

NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Minutes of the 253rd Meeting

Held on June 22, 2021

Pursuant to a notice and agenda dated June 11, 2021 of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (“Authority”) a meeting was convened on June 22, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. by videoconference.

The following Members of the Authority were present:

Richard Kauffman, Chair

Gil Quiniones, Vice Chair

Sherburne Abbott

Charles Bell

Marie Therese Dominguez

Arturo Garcia-Costas

John Howard

Jay Koh

Sadie McKeown

Frances Resheske

Basil Seggos

Also present were Doreen Harris, President and CEO; Janet Joseph, Senior Vice President for Strategy and Market Development; John Williams, Vice President for Policy and Regulatory Affairs; Jeffrey Pitkin, Treasurer; Peter Costello, Esq., General Counsel and Secretary; Sara LeCain, Senior Counsel; former Members Ken Daly, Kate Fish, and Mark Willis; and various other staff of the Authority and members of the public.

Mr. Kauffman called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. The Notice and Agenda were forwarded to the Board members and the press on June 11, 2021. The meeting was held via videoconference.

Next, the Chair welcomed the Authority's newest Members Arturo Garcia-Costas, Sadie McKeown, and Frances Resheske who were all confirmed by the New York State Senate on June 10, 2021.

The Chair indicated that the first item on the discussion agenda was consideration of resolutions commending Ken Daly, Kate Fish, and Mark Willis for the work on behalf of the Authority.

Whereafter, upon motion duly made and seconded, and by voice vote of the members present, the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolution No. 1621

WHEREAS, Kenneth D. Daly served with distinction as a Member of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority for seven years, including seven years as a member of the Program Planning Committee and four years as a member of the Audit and Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daly's tenure was marked by a constant and reliable dedication to furthering the mission of the Authority, including close collaboration in the development of the New York State Clean Energy Fund and other efforts to maximize the environmental, energy, and economic benefits to the People of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daly's leadership and insight were instrumental in improving the Authority's financial and programmatic transparency and performance; and

WHEREAS, the Members of the Authority, assembled on this twenty-second day of June, two thousand twenty-one, have unanimously voted to commend Mr. Daly for their distinguished service to the People of the State of New York and their contributions to the Authority and to memorialize that commendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Members of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority commend Kenneth D. Daly, and express their deepest appreciation and respect for their dedicated and distinguished service on behalf of the Authority.

Resolution No. 1622

WHEREAS, Kate Fish, served with distinction as a Member of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority for four years, including four years as a member of the Audit and Finance Committee, the Program Planning Committee, and the Waste and Facilities Management Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fish's tenure was marked by a constant and reliable dedication to furthering the mission of the Authority, including efforts to ensure New York's continued national prominence in providing innovative solutions to State energy issues, as well as providing guidance regarding the stewardship of and litigation involving the Western New York Nuclear Service Center; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fish's leadership and expertise helped to ensure the proper management and oversight of the Authority's programs and finances; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fish's focus on identifying innovative approaches to expanding the Authority's work across the State, as well as preserving and protecting New York State's environment was invaluable to the Authority in furthering its Mission; and

WHEREAS, the Members of the Authority, assembled on this twenty-second day of June, two thousand twenty-one, have unanimously voted to commend Ms. Fish for their distinguished service to the People of the State of New York and their contributions to the Authority and to memorialize that commendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Members of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority commend Kate Fish, and express their deepest appreciation and respect for their dedicated and distinguished service on behalf of the Authority.

Resolution No. 1623

WHEREAS, Mark A. Willis served with distinction as a Member of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority for eleven years, including eleven years as a member of the Program Planning Committee, including eight years as its Chair, and eleven years as a member of the Governance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willis's tenure was marked by a constant and reliable dedication to furthering the Authority's mission and its continued implementation and delivery of comprehensive and collaborative Statewide programs that improve the energy, environmental, and economic wellbeing of the People of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willis's leadership was instrumental in designing and providing guidance for implementation of the Authority's various initiatives, as well as providing guidance and insight in the furtherance of the Authority's efforts to establish self-sustaining markets in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willis's consistent leadership has helped improve the Authority's financial oversight and programmatic efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Members of the Authority, assembled on this twenty-second day of June, two thousand twenty-one, have unanimously voted to commend Mr. Willis for their distinguished service to the People of the State of New York and their contributions to the Authority and to memorialize that commendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Members of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority commend Mark A. Willis and express their deepest appreciation and respect for their dedicated and distinguished service on behalf of the Authority.

