The Special Meeting of the Board of Port Authority of Allegheny County was held virtually on Wednesday, December 23, 2020, at 11:30 a.m., at the Authority’s Administration Offices, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15222-2527, pursuant to due public notice given as required by law.

The Chair called the meeting to order by taking a verbal roll call. Besides the Chair, Mr. Jeff Letwin, the following members participated via Webex. Ms. Jennifer Liptak, Vice Chair, Ms. Michelle Zmijanac, Mr. John Tague, Ms. Stephanie Turman, Ms. Ann Ogoreuc, Senator Jim Brewster, Representative Lori Mizgorski, Representative Austin Davis, Ms. Jessica Walls-Lavelle, Mr. Gerald Delon and General Counsel Sandy Garfinkel.

The Chair asked for a moment of silence for those who perished during the pandemic, especially for our two operators we lost recently.

Before moving to the next item, Mr. Letwin noted that there were no registered speakers for public comment.

On behalf of the Governance Committee, the Chair asked Chief Legal Officer, Mr. Mike Cetra, to present a resolution seeking authorization to approve and ratify the proposed terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreements between Port Authority and Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 85.

Mr. Cetra presented the resolution pertaining to the two-year contract with Amalgamated Transit Union Local 85 for the transit agency’s 2,300 bus and rail operators, maintenance, service personnel, administrative employees and first-level supervisors.

The contract includes 2.75 percent wage increases in both years of the contract at and holds the line on health insurance rates for active employees. A change in carriers for retirees who are at least 65 years-old will result in a savings of $10 million over the next two years.

The contract also extends protections to non-operations employees who are assaulted while on duty and includes various changes in work rules that are expected to save the Authority $1 million over two years.

The contract is retroactive to July 1, 2020 and extends through June 30, 2022. The previous four-year contract expired on June 30, 2020.

Mr. Cetra noted that Local 85 members overwhelmingly approved and ratified the contract on December 18, 2020.
Mr. Cetra requested that the Board approve and ratify the proposed terms and conditions attached to the resolution as Exhibit A and Exhibit B of the Collective Bargaining Agreements between Port Authority of Allegheny County and Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 85.

Before taking a vote, Mr. Letwin stated that the contract is the result of several months of negotiations between Port Authority and Local 85. “I want to congratulate everyone who was involved in the contract negotiations, especially Mr. Cetra and his team and Local 85 leadership.”

On behalf of the Governance Committee, Mr. Letwin respectfully requested approval and ratification of the proposed terms and conditions of the Collective Bargain Agreements between Port Authority of Allegheny County and Amalgamated Trasnit Union, Local 85. It was moved, seconded, and agreed, with one abstention, that the resolution be approved as presented. Being so new to the Board, Mr. Delon abstained from voting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.