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AN ACT to amend chapter 154 of the laws of 1921 relating to the port  
authority of New York and New Jersey, in relation to port authority  
organization, open meetings, public hearings, financial reporting and  
handling of property

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 the "port authority of New York and New Jersey transparency and account-  
3 ability act of 2015".

4 S 2. Article 4 of section 1 of chapter 154 of the laws of 1921 relat-  
5 ing to the port authority of New York and New Jersey, as amended by  
6 chapter 419 of the laws of 1930, is amended to read as follows:

7 ARTICLE IV

8 1. COMMISSIONERS. The port authority shall consist of twelve commis-  
9 sioners, six resident voters from the state of New York, at least four  
10 of whom shall be resident voters of the city of New York, and six resi-  
11 dent voters from the state of New Jersey, at least four of whom shall be  
12 resident voters within the New Jersey portion of the district, the New  
13 York members to be chosen by the state of New York and the New Jersey  
14 members by the state of New Jersey in the manner and for the terms fixed  
15 and determined from time to time by the legislature of each state  
16 respectively, except as herein provided. Each commissioner may be  
17 removed or suspended from office as provided by the law of the state  
18 from which he shall be appointed.

19 2. OFFICERS. A. THE OFFICERS OF THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL BE A CHAIR-  
20 PERSON, A VICE CHAIRPERSON, A CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, A GENERAL COUN-  
21 SEL, A CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, A CHIEF ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE OFFICER,  
22 AN INSPECTOR GENERAL, A TREASURER, A COMPTROLLER, AND A SECRETARY.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 BEGINNING UPON THE NEXT HIRING OF A CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BUT NO LATER  
2 THAN A YEAR FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF 2015  
3 THAT AMENDED THIS ARTICLE, THE POSITIONS OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIR-  
4 PERSON SHALL BE ROTATED FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS AMONG COMMISSIONERS  
5 APPOINTED BY NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY, WITH A CHAIRPERSON ELECTED FIRST  
6 FROM AMONG THOSE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK AND  
7 A VICE CHAIRPERSON ELECTED FIRST FROM AMONG THOSE COMMISSIONERS  
8 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY, AFTER WHICH THE NEXT CHAIR-  
9 PERSON SHALL BE ELECTED FROM AMONG THOSE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF  
10 NEW JERSEY AND THE NEXT VICE CHAIRPERSON SHALL BE ELECTED FROM AMONG  
11 THOSE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK AND THEREAFTER THE POSITIONS  
12 OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON SHALL ROTATE EVERY TWO YEARS IN THE  
13 SAME ORDER AS ESTABLISHED HEREIN PROVIDED THAT THE FAILURE OF THE BOARD  
14 OF COMMISSIONERS TO ELECT A NEW CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON SHALL  
15 NOT PREVENT THE ROTATION OF THE POSITIONS OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIR-  
16 PERSON TO THE NEXT SUCCEEDING STATE.

17 B. NO COMMISSIONER, INCLUDING THE CHAIRPERSON, SHALL SERVE AS THE PORT  
18 AUTHORITY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, GENERAL COUNSEL, CHIEF FINANCIAL  
19 OFFICER, CHIEF ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE OFFICER, INSPECTOR GENERAL, OR  
20 COMPTROLLER, OR HOLD ANY OTHER EQUIVALENT POSITION WHILE SERVING AS A  
21 COMMISSIONER.

22 3. ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMISSIONERS. A. THE COMMISSIONERS  
23 SHALL PROMULGATE A COMMISSIONER'S OATH OF OFFICE IN CONSULTATION WITH  
24 THE CHIEF ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE OFFICER.

25 B. AT THE TIME THAT A COMMISSIONER OF THE PORT AUTHORITY TAKES AND  
26 SUBSCRIBES THE COMMISSIONER'S OATH OF OFFICE, OR WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER  
27 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBDIVISION IF THE COMMISSIONER HAS ALREADY  
28 TAKEN AND SUBSCRIBED THE COMMISSIONER'S OATH OF OFFICE, THE COMMISSIONER  
29 SHALL EXECUTE A STATEMENT DECLARING THAT THE COMMISSIONER UNDERSTANDS  
30 THE COMMISSIONER'S INDEPENDENCE AND FIDUCIARY OBLIGATION TO PERFORM  
31 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE BEST OF THE COMMISSIONER'S ABILITIES,  
32 IN GOOD FAITH AND WITH PROPER DILIGENCE AND CARE WHICH AN ORDINARILY  
33 PRUDENT PERSON IN LIKE POSITION WOULD USE UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES  
34 AND MAY TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE VIEWS AND POLICIES OF ANY ELECTED  
35 OFFICIALS OR BODIES AND ULTIMATELY APPLY INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT IN THE  
36 BEST INTEREST OF THE PORT AUTHORITY, ITS MISSION, AND THE PUBLIC,  
37 CONSISTENT WITH THE ENABLING COMPACT, MISSION, AND BY-LAWS OF THE PORT  
38 AUTHORITY AND THE APPLICABLE LAWS OF BOTH STATES; AND THAT THE FIDUCIARY  
39 DUTY TO THE PORT AUTHORITY IS DERIVED FROM AND GOVERNED BY ITS MISSION.

40 C. INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL PARTICI-  
41 IPATE IN TRAINING APPROVED BY THE CHIEF ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE OFFICER IN  
42 CONSULTATION WITH THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE PORT AUTHORITY REGARDING  
43 THEIR LEGAL, FIDUCIARY, FINANCIAL AND ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES AS DIREC-  
44 TORS OF AN AUTHORITY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF APPOINTMENT TO THE AUTHORITY.  
45 THE COMMISSIONERS SHALL PARTICIPATE IN CONTINUING TRAINING AS MAY BE  
46 REQUIRED TO REMAIN INFORMED OF BEST PRACTICES, REGULATORY AND STATUTORY  
47 CHANGES RELATING TO THE EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT OF THE MANAGEMENT AND FINAN-  
48 CIAL ACTIVITIES OF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES AND TO ADHERE TO THE HIGHEST STAN-  
49 DARDS OF RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE.

50 D. (1) A COMMISSIONER SHALL NOT VOTE ON OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY BOARD OR  
51 COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS OR DECISIONS WITH RESPECT TO AN ITEM IF THE  
52 COMMISSIONER, A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSIONER'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY, OR A  
53 BUSINESS IN WHICH THE COMMISSIONER HAS AN INTEREST HAS A DIRECT OR INDI-  
54 RECT FINANCIAL INVOLVEMENT THAT MAY REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO IMPAIR THE  
55 COMMISSIONER'S OBJECTIVITY OR INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT OR THAT MAY REASON-  
56 ABLY CREATE THE APPEARANCE OF IMPROPRIETY. A COMMISSIONER SHALL REPORT

1 SUCH A NEED FOR RECUSAL TO THE GENERAL COUNSEL WHEN IT ARISES. THE  
2 PUBLIC SHALL BE INFORMED OF ANY RECUSALS PRIOR TO ANY BOARD ACTION AND  
3 THE MINUTES SHALL CLEARLY REFLECT THAT RECUSAL.