The Chair indicated that the next item on the discussion agenda was report from Ms. Fish on the Authority's work in the North Country. Ms. Fish discussed how the Authority's various programs have benefited the North Country and provided some suggestions for continued success both in the North Country and across the State.

Following Ms. Fish's report, Mr. Daly and Mr. Willis thanked the Members and staff for their continued work on behalf of the Authority.

The Chair stated that the next item to be considered by the Members was the appointment of Ms. McKeown and Ms. Resheske to the Audit and Finance Committee ("AFC"); the appointment of Mr. Garcia-Costas and Ms. Resheske to the Governance Committee ("GC"); the appointment of Mr. Garcia-Costas, Ms. McKeown, and Ms. Resheske to the Program Planning Committee

(“PPC”) and appointing Ms. Abbott as the Chair of the PPC; and appointing Mr. Garcia-Costas to the Waste and Facilities Management Committee (“WFMC”).

The four Members confirmed their willingness to service.

Whereafter, upon motion duly made and seconded, and by voice vote of the members present, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 1624

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 1852(9) of the Public Authorities Law and Section 2 of Article III of the By-laws of the Authority, the Authority hereby appoints Sarah “Sadie” McKeown and Frances Resheske to the Audit and Finance Committee; appoints Arturo Garcia-Costas and Frances Resheske to the Governance Committee; appoints Arturo Garcia-Costas, Sarah “Sadie” McKeown, and Frances Resheske to the Program Planning Committee and appoints Sherburne Abbott as the Chair of the Program Planning Committee; and appoints Arturo Garcia-Costas to the Waste and Facilities Management Committee.

Next, the Chair called on the Authority’s President and CEO Doreen Harris to provide the Members with a report on the Authority’s recent activities which included the appointment of the new Members; the reappointment of the Chair, Sherburne Abbott, and Jay Koh; and the conclusion of the terms of Ken Daly, Kate Fish, and Mark Willis. Ms. Harris also announced the retirement of Treasurer Jeffrey Pitkin. The remainder of Ms. Harris’s report included an update on solar work in West Valley and the Authority’s diversity, equity, and inclusion work.

The Chair stated that the next item on the discussion agenda was a report from the GC and asked its Chair, Ms. Abbott to provide the report. Ms. Abbott stated that the GC met on June 21, 2021. At the meeting the GC conducted its annual review of the GC Charter and recommended its approval without any changes. The GC also considered and recommended for approval the Authority’s annual compensation report including biographical information that is filed pursuant to Section 2800 of the Public Authorities Law (“PAL”). In addition, the GC discussed the calculation of salary increases for the Officers and recommended for approval the calculation, as well as the process for annual review of the calculation.

The Chair indicated that the Members would consider the resolutions for the GC Charter, the compensation schedule, and the Officers' compensation as part of the consent agenda.

Mr. Kauffman indicated that the next item on the agenda concerned a private session in accordance with section 108 of the Public Officers Law. Section 108 authorizes the Members to convene in private session in order to review a matter made confidential by state law. Since the PAL states that the Annual Confidential Board Member Performance Evaluation is confidential, it may be discussed by the Members in private session.

Whereafter, upon motion duly made and seconded, and by voice vote of the Members present, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolution No.1625

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 108 of the Public Officers Law and Section 2800 of the Public Authorities Law, the Members shall convene in private session on June 22, 2021 for the purpose of reviewing the Annual Confidential Board Member Performance Evaluation of the Authority.

Following the private session, Mr. Kauffman reconvened the meeting in open session. He noted that no formal action was taken during the private session.

The Chair indicated that the next item considered by the GC was the Annual Confidential Board Member Performance Evaluation ("Evaluation") and asked Ms. Abbott to discuss the item. Ms. Abbott stated that the GC met in private session at its April 27, 2021 meeting to discuss the results of the Members' evaluation of the Board's performance.

The GC unanimously recommended approval of the Annual Confidential Board Member Performance Evaluation Report and its submission to the Authorities Budget Office.

