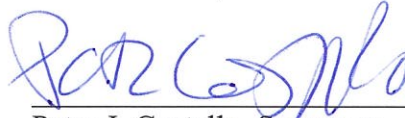


**CERTIFICATE AS TO MINUTES**

The undersigned, Secretary to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority ("Authority"), hereby certifies that attached hereto is a complete and accurate copy of the minutes of the 251<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Authority, duly held on April 7, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Authority this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2021.



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Peter J. Costello, Secretary

SEAL

NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
Minutes of the 251<sup>st</sup> Meeting  
Held on April 7, 2021

Pursuant to a notice and agenda dated April 6, 2021, a special meeting of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (“Authority”) was convened on April 7, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. by videoconference.

The following Members of the Authority were present:

Richard Kauffman, *Chair*  
Sherburne Abbott  
Charles Bell  
Kenneth Daly  
Marie Therese Dominguez  
Kate Fish  
John Howard  
Jay Koh  
Gil Quiniones, *Vice Chair*  
Basil Seggos  
Mark Willis

Also present were Doreen Harris, Acting 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; and various other staff of the Authority.

Chair Kauffman called the meeting to order. The Notice and Agenda were forwarded to the Board members and the press on April 6, 2021. The meeting was held via videoconference and the Chair asked Peter Costello, to conduct a roll call. Each Member indicated their presence and Mr. Costello confirmed a quorum was present.

Before turning to the formal agenda, the Chair welcomed John Howard, the Chair of the New York State Public Service Commission, to his first meeting of the Authority.

The Chair indicated that the first item on the agenda concerned an executive session and a private session, the members were to convene in executive session for the purpose of

discussing the appointment of a particular person. In addition, the Members would convene in private session for the purpose of discussing attorney client privilege matters.

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

Resolution No. 1612

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 105 of the Public Officers Law the Members of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority shall convene in executive session on April 7, 2021 for the purpose of discussing the appointment of a particular person; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 108 of the Public Officers Law, the Members shall convene in private session on April 7, 2021 for the purpose of discussing attorney-client privileged matters.

The Members then entered into an executive session and a private session.

The Chair then reconvened the meeting; no formal action was taken during the executive and private sessions.

As a result of the discussion during the executive session, the Chair called for a motion approving the appointment of Doreen Harris as President and CEO of the Authority.

The Chair stated that at the June 23rd, 2020 meeting, the Members appointed Doreen as the Acting President and CEO of the Authority. Prior to serving in this role, Doreen was the Vice President for Large Scale Renewables, overseeing the State's nation-leading advancement of renewable resources under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and Clean Energy Standard as well as spearheading the development of the State's development of offshore wind resources. While serving as Acting President and CEO, Doreen has led the Authority's continuing work in the advancement of innovative energy solutions to improve the State's economy and environment.

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

Resolution No. 1613

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 Doreen Harris as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Authority, effective April 7, 2021, to serve at the pleasure of the Authority and to perform the duties of the President and Chief Executive Officer as set forth in Section 3 of Article IV of the By-laws and other duties as assigned by the Authority or the Chair; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Members of the Authority do hereby approve the salary of the President and Chief Executive Officer, effective April 7, 2021, in the amount of \$190,585; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, with respect to such position, the Members do hereby approve the application of such rules for time, attendance, and compensation as are set forth in the Authority's Personnel Handbook and the Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual.

Doreen Harris then addressed the Officers and the Members of the Board. Ms. Harris stated that it was a sincere honor and privilege to be appointed permanent President of NYSERDA. She explained that she believes no challenge poses a greater threat to our future than climate change, and no institution is better poised to meet that challenge head on than NYSERDA. She stated that with this appointment, she was now the first President of NYSERDA who has previously held staff roles across the Authority and in those 10 plus years. In the past 10 months as Acting President and CEO, she had come to know the true value and globally significant impact that NYSERDA has had and will have into the future.

Ms. Harris stated that she has been tremendously proud both to work for NYSERDA and now lead NYSERDA, serving the people of New York State. The opportunity to increase NYSERDA's impact will continue to grow and drive toward the future. She thanked everyone for the trust placed in her and for the opportunity to serve in this manner.

The Chair then indicated that the final agenda item was other business. He noted that there was one item under other business. The Annual Board Member Performance Evaluation, as required by the Public Authorities Law, was sent to the Members in

March. He explained the importance of each Member completing their evaluation as soon as practicable so that the results may be addressed at the April meeting of the Governance Committee.

The Chair then called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereafter, upon motion duly made and seconded, and by voice vote of the Members present, the meeting was adjourned.