4 (2) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, THE TERMS:

5 (I) "IMMEDIATE FAMILY" SHALL MEAN: A SPOUSE, PARENT, CHILD, OR  
6 SIBLING; AND

7 (II) "INTEREST" SHALL MEAN: (A) IF THE BUSINESS ORGANIZATION IS A  
8 PARTNERSHIP, THE BOARD MEMBER OR THE BOARD MEMBER'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY IS  
9 A PARTNER OR OWNER OF TEN PERCENT OR MORE OF THE ASSETS OF THE PARTNER-  
10 SHIP, OR (B) IF THE BUSINESS ORGANIZATION IS A CORPORATION, THE BOARD  
11 MEMBER OR THE BOARD MEMBER'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY OWNS OR CONTROLS TEN  
12 PERCENT OR MORE OF THE STOCK OF THE CORPORATION, OR SERVES AS A DIRECTOR  
13 OR OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION.

14 E. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE  
15 COMMISSIONERS, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL FILE  
16 ANNUAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

17 (2)(I) THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW  
18 YORK SHALL FILE ANNUAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO  
19 SECTION 73-A OF THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW.

20 (II) THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW  
21 JERSEY SHALL FILE ANNUAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS AS REQUIRED BY  
22 NEW JERSEY STATE LAW OR EXECUTIVE ORDER.

23 (III) IN ADDITION TO THE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES REQUIRED OF THE COMMIS-  
24 SIONERS, FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES OF EMPLOYEES SHALL, AT A MINIMUM, BE  
25 REQUIRED OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE CHIEF ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE  
26 OFFICER, THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, THE GENERAL COUNSEL, THE COMP-  
27 TROLLER, TREASURER, AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, EMPLOYEES WHO HOLD POLI-  
28 CY-MAKING POSITIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE PORT  
29 AUTHORITY, AND EMPLOYEES WHOSE BASE SALARY, EITHER IN THE CURRENT OR  
30 PREVIOUS YEAR, EXCEEDS \$150,000, WHICH AMOUNT SHALL BE ADJUSTED FOR  
31 INFLATION ANNUALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL  
32 URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W) AS CALCULATED BY THE  
33 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THESE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES SHALL BE UPDATED NOT  
34 LESS THAN ANNUALLY AND SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE PORT AUTHORITY'S  
35 WEBSITE.

36 F. THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL:

37 (1) ADOPT A MISSION STATEMENT THAT THE PORT AUTHORITY'S MISSION IS TO  
38 MEET THE CRITICAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF THE BI-STATE  
39 REGION'S PEOPLE, BUSINESSES, AND VISITORS BY PROVIDING THE HIGHEST QUAL-  
40 ITY AND MOST EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION AND PORT COMMERCE FACILITIES AND  
41 SERVICES TO MOVE PEOPLE AND GOODS WITHIN THE REGION, PROVIDE ACCESS TO  
42 THE NATION AND THE WORLD, AND PROMOTE THE REGION'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;

43 (2) ADOPT A CODE OF CONDUCT APPLICABLE TO COMMISSIONERS, EMPLOYEES,  
44 AND VENDORS AND OTHER CONTRACTORS WITH THE PORT AUTHORITY BASED UPON THE  
45 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHIEF ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE OFFICER THAT SHALL,  
46 AT MINIMUM, INCLUDE THE APPLICABLE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY LAW IN EACH  
47 STATE;

48 (3) ESTABLISH A WHISTLEBLOWER ACCESS AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROTECTING  
49 EMPLOYEES FROM RETALIATION FOR DISCLOSING INFORMATION CONCERNING ACTS OF  
50 WRONGDOING, MISCONDUCT, MALFEASANCE, OR OTHER INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT  
51 BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHIEF ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE OFFI-  
52 CER;

53 (4) ESTABLISH A POLICY REQUIRING ALL COMMISSIONERS, OFFICERS, AND  
54 EMPLOYEES WITH DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY TO MAINTAIN RECORDS REGARDING  
55 CONTACT WITH LOBBYISTS. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION: (I) "CONTACT" MEANS  
56 ANY CONVERSATION, IN PERSON OR BY TELEPHONIC OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS,

1 OR CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN ANY LOBBYIST ENGAGED IN THE ACT OF LOBBYING  
2 AND ANY PERSON WITHIN THE PORT AUTHORITY WHO CAN MAKE OR INFLUENCE A  
3 DECISION ON THE SUBJECT OF THE LOBBYING ON THE BEHALF OF THE PORT  
4 AUTHORITY, AND SHALL INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
5 COMMISSIONERS AND ALL OFFICERS OF THE PORT AUTHORITY, (II) "LOBBYIST"  
6 SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS DEFINED IN THE LAWS OR, RULES OR REGU-  
7 LATIONS OF EITHER STATE, AND (III) "LOBBYING" SHALL MEAN AND INCLUDE ANY  
8 ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE: (A) THE ADOPTION OR REJECTION OF ANY RULE OR REGU-  
9 LATION HAVING THE FORCE AND EFFECT OF LAW BY THE PORT AUTHORITY, (B) THE  
10 OUTCOME OF ANY PROCEEDING BY THE PORT AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH, LEVY OR  
11 COLLECT FEES, TOLLS, CHARGES OR FARES, AND (C) THE AUTHORIZATION,  
12 APPROVAL OR AWARD OF ANY AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS OR PURCHASE ORDERS,  
13 INCLUDING ANY SETTLEMENT OF PORT AUTHORITY CLAIMS, OR ANY EXTENSION,  
14 AMENDMENT OR MODIFICATION OF ANY EXISTING AGREEMENT, CONTRACT OR ORDER;  
15 AND

16 (5) HAVE AN EFFICIENCY STUDY OF THE PORT AUTHORITY AND ITS OPERATIONS  
17 CONDUCTED BY AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY WITHIN THREE YEARS OF THE EFFECTIVE  
18 DATE OF THIS SECTION AND THEREAFTER UPON THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNORS OF  
19 NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY, AND IF NO REQUEST IS MADE, NO LATER THAN THREE  
20 YEARS AFTER THE MOST RECENT EFFICIENCY STUDY WAS CONDUCTED.

21 4. COMMITTEE. A. THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL ESTABLISH A COMMIT-  
22 TEE STRUCTURE THAT SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE  
23 FOLLOWING RESPONSIBILITIES:

24 (1) A GOVERNANCE RESPONSIBILITY TO BE ASSIGNED TO A COMMITTEE  
25 COMPRISED OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS, WHO SHALL CONSTITUTE A  
26 MAJORITY ON THE COMMITTEE, AND WHO SHALL POSSESS THE NECESSARY SKILLS TO  
27 UNDERTAKE THE GOVERNANCE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS. IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSI-  
28 BILITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE TO: KEEP THE BOARD INFORMED OF  
29 CURRENT BEST GOVERNANCE PRACTICES; REVIEW CORPORATE GOVERNANCE TRENDS;  
30 UPDATE THE PORT AUTHORITY'S CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES; EXAMINE  
31 ETHICAL AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST ISSUES; PERFORM BOARD SELF-EVALUATIONS;  
32 INVESTIGATE TERM LIMITS, REAPPOINTMENTS, AND BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES;  
33 DEVELOP BY-LAWS WHICH INCLUDE RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF  
34 BOARD BUSINESS; AND ADVISE THE PORT AUTHORITY ON THE SKILLS AND EXPERI-  
35 ENCES REQUIRED OF POTENTIAL COMMISSIONERS;