Whereafter, upon motion duly made and seconded, and by voice vote of the Member's present, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 1626

RESOLVED, that the Authority's Annual Confidential Board Member Performance Evaluation Report as presented at this June 22, 2021 meeting is hereby approved to be submitted pursuant to Section 2800 of the Public Authorities Law.

The Chair then indicated that the next items on the agenda was a report from the WFMC Chair, Charles Bell.

Mr. Bell stated that the WFMC met the day before and a quorum was present throughout. The first item on the agenda was the annual review of the WFMC Charter, which was being updated to include oversight over the Authority's facilities unrelated to operations. This would include the Saratoga Technology + Energy Park ("STEP"). The WFMC unanimously recommended approval of the WFMC Charter with no changes.

Mr. Bell indicated that the WFMC also received three activity reports. The first was an update from Paul Bembia and Lee Gordon on the work being done by the West Valley Development Program and at the Western New York Nuclear Service Center. The second report was an update on the status of the nuclear coordination program presented by Alyse Peterson. Lastly, the WFMC received a presentation from Kevin Hunt on the status of STEP.

The Chair indicated that the next item on the agenda was a report from the Audit and Finance Committee ("AFC") from the AFC's Chair Jay Koh.

Mr. Koh stated that the AFC met earlier in the day, and a quorum was present throughout. The AFC reviewed the Annual Investment Report for fiscal year that ended March 31, 2021 ("Investment Report") and the proposed Investment Guidelines, Operative Policy and Instructions (June 2021) ("Investment Guidelines"). The details were outlined in the memo included in the Member's meeting package. The Investment Report indicated that the Authority's overall investments increased from \$672 million to \$925 million. Interest earnings for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021 were \$1 million lower compared to the prior year due to lower average yields. The rate of return was 0.1% as compared to 2.9% in the prior year.

Mr. Koh indicated that the Authority's independent auditors reviewed the Investment Report and said that nothing came to their attention that indicated that the Authority was not in compliance with the Investment Guidelines.

Mr. Koh explained that the Members are also requested to adopt a resolution approving the Investment Guidelines annually. No changes were recommended.

The AFC unanimously recommended approval of the Investment Report and the Investment Guidelines.

Next, Mr. Koh indicated that the AFC reviewed the Annual Investment Report for the NYSERDA OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) Trust ("OPEB Trust") for the year that ended March 31, 2021, and the proposed 2021 Investment Policy Statement for the OPEB Trust. The market value of the OPEB Trust asset as of March 31, 2021 was approximately \$70 million. As of the most recent actuarial valuation, the trust was 125% funded compared to its OPEB liability.

Mr. Koh noted that the total return on the Authority's investments was 30%, reflecting a recovery since last year's market decline. The past year's performance has increased the lifetime average annual return to 8.0%, which is presently above the actuarially estimated long-term expected return of the OPEB Trust. .

Mr. Koh reported that the Investment Consultant has not recommended taking any actions in response to recent fund performance results. The Investment Consultant recommended a revision be made to the long-term rate of return used for actuarial purposes from 6.25% to 6.0% based on their projections for long term expected returns for the weighted average indices.

Mr. Koh stated that no changes were recommended for the Investment Policy Statement.

The AFC unanimously recommended approval of the OPEB Trust Report and Investment Policy Statement.

The Audit and Finance Committee also reviewed the financial statements for the recently completed fiscal year. Peter Mahar summarized significant fluctuations compared to last year's financial statements. The notable changes and fluctuations are described in detail in the materials provided to the members. After Mr. Mahar's presentation, the AFC met in executive session with the independent auditors and their ample and detailed review of the Authority's investments and financial condition, no substantive problems were identified. The independent auditors will issue an opinion on the financial statements. The AFC unanimously recommended the approval of the Authority's and New York Green Bank's financial statements.

Next, Mr. Koh stated that the AFC reviewed the appointment of KPMG, LLP ("KPMG") as the independent auditors of the Authority and New York Green Bank over the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022 and for the independent audit of the OPEB Trust. KPMG was competitively selected under RFP issued in the Spring of 2021. This will be the first year out of a possible five years. The proposed fee for fiscal year 2021 to 2022 will not exceed \$135,000. The AFC unanimously recommended their appointment.

