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Southern Tier Extension Railroad Authority

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Frank "Jay" Gould, Chairman Richard Zink, Chief Executive Officer

Notice of Meeting of Board of Directors

Date: Monday, March 20, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM

Place: Main Conference Room of the Southern Tier West Planning and Development Board

(second floor in Southern Tier West building)

Center for Regional Excellence

4039 Route 219 Salamanca, New York

Please see http://www.ccasstera.org for access to documents that will be discussed at this meeting.

Agenda

- 1. Roll Call and Introduction of Those Present
- 2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the October 17, 2022 Meeting
- 3. Communications
- 4. Report of the Treasurer
 - A. Treasurer's Report
- 5. Reports of Committees
 - A. Audit Committee
 - 1) Presentation of Audit and Management Letter (Edward Bysiek, Bysiek CPA, PLLC)
 - 2) Review of Reports and Policies
 - **B.** Executive Committee
 - 1) Review of Reports and Policies
 - C. Governance Committee
 - 1) Review of Reports and Current Policies
 - 2) Review of structure, governance, and operating activities

6. Unfinished Business

- A. WNYP Operating Status Report (Kylie McLaughlin/Carl Belke, WNYP RR)
- **B.** Status Reports on Current and Proposed Projects
 - 1) Completed Projects
 - 2) Active Projects
 - NYS DOT PFRAP Bridge Repair and Tie Installation Project (Southern Tier Extension Line and Buffalo Line)
 - NYS DOT PFRAP Olean Enginehouse and Yard Improvement Project
 - STERA Tie and Rail Replacement PFRAP Project (Southern Tier Extension Line)
 - 3) Proposed Projects
 - Proposed Bridge NY Project (Salamanca Main Street Bridge Replacement and Track Realignment, Southern Tier Extension Line)
 - Proposed Seneca Trail
- C. Seneca Nation of Indians Representation on STERA Board
- D. Compliance with NYS Public Authorities Accountability Act (PAAA) and Public Authorities Reform Act (PARA) and Other Statutory and Regulatory Requirements
 - 1) Compliance with NYS ABO Training Requirements
 - 2) Discussion of Any Desired Policy Modifications
- E. Other Old Business
- 7. New Business
 - A. Appointment of Nominating Committee
 - B. Annual Ethics Form Filing
- 8. Public Comment
- 9. Next Meeting Date: June 12, 2022 (Annual Meeting)
- 10. Adjournment

STERA Policies to Be Reviewed at the March 20, 2023 Board Meeting:

Audit Committee Charter

Bylaws

Code of Ethics

Compensation, Reimbursement, and Attendance Policy

Competencies and Personal Attributes Required of Board Members Policy

Defense and Indemnification Policy

Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Policy

Governance Committee Charter

Internal Control Procedures

Investment Policy

Lobbying Policy

Management Performance Evaluation Standards

Measurement Standards Performance Evaluation

Mission Statement

New Member Orientation Process

New Member Orientation Process Reference Document

Procurement Guidelines (Contract and Procurement Policy)

Property Disposition Guidelines

Public Access to Records Policy

Public Access to Records - Subject Matter List

Records Management Program

Travel and Use of Discretionary Funds Policy

Uniform Tax Exemption Policy Whistleblower Policy

STERA Reports to Be Reviewed at the March 20, 2023 Board Meeting:

Annual Report

Audit Committee Charter Review Report

Audit Committee Self-Evaluation Report

Audit FYE Dec 31, 2021, including Audit Management Letter FYE Dec 31, 2022

Authority Performance Self-Evaluation Report

Board Member Attendance Report

Board Performance Self-Evaluation Report

Compliance Report

Effectiveness of Internal Controls Report

Executive Committee Self-Evaluation Report

Financial Disclosure and Ethics Report

Governance Committee Charter Review Report

Governance Committee Self-Evaluation Report

Investment Report

Management Evaluation Report

Procurement Report

Property Disposition Report

Property Listing Report

Records Management Program Report