36 (2) AN AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY TO BE ASSIGNED TO A COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF  
37 NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS, WHO SHALL CONSTITUTE A MAJORITY ON  
38 THE COMMITTEE, AND WHO SHALL POSSESS THE NECESSARY SKILLS TO UNDERTAKE  
39 THE AUDIT DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS. IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE  
40 MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE TO: RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD THE HIRING OF AN  
41 INDEPENDENT FIRM OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS TO AUDIT THE FINANCIAL  
42 STATEMENTS OF THE PORT AUTHORITY; ESTABLISH THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID  
43 TO THE ACCOUNTING FIRM; AND PROVIDE DIRECT OVERSIGHT OF THE ANNUAL INDE-  
44 PENDENT FINANCIAL AUDIT PERFORMED BY THE ACCOUNTING FIRM HIRED FOR  
45 AUDITING PURPOSES. MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE SHALL BE FAMILIAR WITH  
46 CORPORATE FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING PRACTICES AND SHALL BE FINANCIALLY  
47 LITERATE ABOUT APPLICABLE FINANCIAL LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, AND STAND-  
48 ARD INDUSTRY PRACTICES; AND

49 (3) A FINANCE RESPONSIBILITY TO BE ASSIGNED TO A COMMITTEE COMPRISED  
50 OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS, WHO SHALL CONSTITUTE A MAJORITY  
51 ON THE COMMITTEE, AND WHO SHALL POSSESS THE NECESSARY SKILLS TO UNDER-  
52 TAKE THE FINANCE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS. IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF  
53 THE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE AND APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF  
54 DEBT THAT THE PORT AUTHORITY OR ITS SUBSIDIARIES ISSUE.

55 B. EVERY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL  
56 PROMULGATE A WRITTEN CHARTER TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD. EACH CHARTER

1 PROMULGATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE  
2 TO THE PUBLIC AND POSTED ON THE PORT AUTHORITY'S WEBSITE.

3 5. WHISTLEBLOWER ACCESS AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. A. THE CHIEF ETHICS  
4 AND COMPLIANCE OFFICER SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS A  
5 WHISTLEBLOWER ACCESS AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE  
6 INSPECTOR GENERAL WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

7 (1) ESTABLISHING TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE AND FACSIMILE LINES AVAILABLE TO  
8 EMPLOYEES;

9 (2) OFFERING ADVICE REGARDING EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER APPLICABLE STATE  
10 AND FEDERAL LAWS AND ADVICE AND OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO ALL PERSONS; AND

11 (3) OFFERING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYEES TO IDENTIFY CONCERNS REGARD-  
12 ING ANY ISSUE AT THE PORT AUTHORITY. ANY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN AN  
13 EMPLOYEE AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
14 HELD STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, UNLESS THE EMPLOYEE  
15 SPECIFICALLY WAIVES IN WRITING THE RIGHT TO CONFIDENTIALITY, EXCEPT THAT  
16 SUCH CONFIDENTIALITY SHALL NOT EXEMPT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FROM  
17 DISCLOSING SUCH INFORMATION, WHERE APPROPRIATE, TO THE BOARD OF COMMIS-  
18 SIONERS AND/OR ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.

19 B. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL NOT FIRE, DISCHARGE, DEMOTE, SUSPEND,  
20 THREATEN, HARASS, OR DISCRIMINATE AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE BECAUSE OF THE  
21 EMPLOYEE'S ROLE AS A WHISTLEBLOWER, INSOFAR AS THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE  
22 EMPLOYEE ARE LEGAL.

23 C. AS USED IN THIS SUBDIVISION:

24 (1) "EMPLOYEES" MEANS THOSE PERSONS EMPLOYED AT THE PORT AUTHORITY,  
25 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, THOSE  
26 EMPLOYEES ON PROBATION, AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES.

27 (2) "WHISTLEBLOWER" MEANS ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE PORT AUTHORITY WHO  
28 DISCLOSES INFORMATION CONCERNING ACTS OF WRONGDOING, MISCONDUCT, MALFEA-  
29 SANCE, OR OTHER INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR BY AN EMPLOYEE OR BOARD MEMBER OF  
30 THE PORT AUTHORITY, CONCERNING THE PORT AUTHORITY'S INVESTMENTS, TRAVEL,  
31 ACQUISITION OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY, THE DISPOSITION OF REAL OR  
32 PERSONAL PROPERTY, OR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

33 6. INSPECTOR GENERAL. A. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE  
34 FOR RECEIVING AND INVESTIGATING, WHERE APPROPRIATE, ALL COMPLAINTS  
35 REGARDING FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE BY COMMISSIONERS, OFFICERS, AND  
36 EMPLOYEES OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OR THIRD-PARTIES DOING BUSINESS WITH THE  
37 PORT AUTHORITY. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL SHALL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
38 CONDUCTING INVESTIGATIONS UPON THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OWN INITIATIVE,  
39 AS THE INSPECTOR GENERAL SHALL DEEM APPROPRIATE.

40 B. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL SHALL INFORM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND  
41 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED BY THE INSPECTOR  
42 GENERAL AND THE PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATIONS RELATED THERETO, UNLESS  
43 SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE CONFIDENTIALITY;

44 C. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL SHALL DETERMINE WITH RESPECT TO ALLEGATIONS  
45 RECEIVED BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL WHETHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION OR CIVIL  
46 PROSECUTION BY THE PORT AUTHORITY IS APPROPRIATE, AND WHETHER THE MATTER  
47 SHOULD BE REFERRED TO AN APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY FOR FURTHER  
48 ACTION;

49 D. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL SHALL PREPARE AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE  
50 PUBLIC WRITTEN REPORTS OF COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS, AS APPROPRIATE AND  
51 TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, SUBJECT TO REDACTIONS TO PROTECT A NEED  
52 FOR CONFIDENTIALITY. THE RELEASE OF ALL OR PORTIONS OF REPORTS MAY BE  
53 DEFERRED TO PROTECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS.

54 E. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO:

55 (1) ADMINISTER OATHS OR AFFIRMATIONS AND EXAMINE WITNESSES UNDER OATH;

1 (2) REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF ANY BOOKS AND PAPERS DEEMED RELEVANT OR  
2 MATERIAL TO ANY INVESTIGATION, EXAMINATION OR REVIEW;

3 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, EXAMINE AND COPY OR  
4 REMOVE DOCUMENTS OR RECORDS OF ANY KIND PREPARED, MAINTAINED OR HELD BY  
5 THE PORT AUTHORITY AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES;

6 (4) INTERVIEW ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OR ITS  
7 SUBSIDIARIES ON ANY MATTER RELATED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF SUCH OFFICER OR  
8 EMPLOYEE'S OFFICIAL DUTIES. TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY PORTION OF THIS PARA-  
9 GRAPH IS INCONSISTENT WITH ANY CURRENT CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE  
10 PORT AUTHORITY, THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL NOT BE APPLICABLE TO THOSE OBLI-  
11 GATIONS UNTIL THE EARLIEST EXPIRATION OF THOSE TERMS UNDER THE CONTRACT;

12 (5) MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION BY THE PORT AUTHORITY OF ANY RECOMMEN-  
13 DATIONS MADE BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL; AND

14 (6) PERFORM ANY OTHER FUNCTIONS THAT ARE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO  
15 FULFILL THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICE.