Mr. Koh stated that AFC next reviewed the Annual Bond Sales report. The report included no new issuances, refundings or conversions completed during fiscal year 2020 - 2021. In addition, the report included the schedule of Authority bonds that are outstanding as of March 31, 2021, which totals approximately \$1.6 billion. The AFC unanimously recommended approval of the Annual Bond Sales report.

Next Mr. Koh indicated that the AFC completed its annual review of the AFC Charter. No recommendations were made by the AFC. The AFC unanimously recommended approval of the AFC Charter.

Mr. Koh explained that the AFC considered the appointment of Peter Mahar as the Acting Internal Control Officer to replace Mr. Pitkin on his retirement. The AFC unanimously recommended the appointment of Mr. Mahar as the Acting Internal Control Officer.

Lastly, the AFC received a status report on the results of the Authority's transaction with LoanStreet. The AFC was able to ask questions and was satisfied with the outcome.

Whereafter, upon motion duly made and seconded, and by voice vote of the members present, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 1627

RESOLVED, that the Authority's Financial Statements and the Financial Statements of NY Green Bank as of March 31, 2021, as presented at this June 22, 2021 meeting are hereby approved and adopted as the financial reports required by Sections 1867(1) and 2800 of the Public Authorities Law.

The Chair indicated that the next item on the agenda was a report from the PPC which met earlier in the day.

The Chair noted that the PPC reviewed the PPC Charter and unanimously recommended its approval without any changes.

Mr. Kauffman explained that the PPC also received a report from Sarah Osgood, the Executive Director for the Climate Action Council on the Council's recent work and described the recommendations that will most closely impact the Authority's work. The PPC was able to ask questions and was pleased with the discussion.

Next, Chair Kauffman turned to the consent agenda, which included 13 resolutions to be considered by the Members. Information on each of those items was included in the meeting materials that were provided to the Members prior to the meeting. Specifically, Resolutions Number 1628, 1629, 1630, 1631, 1632, 1633, and 1634 were recommended for approval by the various Committee's; Resolution Number 1635 would approve the Charters for each of the

Authority's Committees; Resolution Number 1636 would approve the *Operations and Accomplishments and Mission Statement and Measurements Annual Report*; Resolution Number 1637 would approve the Annual Report on the Acquisition and Disposition of Real and Personal Property, the *Real Property Acquisition Guidelines* (June 2021), and the *Guidelines Operative Policy and Instructions for the Disposal of Real and Personal Property* (June 2021); and Resolution Numbers 1638 and 1639 would approve the Annual Contracts Report and the Periodic Contracts Report.

The Chair indicated that Counsel's Office had compared the list provided by the Members of entities with which each Member is associated, which he or she believes may enter into contracts with the Authority to the list of contracts included in each of the reports. Counsel's Office reports just a few potential conflicts. Specifically, the Authority has entered into or anticipates entering into contracts with Syracuse University identified by Ms. Abbott; the Cadmus Group identified by Mr. Koh; Community Preservation Group identified by Ms. McKeown; Alliance to Save Energy identified by Vice-Chair Quiniones; and Alliance for Sustainable Energy, Borrego Solar Systems, Columbia University, Generate Capital, and National Renewable Energy Laboratory identified by the Chair. Each of these members noted that they would abstain from the contracts with those specified entities.

Lastly, Resolution Number 1640 would approve the annual report on the implementation of the Authority's Prompt Payment Policy.

Whereafter, upon motion duly made and seconded, and by voice vote of the members present, the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolution No. 1628

RESOLVED, that the Authority's compensation schedule presented at this June 22, 2021 meeting is hereby recommended for approval by the Board as the compensation schedule to be submitted pursuant to Section 2800 of the Public Authorities Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attached vitae are recommended for approval by the Board for submission under Section 2800 of the Public Authorities Law.

Resolution No. 1629

RESOLVED, that the proposed salary increases calculated from the salary cap for the M7 salary range for State Management/Confidential employees and payable as of April 7, 2021 to the President and CEO and payable as of April 1, 2020 for the Senior Vice President for Strategy and Market Development, the Treasurer, the Vice President for Policy and Regulatory Affairs, and the Secretary and General Counsel are hereby approved by the Board as follows:

- M7 salary cap + 3% for the Treasurer, Vice President for Policy & Regulatory Affairs, and the General Counsel & Secretary
- M7 salary cap + 6% for the Senior Vice President for Strategy & Market Development
- M7 salary cap + 9% for the President & CEO.

