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Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the membership of the metropolitan transportation authority

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subparagraph 1 of paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 1263 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 68 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

(1) There is hereby created the "metropolitan transportation authority." The authority shall be a body corporate and politic constituting a public benefit corporation. The authority shall consist of a chairperson, ~~sixteen~~ seventeen other voting members, and two non-voting and four alternate non-voting members, as described in subparagraph two of this paragraph appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate. Any member appointed to a term commencing on or after June thirtieth, two thousand nine shall have experience in one or more of the following areas: transportation, public administration, business management, finance, accounting, law, engineering, land use, urban and regional planning, management of large capital projects, labor relations, or have experience in some other area of activity central to the mission of the authority. ~~Four~~ Five of the ~~sixteen~~ seventeen voting members, one member from each of New York city's five boroughs, as defined in section 2-202 of the administrative code of the city of New York, other than the chairperson shall be appointed on the written recommendation of the mayor of the city of New York; and each of seven other voting members other than the chairperson shall be appointed after selection from a written list of three recommendations from the chief executive officer of the county in which the particular member is required to reside pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision. Of the members appointed on recommendation of the chief executive officer

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

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1 of a county, one such member shall be, at the time of appointment, a
2 resident of the county of Nassau, one a resident of the county of
3 Suffolk, one a resident of the county of Westchester, one a resident of
4 the county of Dutchess, one a resident of the county of Orange, one a
5 resident of the county of Putnam and one a resident of the county of
6 Rockland, provided that the term of any member who is a resident of a
7 county that has withdrawn from the metropolitan commuter transportation
8 district pursuant to section twelve hundred seventy-nine-b of this title
9 shall terminate upon the effective date of such county's withdrawal from
10 such district. Of the five voting members, other than the chairperson,
11 appointed by the governor without recommendation from any other person,
12 three shall be, at the time of appointment, residents of the city of New
13 York and two shall be, at the time of appointment, residents of such
14 city or of any of the aforementioned counties in the metropolitan commu-
15 ter transportation district. Provided however, notwithstanding the fore-
16 going residency requirement, one of the five voting members appointed by
17 the governor without recommendation from any other person, other than
18 the chairperson, may be the director of the New York state division of
19 the budget, and provided further that, in the event of such appointment,
20 the budget director's membership in the authority shall be deemed ex-of-
21 ficio. Provided further, one of the twelve voting members, other than
22 the chairperson, appointed by the governor without recommendation by any
23 other person, or on the recommendation of the mayor of the city of New
24 York, or of the chief executive officer of the counties of Westchester,
25 Nassau, or Suffolk shall be a transit dependent individual. A "transit
26 dependent individual" shall mean an individual who is limited to public
27 transit as their primary mode of transportation because the individual
28 has a permanent disability, provided that any local or statewide transit
29 advocacy organization may recommend one or more transit dependent indi-
30 viduals to be considered for appointment pursuant to this section. The
31 chairperson and each of the members shall be appointed for a term of six
32 years, provided however, that the chairperson first appointed shall
33 serve for a term ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty-one,
34 provided that thirty days after the effective date of the chapter of the
35 laws of two thousand nine which amended this subparagraph, the term of
36 the chairperson shall expire; provided, further, that such chairperson
37 may continue to discharge the duties of ~~his or her~~ office until the
38 position of chairperson is filled by appointment by the governor upon
39 the advice and consent of the senate and the term of such new chair-
40 person shall terminate June thirtieth, two thousand fifteen. The sixteen
41 other members first appointed shall serve for the following terms: The
42 members from the counties of Nassau and Westchester shall each serve for
43 a term ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty-five; the members
44 from the county of Suffolk and from the counties of Dutchess, Orange,
45 Putnam and Rockland shall each serve for a term ending June thirtieth,
46 nineteen hundred ninety-two; two of the members appointed on recommenda-
47 tion of the mayor of the city of New York shall each serve for a term
48 ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty-four and, two shall each
49 serve for a term ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty-one; two
50 of the members appointed by the governor without the recommendation of
51 any other person shall each serve for a term ending June thirtieth,
52 nineteen hundred eighty-two, two shall each serve for a term ending June
53 thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty and one shall serve for a term ending
54 June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty-five. Thirty days after the
55 effective date of the chapter of the laws of two thousand twenty-five
56 which amended this subparagraph, the terms of the members appointed on

recommendation of the mayor of the city of New York shall expire, provided, that such members may continue to discharge the duties of their office until the positions are filled by appointment on recommendation of the mayor of the city of New York and the term of three of such new members shall terminate June thirtieth, two thousand twenty-eight, and the term of two of such new members shall terminate June thirtieth, two thousand thirty-one.