16 7. OPEN MEETINGS. A. ALL MEETINGS OF THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL BE OPEN  
17 TO THE PUBLIC AND MEMBERS OF THE NEWS MEDIA, INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLEC-  
18 TIVELY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBSERVING THE FULL DETAILS OF ALL PHASES OF  
19 THE DELIBERATION, POLICY-MAKING, AND DECISION-MAKING OF THE BOARD,  
20 EXCEPT FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION INITIATED UPON A MAJORITY VOTE TAKEN IN  
21 AN OPEN MEETING PURSUANT TO A MOTION. THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY  
22 EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC ONLY FROM THAT PORTION OF A MEETING AT WHICH THE  
23 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSES ANY:

24 (1) MATTER IN WHICH THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION WOULD IMPAIR A RIGHT TO  
25 RECEIVE FUNDS FROM GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES;

26 (2) MATERIAL THE DISCLOSURE OF WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE AN UNWARRANTED  
27 INVASION OF INDIVIDUAL OR PERSONAL PRIVACY;

28 (3) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, OR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH  
29 ARE PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN ANY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT,  
30 INCLUDING THE NEGOTIATION OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF WITH  
31 EMPLOYEES OR REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYEES OF THE PORT AUTHORITY;

32 (4) MATTER INVOLVING THE PURCHASE, LEASE, OR ACQUISITION OF REAL PROP-  
33 erty WITH PORT AUTHORITY FUNDS, THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF SECURITIES,  
34 THE SALE OR EXCHANGE OF SECURITIES HELD BY THE PORT AUTHORITY, OR THE  
35 INVESTMENT OF PORT AUTHORITY FUNDS, IF PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER  
36 WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST;

37 (5) MATTER WHICH WOULD IMPERIL THE PUBLIC SAFETY IF DISCLOSED;

38 (6) PENDING OR ANTICIPATED LITIGATION OR CONTRACT NEGOTIATION IN WHICH  
39 THE PORT AUTHORITY IS, OR MAY BECOME, A PARTY, OR MATTERS FALLING WITHIN  
40 THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, TO THE EXTENT THAT CONFIDENTIALITY IS  
41 REQUIRED FOR THE ATTORNEY TO EXERCISE THE ATTORNEY'S ETHICAL DUTIES AS A  
42 LAWYER;

43 (7) CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS DISCLOSURE OF WHICH WOULD IMPERIL THE PORT  
44 AUTHORITY'S POSITION OR AN OUTCOME IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE AUTHORI-  
45 TY, ITS MISSION, AND THE PUBLIC;

46 (8) MATTER INVOLVING THE EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT, TERMINATION OF  
47 EMPLOYMENT, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION OF THE  
48 PERFORMANCE OF, PROMOTION OR DISCIPLINING OF ANY SPECIFIC PROSPECTIVE  
49 OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OR CURRENT OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE EMPLOYED OR APPOINTED  
50 BY THE PORT AUTHORITY, UNLESS ALL THE INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES OR APPOINTEES  
51 WHOSE RIGHTS COULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED REQUEST IN WRITING THAT THE  
52 MATTER OR MATTERS BE DISCUSSED AT A PUBLIC MEETING; OR

53 (9) DELIBERATION OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OCCURRING AFTER A PUBLIC HEAR-  
54 ING THAT MAY RESULT IN THE IMPOSITION OF A SPECIFIC CIVIL PENALTY UPON  
55 THE RESPONDING PARTY OR THE SUSPENSION OR LOSS OF A LICENSE OR PERMIT

1 BELONGING TO THE RESPONDING PARTY AS A RESULT OF AN ACT OF OMISSION FOR  
2 WHICH THE RESPONDING PARTY BEARS RESPONSIBILITY.

3 B. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL MAKE MEETING AGENDAS AVAILABLE TO THE  
4 PUBLIC AT LEAST 72 HOURS BEFORE EACH MEETING OF THE BOARD AND EACH MEET-  
5 ING OF EACH COMMITTEE. IN ADDITION, THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL SEND VIA  
6 ELECTRONIC MAIL THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO A BOARD OR  
7 COMMITTEE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE OF EACH STATE'S  
8 LEGISLATURE AT LEAST 72 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING. PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE  
9 TIME AND PLACE OF A MEETING SHALL BE PROVIDED TO APPROPRIATE MEDIA  
10 OUTLETS, SHALL BE CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED IN ONE OR MORE DESIGNATED AREAS,  
11 AND SHALL BE CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED VIA THE PORT AUTHORITY'S OFFICIAL  
12 WEBSITE AT LEAST FIVE BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING.

13 C. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS IN  
14 THE FOLLOWING MANNER: THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO A  
15 BOARD OR COMMITTEE MEETING SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT  
16 AN OFFICE OF THE PORT AUTHORITY; AND THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS  
17 PERTAINING TO A BOARD OR COMMITTEE MEETING SHALL BE POSTED ON THE PORT  
18 AUTHORITY'S WEBSITE.

19 D. AT EACH PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD AND AT EACH PUBLIC MEETING OF  
20 EACH COMMITTEE, THE PUBLIC SHALL BE ALLOTTED AT LEAST 30 MINUTES TO  
21 SPEAK ON ANY TOPIC ON THE AGENDA. THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE SHALL EXPAND  
22 THE COMMENT TIME WHEN NECESSARY TO PROVIDE A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR  
23 THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT. THE PUBLIC SPEAKING PERIOD SHALL TAKE PLACE PRIOR  
24 TO ANY BOARD OR COMMITTEE ACTION.

25 E. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL KEEP REASONABLY COMPREHENSIBLE MINUTES OF  
26 ALL ITS MEETINGS SHOWING THE TIME AND PLACE, THE MEMBERS PRESENT, THE  
27 SUBJECTS CONSIDERED, THE ACTIONS TAKEN, AND THE VOTE OF EACH MEMBER. THE  
28 MINUTES SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC WITHIN TWO WEEKS FROM THE DATE  
29 OF THE MEETING TO THE EXTENT THAT PUBLIC DISCLOSURE SHALL NOT BE INCON-  
30 SISTENT WITH PARAGRAPH A OF THIS SUBDIVISION. THE MINUTES SHALL INDICATE  
31 FOR EACH ITEM ON THE AGENDA THE VOTE OR RECUSAL OF EACH BOARD MEMBER IN  
32 ATTENDANCE AT AN OPEN MEETING, OR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OR A  
33 COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD. EACH ITEM ON THE AGENDA SHALL BE VOTED ON SEPA-  
34 RATELY.

35 8. BARRIER-FREE ACCESS. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL MAKE OR CAUSE TO BE  
36 MADE ALL REASONABLE EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT MEETINGS ARE HELD IN FACILI-  
37 TIES THAT PERMIT BARRIER-FREE PHYSICAL ACCESS TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILI-  
38 TIES. IF THE BOARD DETERMINES TO USE VIDEO CONFERENCING OR SIMILAR TECH-  
39 NOLOGY TO CONDUCT ITS MEETING, IT SHALL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE  
40 PUBLIC TO ATTEND, LISTEN AND OBSERVE SUCH A MEETING.

41 S 3. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of article 15-A of section 1 of chapter 154  
42 of the laws of 1921 relating to the port authority of New York and New  
43 Jersey, as added by chapter 275 of the laws of 1992, are amended to read  
44 as follows:

45 2. As used in this act:

46 a. "Board" means the board of commissioners of the Port Authority of  
47 New York and New Jersey.