Resolution No. 1630

RESOLVED, that the “Investment Guidelines, Operative Policy and Instructions (June 2021),” as presented at this June 22, 2021 meeting are hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Authority's “2019-2020 Annual Investment Report,” for the year ended March 31, 2020, as presented at this June 23, 2020 meeting, is hereby approved and adopted as the annual investment report of the Authority required by Section 2800 and Section 2925(6) of the Public Authorities Law.

Resolution No. 1631

RESOLVED, that the “NYSERDA OPEB Trust Investment Report” for the year ended March 31, 2021, as presented at this June 22, 2021 meeting is hereby approved and adopted as the annual investment report of the NYSERDA OPEB Trust required by Section 2800 and Section 2925(6) of the Public Authorities Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the “Policy Statement for the NYSERDA OPEB Trust (Retiree Health Insurance Benefits Trust)” as presented at this June 22, 2021 meeting, is hereby approved.

Resolution No. 1632

RESOLVED, the Board authorizes the President and CEO to retain the firm of KPMG, LLP as independent auditors for the Authority and for NY Green Bank for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022.

Resolution No. 1633

RESOLVED, that the Authority's Annual Bond Sales Report for the fiscal year April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, and the information contained therein, as presented at this June 22, 2021 meeting is hereby approved for submission pursuant to Section 2800 of the Public Authorities Law.

Resolution No. 1634

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Authority's Internal Control Manual, the Authority hereby appoints Peter V. Mahar as Acting Internal Control Officer of the Authority, effective June 21, 2021, to serve at the pleasure of the Authority and to perform the duties of the Internal Control Officer as set forth in the Internal Control Manual until such time as a permanent Internal Control Officer is appointed by the Authority.

Resolution No. 1635

RESOLVED, the Audit and Finance Committee Charter, the Governance Committee Charter, the Program Planning Committee Charter, and the Waste and Facilities Management Committee Charter, as presented to the Members for consideration at this June 22, 2021 meeting, with such non-substantive, editorial changes and grammatical changes as the President and Chief Executive Officer, in her discretion, may deem necessary or appropriate, are approved.

Resolution No. 1636

RESOLVED, that the Authority's Operations and Accomplishments and Mission Statement and Measurements Annual Report as presented at this June 22, 2021 meeting is adopted and approved for submission under Section 2800 of the Public Authorities Law.

Resolution No. 1637

RESOLVED, that the "Real Property Acquisition Policy Guidelines (June 2021)," as presented at this June 22, 2021 meeting, are approved and adopted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the "Guidelines, Operative Policy and Instructions for the Disposal of Real and Personal Property (June 2021)," as presented at this meeting, are approved and adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Annual Report on Disposition of Real and Personal Property (June 2021), as presented at this meeting, is adopted and approved as the Annual Report on Disposition of Real and Personal Property required by Section 2800 of the Public Authorities Law.

Resolution No. 1638

RESOLVED, that the Authority's 2019-2020 Annual Contracts Report, as presented at this meeting, is adopted and approved as the annual report of the Authority required by Section 2800(1)(a)(6) and Section 2879 of the Public Authorities Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the "Procurement and Program Contract Guidelines, Operative Policy and Instructions (June 2020)" as presented at this meeting, are approved and adopted.

Resolution No. 1639

RESOLVED, that the Periodic Contracts Report, covering the period March 16, 2021 through May 15, 2021, as presented at this meeting, including but not limited to the contracts identified therein which have been, or are expected to be, executed and which do have, or are expected to have, a period of performance in excess of one year, is hereby approved in accordance with Public Authorities Law Section 2879.

Resolution No. 1640

RESOLVED, that the Annual Prompt Payment Policy Report presented to the Members of the Authority at this June 22, 2021 meeting is adopted and approved as the annual report required by Section 2880 of the Public Authorities Law.

