

PORT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017

A Special Meeting of the Board of Port Authority of Allegheny County was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 12:00 p.m., at the Authority's Administration Offices, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15222-2527, pursuant to due public notice given as required by law.

**Board Members:**

Jeff Letwin, Chair (via telephone)  
Jennifer Liptak, Vice Chair  
Ann Ogoreuc  
John Tague  
Rob Vescio  
Senator Brewster  
Rob Kania  
Michelle Zmijanac  
Stephanie Turman  
Joel Lennen, General Counsel

**Media:**

Kendall Cross, WTAE-TV  
Kathleen Davis, WESA  
Ed Blazina, Post-Gazette  
Ryan Deto, Pittsburgh City Paper

**Port Authority Staff:**

David Donahoe, interim chief executive officer, Keith Wargo, assistant general manager Engineering and Technical Support, Jim Ritchie, Communications officer, Barry Adams, assistant general manager Human Resources, Mike Cetra, assistant general manager Legal and Corporate Services, Adam Brandolph, Public Relations representative, Melissa Rubin, Public Relations coordinator, Deborah Skillings, Community Outreach coordinator, Robert Sechler, Professional Services contract specialist, Susan Altemus, Compensation Program manager, Dana Barber, director Benefits, Anita Moore, senior Benefits administrator, Charlotte' Reed, Benefits and Compensation administrator and Diane Williamson, executive assistant

**Other**

Katharine Eagan Kelleman, Andrew Hussein, ACTC, Karen Hoesch, ACCESS, Laura Wiens, PPT, Steve Palonis, Local 85, Krystal Knight, TIC

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order and noted that she would be chairing the Special Board Meeting, adding however that the Chair, Mr. Jeff Letwin, was participating by phone. After the recital of the pledge of allegiance, Ms. Liptak offered the public an opportunity to address the Board, as there were no speakers, she continued with the meeting.

The Vice Chair stated that there is one item on the agenda this morning which is a resolution to approve the hiring of a new Chief Executive Officer for the Authority. As the Chair of the Search Committee, Ms. Liptak presented the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION**

***WHEREAS**, Port Authority of Allegheny County (Authority) has been seeking a Chief Executive Officer to replace the Authority's former Chief Executive Officer; and*

*WHEREAS, a Search Committee of the Authority's Board was formed and developed a scope of requirements for the position and contracted with an executive search consultant, Krauthammer & Associates & Inc. (Krauthammer); and*

*WHEREAS, Krauthammer thereafter conducted a nationwide search under direction of the Board; and*

*WHEREAS, after consideration of all qualified candidates, the Authority's Board has selected Katharine Eagan Kelleman (Kelleman) as the best qualified candidate; and*

*WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Authority, based upon Kelleman's qualifications and experience, to employ her as the Chief Executive Officer for the Authority;*

*WHEREAS, Kelleman is willing to accept such responsibilities and act as the Chief Executive Officer for the Authority.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that subject to the execution of an Employment Agreement, as approved by, and in a form satisfactory to, the Board's Solicitor, Kelleman be, and hereby is, appointed Chief Executive Officer of Port Authority of Allegheny County, effective on or about January 16, 2018, to serve at an annual salary of \$230,000.00 plus other benefits, and under such other terms and conditions as may be contained in the Employment Agreement.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Chair of the Board be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the Employment Agreement on behalf of Port Authority of Allegheny County and to take all such other actions necessary and proper to carry out the purpose and intent of this resolution.*

After presentation of the resolution, Ms. Liptak requested a motion to approve. A motion was made by Mr. Letwin, seconded by Ms. Turman and unanimously approved to appoint Ms. Kelleman as the Chief Executive Officer of Port Authority of Allegheny County.

Before asking Ms. Kelleman to speak, Ms. Liptak stated that on behalf of the Board and Board Chair, she thanked Mr. David Donahoe for his amazing work as the Interim Chief Executive Officer. She stated that Mr. Donahoe has been instrumental in leading the Authority during the search.

Ms. Kelleman then thanked the Board, staff and others in attendance to kick off this exciting time for our community. She expressed her excitement to be in Pittsburgh which has a wonderful reputation throughout the country of not only being a happening and dynamic place, but also having a reputation of having the best collection of neighborhoods in the country and a reputation for having a well-established transit system.

Ms. Kelleman looks forward to learning the neighborhoods and working in the communities to hear from riders, non-riders, supporters and non-supporters of the system. Her goal is to help make this place a transit agency that all other transit systems wish they could be.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.