48 b. "COMMITTEE" OR "COMMITTEES" MEANS ANY STANDING COMMITTEE ESTAB-  
49 LISHED BY THE BOARD TASKED WITH, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE  
50 AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY, GOVERNANCE RESPONSIBILITY AND FINANCE RESPONSIBIL-  
51 ITY REQUIRED TO BE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS ACT.

52 C. "Meeting" means any gathering, whether corporeal or by means of  
53 communication equipment, which is attended by, or open to, the board,  
54 held with the intent, on the part of the board members present, to  
55 discuss or act as a unit upon the specific public business of the  
56 authority. "Meeting" does not mean a gathering (1) attended by less than

1 a effective majority of the board, or (2) attended by or open to all the  
2 members of three or more similar public bodies at a convention or simi-  
3 lar gathering.

4 [c.] D. "NEWS MEDIA" MEANS PERSONS REPRESENTING MAJOR WIRE SERVICES,  
5 TELEVISION NEWS SERVICES, RADIO NEWS SERVICES AND NEWSPAPERS, WHETHER  
6 LOCATED IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK OR NEW JERSEY OR ANY OTHER STATE.

7 E. "Public business" mean matters which relate in any way, directly or  
8 indirectly, to the performance of the functions of the port authority of  
9 New York and New Jersey or the conduct of its business.

10 3. A. The board shall, WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE  
11 CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF 2015 THAT AMENDED THIS SUBDIVISION, adopt [and  
12 promulgate] appropriate rules and regulations concerning PROPER NOTICE  
13 TO THE PUBLIC AND THE NEWS MEDIA OF ITS MEETINGS AND the right of the  
14 public AND THE NEWS MEDIA to be present at meetings of the authority.  
15 The board may incorporate in its rules and regulations conditions under  
16 which it may exclude the public from a meeting or a portion thereof.

17 B. Any rules or regulations adopted hereunder shall become a part of  
18 the minutes of the port authority of New York and New Jersey and shall  
19 be subject to the approval of the governor or New Jersey and the gover-  
20 nor of New York.

21 S 4. Chapter 154 of the laws of 1921 relating to the port authority of  
22 New York and New Jersey is amended by adding three new articles 7-B, 7-C  
23 and 7-D to read as follows:

24 ARTICLE VII-B

25 1. NEEDS ASSESSMENT. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL REQUIRE THAT A NEEDS  
26 ASSESSMENT BE CONDUCTED BY AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY PRIOR TO ANY INCREASE  
27 IN TOLLS FOR THE USE OF ANY PORT AUTHORITY BRIDGE OR TUNNEL, OR FARES  
28 FOR THE USE OF THE PORT AUTHORITY TRANS-HUDSON CORPORATION RAIL SYSTEM.  
29 THE ASSESSMENT SHALL BE PRESENTED BY THE INDEPENDENT ENTITY TO THE BOARD  
30 OF COMMISSIONERS AT A PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD AT LEAST NINETY DAYS  
31 PRIOR TO ANY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO VOTE TO ANY  
32 INCREASE IN THE TOLLS FOR THE USE OF ANY PORT AUTHORITY BRIDGE OR  
33 TUNNEL, OR FARES FOR THE USE OF THE PORT AUTHORITY TRANS-HUDSON CORPO-  
34 RATION RAIL SYSTEM.

35 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS. NOT LESS THAN 30 DAYS AND NOT MORE THAN 90 DAYS  
36 PRIOR TO ANY VOTE OR ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RELATING  
37 TO ANY INCREASE IN THE TOLLS FOR THE USE OF ANY PORT AUTHORITY BRIDGE OR  
38 TUNNEL, OR FARES FOR THE USE OF THE PORT AUTHORITY TRANS-HUDSON CORPO-  
39 RATION RAIL SYSTEM, THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL CONDUCT AT LEAST SIX PUBLIC  
40 HEARINGS IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

41 A. LOCATIONS FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS SHALL BE SELECTED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO  
42 BE GEOGRAPHICALLY ACCESSIBLE TO A MAJORITY OF USERS OF THE FACILITY OR  
43 FACILITIES TO BE IMPACTED BY THE TOLL OR FARE INCREASE, AS DETERMINED BY  
44 PORT AUTHORITY DATA, PROVIDED THAT AT LEAST ONE HEARING SHALL BE HELD IN  
45 EACH STATE.

46 B. AT LEAST 72 HOURS BEFORE THE FIRST HEARING HELD PURSUANT TO THIS  
47 SECTION, THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL MAKE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AVAIL-  
48 ABLE TO THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING POSTING ON THE PORT AUTHORITY'S OFFICIAL  
49 WEBSITE:

50 (1) A WRITTEN EXPLANATION OF WHY THE INCREASE IN TOLLS OR FARES IS  
51 NECESSARY;

52 (2) THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE EXPECTED TO BE GENERATED FROM THE INCREASE  
53 IN TOLLS OR FARES; AND

54 (3) A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE REVENUES RAISED FROM THE  
55 INCREASE IN TOLLS OR FARES IS EXPECTED TO BE SPENT.



1 C. EACH HEARING SHALL BE ATTENDED BY AT LEAST TWO COMMISSIONERS FROM  
2 NEW YORK AND TWO COMMISSIONERS FROM NEW JERSEY IN OFFICE AT THE TIME OF  
3 THE HEARING.

4 D. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL HOLD NO MORE THAN ONE PUBLIC HEARING IN A  
5 SINGLE DAY, AND AT LEAST ONE-HALF OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS SHALL BE SCHED-  
6 ULED TO BEGIN AFTER 6:30 P.M., EASTERN STANDARD TIME, ON A WEEKDAY.

7 E. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL ENSURE THAT EACH OF THE REQUIREMENTS SET  
8 FORTH IN THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE COMPLIED WITH BEFORE PLACING ON THE  
9 MEETING AGENDA OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ANY ITEM OR MATTER RELATING  
10 TO AN INCREASE IN TOLLS OR FARES.

11 3. SUBSIDIARIES OF THE PORT AUTHORITY. A. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL  
12 PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE GOVERNOR OF EACH STATE, THE MAJORITY LEADER OF  
13 EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF EACH STATE, THE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE  
14 COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK, THE CHAIR OF THE SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS  
15 COMMITTEE OF NEW JERSEY, THE CHAIR OF ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
16 OF NEW YORK, AND THE CHAIR OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF NEW JERSEY THAT IT  
17 WILL BE CREATING A SUBSIDIARY NO LESS THAN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE FORMA-  
18 TION OF THE SUBSIDIARY.

19 B. THE CREATION OF A SUBSIDIARY CORPORATION SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE  
20 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

21 C. ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN, AND  
22 ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, ANY SUBSIDIARY CORPORATION, IN COOPERATION WITH THE  
23 PORT AUTHORITY, SHALL PROVIDE TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE OF EACH  
24 STATE A REPORT ON THE SUBSIDIARY CORPORATION. SUCH REPORT SHALL INCLUDE  
25 FOR EACH SUBSIDIARY:

26 (1) THE COMPLETE LEGAL NAME, ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE  
27 SUBSIDIARY;

28 (2) THE STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY, INCLUDING THE  
29 NAMES AND TITLES OF EACH OF ITS MEMBERS, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, AS WELL  
30 AS A CHART OF ITS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE;

31 (3) THE COMPLETE BY-LAWS AND LEGAL ORGANIZATION PAPERS OF THE SUBSID-  
32 IARY;

33 (4) A COMPLETE REPORT OF THE PURPOSE, OPERATIONS, MISSION AND PROJECTS  
34 OF THE SUBSIDIARY; AND

35 (5) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE SUBSIDIARY CORPORATION DEEMS IMPORTANT  
36 TO INCLUDE IN SUCH REPORT.