Chair Kauffman indicated that the next item on the agenda was other business. The Chair thanked Mr. Pitkin for all of his years of service and the Members each made comments commending Mr. Pitkin for his work on behalf of the Authority and the State of New York. The Chair then read a citation from Governor Andrew M. Cuomo:

Whereas, the Empire State is proud to honor individuals who have made important, lasting contributions to the betterment of our State and the lives of its residents through their noteworthy professional accomplishments, and we therefore join to extend appreciation to Jeff Pitkin who, as Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), has served the people of New York State with integrity and commitment - notably, through his vital role in stewarding the investment of public

dollars and leveraging finance to advance the State's vigorous efforts to combat climate change, modernize the grid, and grow the green economy; and

Whereas, Mr. Pitkin has a wealth of knowledge and experience from his years in the public and private sectors working to advance clean energy finance, and, during his tenure at NYSERDA, he has had an instrumental role in shaping and implementing the State's nation-leading climate and clean energy agenda and prudently investing public NYSERDA funds; Mr. Pitkin has helped maintain the highest levels of transparency, accountability, and stewardship at the Authority by creating the Internal Audit Department in 2004 and the Information Security Office in 2009, delivering successful, clean audit reports for the past thirty years and facilitating NYSERDA's payment of more than one million invoices to its contractors, making him the steady financial hand behind NYSERDA's budget growth from approximately \$40 million dollars in 1991 to \$1.5 billion today; and

Whereas, Mr. Pitkin has cultivated an environment of respect and collegiality among the staff at NYSERDA, always motivating individuals and teams in their continued pursuit of progress, so as to fulfill the Authority's mission to advance clean energy innovation and investments to combat climate change, enhance the health, resiliency, and prosperity of New Yorkers, and equitably deliver an improved quality of life to all residents of our State; he has provided sound direction and guidance for our Administration and NYSERDA regarding the Authority's operations and activities, as evidenced by his tireless work to ensure the timeliness and accuracy of internal and external financial reporting, bring key NYSERDA operations and systems in the digital age, and move NYSERDA's physical offices to their current location - all toward the goal of realizing the Authority's vision of New York State as a global climate leader in building a healthier future; and

Whereas, Mr. Pitkin led many successes at NYSERDA, including making NYSERDA the first U.S. municipal bond issuer to securitize a portfolio of residential solar and energy efficiency loans, in driving a total of seven bond issuances for more than \$200 million, and in serving as the financial architect for all major clean energy initiatives at NYSERDA which have been foundational to New York State's climate and clean energy programs, including the System Benefits Charge Portfolios I through IV, the Renewable Portfolio and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standards, the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Green Jobs Green New York, NY Green Bank, the Clean Energy Fund, NY-Sun, and the Clean Energy Standard, among others; and

Whereas, Mr. Pitkin's approach to public service and NYSERDA's critical mission has shaped and formed a lasting culture of cooperation, partnership, and support at the Authority, which will live on beyond his tenure and, with his drive for action and progress, Mr. Pitkin has worked collaboratively across New York State government with sister agencies, members of the Legislature, Executive Chamber leadership, members of the Department of Budget, and other State officials to design and implement historic policies and measures in our State's journey to a cleaner, more cost-effective and resilient energy system for all New Yorkers; Mr. Pitkin has also established and maintained effective

relationships with key stakeholders and constituents across the State, and these efforts on behalf of the Authority further reflect his steadfast dedication, reliability, and willingness to serve; and

Whereas, Mr. Pitkin is recognized for his longstanding role in addressing the energy concerns and needs of New York State as well as its millions of residents, today and in the future, and for his tireless work to hone and implement many initiatives and projects that have enhanced our quality of life; as he concludes his successful tenure at NYSERDA, we offer Mr. Pitkin our appreciation for his passionate commitment, unwavering integrity, consummate professionalism, and relentless pursuit of a safer, healthier, more energy efficient New York State and world;

Now Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby confer this Special Citation upon Jeff Pitkin in recognition for your exemplary service to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and to the State of New York State, with deep gratitude and commendation for your hard work and dedication to the greater New York public.

Ms. Pitkin thanked the Members for their support during his time at the Authority.

The Chair indicated that the last item under other business was a reminder that staff would be contacting the Members regarding meeting dates for 2022 and asked that the Members make every effort to clear the dates on their calendars.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.