. Mr. Onyema stated that we previously had major prior troubles negotiating a settlement agreement with the NJ Devils, however, we have navigated the major hurdles, which was event night parking. Mr. Onyema provided details concerning the negotiation issues, amount that will be charges for spaces, number of market spaces and employee spaces. Next hurdle is that we have to get the lease signed by the City. In addition, PSE&G is relocations approximately 500 staff to Newark from Cranford and wants to sign an agreement to park them in our garage. We are looking to sell them only 175 spaces,

Initially we were building for 645 spaces and now we are looking more towards 500 and taking off one (1) story. Commissioner Cagley inquired as to whether or not we can “build up” at some later time. Mr. Onyema explained that we will be having that conversation. Commissioner Allen also discussed future growth and expansion as well.

Commissioner Abdus-Sabur discussed the ability to house electric cars in the garage. Mr. Onyema explained that there will be some spaces designated for electric cars.

Mr. Onyema provided statistics related to financing and recommended to the Board that we hire a Construction Manager which will allow us to move forward with fluidity. He ended the discussion

by stating that we finally have a deal that can be financed. Commissioner Allen and the entire Board applauded Mr. Onyema for a job well done on negotiations to date and advancing us this far on the project.

Chair Williams requested that the Board go into Executive Session. Executive session motion by Commissioner Cagley, second by Commissioner Ballard and approved by unanimous consent.

Executive Session Resolution #04-2018-21.

Upon completion of Executive Session, General Counsel noted for the record that the Board entered into executive session and that the Minutes of the Executive Session will be released when appropriate under the Open Public Meetings and the Open Public Records Act. No members of the public were present when the Executive Session commenced and no members of the Public were present upon return to the regular session. Motion to resume regular session by Chair Cagley, second by Commissioner Allen and approved by unanimous Consent.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion of Chair Williams, second by Commissioner Cagley and approved by unanimous consent.