37 ARTICLE VII-C

38 1. ANNUAL REPORTING. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL PUBLISH A COMPREHENSIVE  
39 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, SUBMITTED ANNUALLY TO THE GOVERNORS AND STATE  
40 LEGISLATURES OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY AND MADE AVAILABLE ON THE PORT  
41 AUTHORITY'S WEBSITE WITHIN 120 DAYS AFTER THE END OF ITS FISCAL YEAR.  
42 THE ANNUAL REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE AGENCY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS,  
43 STATISTICAL AND OTHER REGIONAL DATA, AND A NARRATIVE OF THE AGENCY'S  
44 ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR OF THE REPORT. THE ANNUAL REPORT SHALL  
45 INCLUDE:

46 A. AN INTRODUCTORY SECTION INCLUDING: (1) A LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL TO  
47 THE GOVERNORS OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY; (2) INFORMATION REGARDING THE  
48 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, PORT AUTHORITY OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE MANAGE-  
49 MENT; (3) A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FROM THE CHIEF EXECU-  
50 TIVE OFFICER OF THE PORT AUTHORITY HIGHLIGHTING IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS;  
51 (4) A DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR AGENCY ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING THE PRIOR  
52 YEAR; AND (5) A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FROM THE CHIEF  
53 FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE PORT AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE CONSOLIDATED  
54 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PORT AUTHORITY.

1 B. A FINANCIAL SECTION INCLUDING: (1) AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT;  
2 (2) MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS; (3) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS; (4)  
3 ITS FINANCIAL REPORTS CERTIFIED BY THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE  
4 BOARD, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE PORT  
5 AUTHORITY, INCLUDING (A) AUDITED FINANCIALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY  
6 ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES, KNOWN AS GAAP, AND THE ACCOUNTING STAND-  
7 ARDS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD, KNOWN AS  
8 GASB, (B) GRANT AND SUBSIDY PROGRAMS, (C) CURRENT RATINGS, IF ANY, OF  
9 ITS BONDS ISSUED BY RECOGNIZED BOND RATING AGENCIES AND NOTICE OF CHANG-  
10 ES IN SUCH RATINGS, AND (D) LONG-TERM LIABILITIES, INCLUDING LEASES AND  
11 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS; (5) A SCHEDULE OF ITS BONDS AND NOTES OUTSTAND-  
12 ING AT THE END OF ITS FISCAL YEAR, TOGETHER WITH A STATEMENT OF THE  
13 AMOUNTS REDEEMED AND INCURRED DURING SUCH FISCAL YEAR AS PART OF A SCHE-  
14 DULE OF DEBT ISSUANCE THAT INCLUDES THE DATE OF ISSUANCE, TERM, AMOUNT,  
15 INTEREST RATE AND MEANS OF REPAYMENT INCLUDING ALL REFINANCINGS, CALLS,  
16 REFUNDINGS, DEFEASEMENTS AND INTEREST RATE EXCHANGE OR OTHER SUCH AGREE-  
17 MENTS; AND (6) AT A MINIMUM A FOUR-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN, INCLUDING (A) A  
18 CURRENT AND PROJECTED CAPITAL BUDGET, AND (B) AN OPERATING BUDGET  
19 REPORT, INCLUDING AN ACTUAL VERSUS ESTIMATED BUDGET, WITH AN ANALYSIS  
20 AND MEASUREMENT OF FINANCIAL AND OPERATING PERFORMANCE.

21 C. A STATISTICAL SECTION PRESENTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS CONTEXT  
22 FOR FURTHER UNDERSTANDING OF THE INFORMATION IN THE FINANCIAL STATE-  
23 MENTS, NOTE DISCLOSURES AND SCHEDULES, INCLUDING (1) FINANCIAL TRENDS;  
24 (2) DEBT CAPACITY; (3) OPERATING AND SERVICE DATA; (4) INFORMATION ON  
25 PORT AUTHORITY OPERATING RESULTS; (5) INFORMATION ON PORT AUTHORITY  
26 CAPITAL PROGRAM COMPONENTS; (6) INFORMATION ON PORT AUTHORITY FACILITY  
27 TRAFFIC; AND (7) SELECTED STATISTICAL, DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC DATA ON  
28 THE NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY METROPOLITAN REGION.

29 D. A CORPORATE INFORMATION SECTION PROVIDING: (1) A LIST OF ALL REAL  
30 PROPERTY OF THE PORT AUTHORITY; (2) A LIST AND FULL DESCRIPTION OF REAL  
31 PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT HAS A SALE PRICE OF OVER \$10,000  
32 DISPOSED OF DURING THE PERIOD, INCLUDING THE PRICE RECEIVED BY THE PORT  
33 AUTHORITY AND THE NAME OF THE PURCHASER FOR ALL PROPERTY SOLD BY THE  
34 PORT AUTHORITY DURING THE PERIOD; (3) A COMPENSATION SCHEDULE THAT SHALL  
35 INCLUDE, BY POSITION, TITLE AND NAME OF THE PERSON HOLDING SUCH POSITION  
36 OR TITLE, THE SALARY, COMPENSATION, ALLOWANCE AND/OR BENEFITS PROVIDED  
37 TO ANY OFFICER, DIRECTOR OR EMPLOYEE IN A DECISION MAKING OR MANAGERIAL  
38 POSITION OF SUCH AUTHORITY WHOSE BASE SALARY IS IN EXCESS OF \$150,000;  
39 (4) BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION, NOT INCLUDING CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL INFOR-  
40 MATION, FOR ALL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR WHOM SALARY  
41 REPORTING IS REQUIRED; (5) A DESCRIPTION OF THE AUTHORITY AND ITS BOARD  
42 STRUCTURE, INCLUDING (A) NAMES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS, (B)  
43 LISTS OF BOARD MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE, (C) DESCRIPTIONS OF MAJOR  
44 AUTHORITY UNITS, SUBSIDIARIES, AND (D) NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES; (6) ITS  
45 MISSION STATEMENT, CHARTER, IF ANY, AND BY-LAWS; AND (7) A DESCRIPTION  
46 OF ANY MATERIAL PENDING LITIGATION IN WHICH THE PORT AUTHORITY IS  
47 INVOLVED AS A PARTY DURING THE REPORTING YEAR.

48 2. AUDITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. A. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL  
49 PREPARE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
50 GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES, KNOWN AS GAAP, AND THE  
51 ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS  
52 BOARD, KNOWN AS GASB.