The two non-voting and four alternate non-voting members shall serve until January first, two thousand one. The members from the counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam and Rockland shall cast one collective vote.

§ 2. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 1263 of the public authorities law, as amended by section 2 of part E of chapter 39 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(a) There is hereby created the "metropolitan transportation authority." The authority shall be a body corporate and politic constituting a public benefit corporation. The authority shall consist of a ~~chairman~~ chairperson and ~~sixteen~~ seventeen other members appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate. Any member appointed to a term commencing on or after June thirtieth, two thousand nine shall have experience in one or more of the following areas of expertise: transportation, public administration, business management, finance, accounting, law, engineering, land use, urban and regional planning, management of large capital projects, labor relations, or have experience in some other area of activity central to the mission of the authority. ~~Four~~ Five of the ~~sixteen~~ seventeen members, one member from each of New York city's five boroughs, as defined in section 2-202 of the administrative code of the city of New York, other than the ~~chairman~~ chairperson shall be appointed on the written recommendation of the mayor of the city of New York; and each of seven other members other than the ~~chairman~~ chairperson shall be appointed after selection from a written list of three recommendations from the chief executive officer of the county in which the particular member is required to reside pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision. Of the members appointed on recommendation of the chief executive officer of a county, one such member shall be, at the time of appointment, a resident of the county of Nassau; one a resident of the county of Suffolk; one a resident of the county of Westchester; and one a resident of the county of Dutchess, one a resident of the county of Orange, one a resident of the county of Putnam and one a resident of the county of Rockland, provided that the term of any member who is a resident of a county that has withdrawn from the metropolitan commuter transportation district pursuant to section twelve hundred seventy-nine-b of this title shall terminate upon the effective date of such county's withdrawal from such district. Of the five members, other than the ~~chairman~~ chairperson, appointed by the governor without recommendation from any other person, three shall be, at the time of appointment, residents of the city of New York and two shall be, at the time of appointment, residents of such city or of any of the aforementioned counties in the metropolitan commuter transportation district. Provided however, notwithstanding the foregoing residency requirement, one of the five voting members appointed by the governor without recommendation from any other person, other than the ~~chairman~~ chairperson, may be the director of the New York state division of the budget, and provided further that, in the event of such appointment, the budget director's membership in the authority shall be deemed ex-officio. The ~~chairman~~ chairperson and each of the members shall be appointed for a term of six years, provided however, that the

1 ~~[chairman]~~ chairperson first appointed shall serve for a term ending
2 June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty-one, provided that thirty days
3 after the effective date of the chapter of the laws of two thousand nine
4 which amended this paragraph, the term of the ~~[chairman]~~ chairperson
5 shall expire; provided, further, that such ~~[chairman]~~ chairperson may
6 continue to discharge the duties of ~~[his]~~ their office until the posi-
7 tion of ~~[chairman]~~ chairperson is filled by appointment by the governor
8 upon the advice and consent of the senate and the term of such new
9 ~~[chairman]~~ chairperson shall terminate June thirtieth, two thousand
10 fifteen. The sixteen other members first appointed shall serve for the
11 following terms: The members from the counties of Nassau and Westchester
12 shall each serve for a term ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred
13 eighty-five; the members from the county of Suffolk and from the coun-
14 ties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam and Rockland shall each serve for a
15 term ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety-two; two of the
16 members appointed on recommendation of the mayor of the city of New York
17 shall each serve for a term ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred
18 eighty-four and, two shall each serve for a term ending June thirtieth,
19 nineteen hundred eighty-one; two of the members appointed by the gover-
20 nor without the recommendation of any other person shall each serve for
21 a term ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty-two, two shall
22 each serve for a term ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty and
23 one shall serve for a term ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred
24 eighty-five. Thirty days after the effective date of the chapter of the
25 laws of two thousand twenty-five which amended this paragraph, the terms
26 of the members appointed on recommendation of the mayor of the city of
27 New York shall expire, provided, that such members may continue to
28 discharge the duties of their office until the positions are filled by
29 appointment on recommendation of the mayor of the city of New York and
30 the term of three of such new members shall terminate June thirtieth,
31 two thousand twenty-eight, and the term of two of such new members shall
32 terminate June thirtieth, two thousand thirty-one. The members from the
33 counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam and Rockland shall cast one collec-
34 tive vote.

35 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
36 the amendments to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of
37 section 1263 of the public authorities law made by section one of this
38 act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such paragraph
39 pursuant to section 3 of chapter 549 of the laws of 1994, as amended,
40 when upon such date the provisions of section two of this act shall take
41 effect.