53 B. THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT  
54 AUTHORITY SHALL ARRANGE FOR AN INDEPENDENT FIRM OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC  
55 ACCOUNTANTS TO PERFORM AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PORT  
56 AUTHORITY EACH YEAR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING

1 PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS REFERENCED IN PARAGRAPH A OF THIS SUBDIVISION.  
2 EACH INDEPENDENT FIRM OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS THAT PERFORMS ANY  
3 AUDIT REQUIRED BY THIS ARTICLE SHALL TIMELY REPORT TO THE AUDIT COMMIT-  
4 TEE OF THE PORT AUTHORITY: (1) ALL CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND  
5 PRACTICES TO BE USED; AND (2) OTHER MATERIAL WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS,  
6 THAT IS NOT PRIVILEGED OR CONFIDENTIAL, BETWEEN THE INDEPENDENT FIRM OF  
7 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PORT AUTHORITY,  
8 INCLUDING THE MANAGEMENT LETTER ALONG WITH MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE OR PLAN  
9 OF CORRECTIVE ACTION, MATERIAL CORRECTIONS IDENTIFIED OR SCHEDULE OF  
10 UNADJUSTED DIFFERENCES.

11 C. EVERY FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION  
12 SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. AS A CONDITION TO THE  
13 ISSUANCE OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PORT AUTHORITY, THE  
14 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE PORT  
15 AUTHORITY SHALL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE A WRITTEN CERTIFICATION TO THAT  
16 EFFECT THAT, TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THE FINANCIAL  
17 AND OTHER INFORMATION IN THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IS ACCU-  
18 RATE IN ALL MATERIAL RESPECTS AND HAS BEEN REPORTED IN A MANNER DESIGNED  
19 TO PRESENT FAIRLY THE PORT AUTHORITY'S NET ASSETS, CHANGES IN NET  
20 ASSETS, AND CASH FLOWS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING  
21 PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS REFERENCED IN PARAGRAPH A OF THIS SUBDIVISION;  
22 AND, THAT ON THE BASIS THAT THE COST OF INTERNAL CONTROLS SHOULD NOT  
23 OUTWEIGH THEIR BENEFITS, THE PORT AUTHORITY HAS ESTABLISHED A COMPREHEN-  
24 SIVE FRAMEWORK OF INTERNAL CONTROLS TO PROTECT ITS ASSETS FROM LOSS,  
25 THEFT, OR MISUSE, AND TO PROVIDE REASONABLE (RATHER THAN ABSOLUTE)  
26 ASSURANCE REGARDING THE RELIABILITY OF FINANCIAL REPORTING AND THE PREP-  
27 ARATION OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
28 GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS REFERENCED IN  
29 PARAGRAPH A OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

30 D. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE  
31 PORT AUTHORITY SHALL NOT CONTRACT WITH AN INDEPENDENT FIRM OF CERTIFIED  
32 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR AUDIT SERVICES TO THE AUTHORITY IF THE LEAD OR  
33 COORDINATING AUDIT PARTNER HAVING PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE AUDIT,  
34 OR THE AUDIT PARTNER RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING THE AUDIT, HAS PERFORMED  
35 AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE TWO PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS OF SUCH AUTHORITY.

36 E. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL NOT CONTRACT WITH THE INDEPENDENT FIRM OF  
37 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS PERFORMING THE PORT AUTHORITY'S AUDIT FOR  
38 ANY NON-AUDIT SERVICES TO SUCH AUTHORITY CONTEMPORANEOUSLY WITH THE  
39 AUDIT, UNLESS RECEIVING PREVIOUS WRITTEN APPROVAL BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE  
40 INCLUDING: (1) BOOKKEEPING OR OTHER SERVICES RELATED TO THE ACCOUNTING  
41 RECORDS OR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF SUCH AUTHORITY; (2) FINANCIAL INFOR-  
42 MATION SYSTEMS DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION; (3) APPRAISAL OR VALUATION  
43 SERVICES, FAIRNESS OPINIONS, OR CONTRIBUTION-IN-KIND REPORTS; (4) ACTU-  
44 ARIAL SERVICES; (5) INTERNAL AUDIT OUTSOURCING SERVICES; (6) MANAGEMENT  
45 FUNCTIONS OR HUMAN SERVICES; (7) BROKER OR DEALER, INVESTMENT ADVISOR,  
46 OR INVESTMENT BANKING SERVICES; AND (8) LEGAL SERVICES AND EXPERT  
47 SERVICES UNRELATED TO THE AUDIT.

48 F. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL NOT CONTRACT WITH AN INDEPENDENT FIRM OF  
49 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR ANY AUDIT SERVICE IF THE CHIEF EXECU-  
50 TIVE OFFICER, COMPTROLLER, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, TREASURER, OR ANY  
51 OTHER PERSON SERVING IN AN EQUIVALENT POSITION FOR THE AUTHORITY, WAS  
52 EMPLOYED BY THAT INDEPENDENT FIRM OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND  
53 PARTICIPATED IN ANY CAPACITY IN THE AUDIT OF THE AUTHORITY DURING THE  
54 ONE YEAR PERIOD PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE INITIATION OF THE AUDIT.

55 3. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL MAKE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC VIA ITS  
56 WEBSITE AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF ITS MOST RECENT INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

1 UNLESS SUCH INFORMATION IS EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO EITHER  
2 STATE'S FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAWS.

3 ARTICLE VII-D

4 1. PROPERTY DISPOSITION. ANY SALE OF REAL PROPERTY BY THE PORT AUTHOR-  
5 ITY SHALL BE UNDERTAKEN AND CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE  
6 EXISTING LAWS GOVERNING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY BY THE PORT AUTHORITY  
7 IN THE STATE IN WHICH SUCH REAL PROPERTY IS LOCATED AND BY APPROVAL OF  
8 THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

9 A. NO DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY, OR ANY INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY,  
10 SHALL BE MADE UNLESS AN APPRAISAL OF THE VALUE OF SUCH REAL PROPERTY HAS  
11 BEEN MADE BY AN INDEPENDENT APPRAISER AND INCLUDED IN THE RECORD OF THE  
12 TRANSACTION, AND, PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT NO DISPOSITION OF ANY OTHER  
13 REAL PROPERTY, WHICH BECAUSE OF ITS UNIQUE NATURE OR THE UNIQUE CIRCUM-  
14 STANCES OF THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION IS NOT READILY VALUED BY REFERENCE  
15 TO AN ACTIVE MARKET FOR SIMILAR REAL PROPERTY, SHALL BE MADE WITHOUT A  
16 SIMILAR APPRAISAL.

17 B. DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY FOR LESS THAN FAIR MARKET VALUE. NO PROP-  
18 erty OWNED, LEASED, OR OTHERWISE IN THE CONTROL OF THE PORT AUTHORITY  
19 MAY BE SOLD, LEASED, OR OTHERWISE ALIENATED FOR LESS THAN ITS FAIR  
20 MARKET VALUE UNLESS:

21 (I) THE TRANSFEREE IS A GOVERNMENT OR OTHER PUBLIC ENTITY, AND THE  
22 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE TRANSFER REQUIRE THAT THE OWNERSHIP AND USE  
23 OF THE REAL PROPERTY WILL REMAIN WITH THE GOVERNMENT OR ANY OTHER PUBLIC  
24 ENTITY; OR

25 (II) THE PURPOSE OF THE TRANSFER IS WITHIN THE PURPOSE, MISSION, OR  
26 GOVERNING STATUTE OF THE PORT AUTHORITY AND A WRITTEN DETERMINATION IS  
27 MADE BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT THERE IS NO REASONABLE ALTERNA-  
28 TIVE TO THE PROPOSED BELOW-MARKET TRANSFER THAT WOULD ACHIEVE THE SAME  
29 PURPOSE OF SUCH TRANSFER, PRIOR TO BOARD APPROVAL OF SUCH A TRANSFER.

30 C. THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT, WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
31 THIS ARTICLE, APPROPRIATE RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING DISPOSITION,  
32 ACQUISITION, AND TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY OR ANY INTEREST IN REAL PROP-  
33 erty BY THE PORT AUTHORITY WHICH SHALL, AT A MINIMUM, INCLUDE A REQUIRE-  
34 MENT THAT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD OF  
35 COMMISSIONERS AT THE MEETING WHERE APPROVAL OF SUCH A DISPOSITION,  
36 ACQUISITION OR TRANSFER IS SCHEDULED:

37 (I) A FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY;

38 (II) A DESCRIPTION OF THE PURPOSE OF THE DISPOSITION, ACQUISITION, OR  
39 TRANSFER;

40 (III) A STATEMENT OF THE VALUE TO BE RECEIVED FROM SUCH A DISPOSITION,  
41 ACQUISITION, OR TRANSFER;

42 (IV) THE NAMES OF ANY PRIVATE PARTIES PARTICIPATING IN THE DISPOSI-  
43 TION, ACQUISITION, OR TRANSFER; AND

44 (V) IN THE CASE OF A PROPERTY DISPOSITION FOR LESS THAN FAIR MARKET  
45 VALUE, AN EXPLANATION AND A WRITTEN DETERMINATION BY THE BOARD OF  
46 COMMISSIONERS THAT THERE IS NO REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE PROPOSED  
47 BELOW-MARKET VALUE THAT WOULD ACHIEVE THE SAME PURPOSE OF SUCH DISPOSI-  
48 TION.

49 D. NOT LESS THAN TEN DAYS IN ADVANCE OF ANY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
50 COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT AUTHORITY AT WHICH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
51 IS TO CONSIDER AN ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY  
52 THE PORT AUTHORITY, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE PORT AUTHORITY  
53 SHALL PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE OF SUCH PROPOSED ACTION ALONG WITH RELEVANT  
54 MATERIAL TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF SUCH SALE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED

1 TO, THE INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH C OF THIS  
2 SUBDIVISION, BY POSTING ON THE PORT AUTHORITY'S WEBSITE.

3 E. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER MAY AUTHORIZE OR ARRANGE FOR CONTRACTS  
4 FOR THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE PORT AUTHORITY OR ARRANGE  
5 FOR CONTRACTS FOR THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE PORT  
6 AUTHORITY UPON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
7 MAY DEEM PROPER AND EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE PORT AUTHORITY  
8 WHERE THE VALUE OF SUCH PERSONAL PROPERTY IS NOT IN EXCESS OF ONE  
9 MILLION DOLLARS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUED AT  
10 MORE THAN \$250,000 SHALL NOT BE SOLD BY AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
11 OFFICER OTHER THAN TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER AFTER PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT.  
12 WHERE THE VALUE OF SUCH PERSONAL PROPERTY IS IN EXCESS OF \$1,000,000,  
13 THE SALE OF SUCH PROPERTY MUST BE AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSION-  
14 ERS OF THE PORT AUTHORITY UPON SUCH TERMS AS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
15 MAY DEEM PROPER.

16 F. THE PORT AUTHORITY MAY RETAIN BROKERS OR THIRD-PARTY VENDORS THAT  
17 FACILITATE ONLINE AUCTIONS, OR ASSIST IN DISPOSING OF SURPLUS REAL AND  
18 PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE PORT AUTHORITY.

19 2. DEBT ISSUANCE. A. THE ISSUANCE OF ANY BONDS, NOTES OR OTHER  
20 INSTRUMENTS OF INDEBTEDNESS BY THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL BE UNDERTAKEN IN  
21 A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE LAWS GOVERNING THE PORT AUTHORITY  
22 AND COVENANTS WITH THE HOLDERS OF THE PORT AUTHORITY'S BONDS, NOTES OR  
23 OTHER INSTRUMENTS OF INDEBTEDNESS.

24 B. AT LEAST SIXTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE END OF ITS FISCAL YEAR, THE PORT  
25 AUTHORITY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR, STATE COMPTROLLER, AND LEGISLA-  
26 TURE OF EACH STATE A STATEMENT OF INTENT IN REGARDS TO THE ISSUANCE OF  
27 AND OVERALL AMOUNT OF BONDS, NOTES, OR OTHER DEBT OBLIGATIONS ANTIC-  
28 IPATED, AT THE TIME THE STATEMENT IS SUBMITTED, DURING THE NEXT FISCAL  
29 YEAR.

30 3. CAPITAL PLAN. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL ADOPT A TEN-YEAR CAPITAL  
31 PLAN THAT IS DEVELOPED USING A COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS AND RISK-  
32 BASED PRIORITIZATION THAT CONSIDERS ASSET CONDITION, OPERATIONAL AND  
33 REVENUE IMPACT, THREAT ASSESSMENT, CUSTOMER SERVICE, REGIONAL BENEFIT,  
34 AND REGULATORY OR STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS. THE CAPITAL PLAN SHALL BE  
35 DEPENDENT UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF SUFFICIENT FUNDING AND OTHER  
36 RESOURCES TO PURSUE THE CAPITAL PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR THE TEN-YEAR PERI-  
37 OD. PERFORMANCE PROGRESS AND REVISIONS TO REFLECT CHANGES IN PROGRAMS,  
38 POLICIES AND PROJECTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THE PORT AUTHORITY  
39 OPERATES SHALL BE REVIEWED REGULARLY BY A COMMITTEE DESIGNATED BY THE  
40 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AND THE CAPITAL PLAN SHALL BE REVISED PERIOD-  
41 ICALLY AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE, AND SHALL BE REVIEWED WITH THE  
42 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ANNUALLY. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL PUBLISH AN  
43 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CAPITAL PROGRAM AND SUCH REPORT SHALL  
44 BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON THE PORT AUTHORITY'S WEBSITE. PRIOR TO  
45 ADOPTION OF A CAPITAL PLAN, THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL MAKE SUCH PROPOSED  
46 PLAN AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS ON ITS PUBLIC WEBSITE FOR  
47 AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO APPROVAL, AND ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED ARE TO  
48 BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO CONSID-  
49 ERATION OF THE CAPITAL PLAN.

50 4. OPERATING BUDGET. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL PREPARE A DETAILED ANNU-  
51 AL OPERATING BUDGET BEGINNING WITH THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING AFTER THE  
52 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF 2015 WHICH ADDED THIS ARTI-  
53 CLE. A PRELIMINARY ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET SHALL BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAIL-  
54 ABLE ON THE PORT AUTHORITY'S WEBSITE IN JULY OF EVERY FISCAL YEAR AND A  
55 FINAL ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET SHALL BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE IN FEBRU-  
56 ARY OF EACH FISCAL YEAR.

1 S 5. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-  
2 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of  
3 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,  
4 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in  
5 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section  
6 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-  
7 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of  
8 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such  
9 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

10 S 6. This act shall take effect upon the enactment into law by the  
11 state of New Jersey of legislation having an identical effect with this  
12 act, but if the state of New Jersey shall have already enacted such  
13 legislation this act shall take effect immediately. The chairperson of  
14 the port authority shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission  
15 upon the enactment into law of such legislation by both such states in  
16 order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective  
17 data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in  
18 furtherance of effecting the provisions of section 44 of the legislative  
19 law and section 70-b of the public officers law.