§ 1282. New York state environmental facilities corporation. 1. The "New York state pure waters authority" is hereby reconstituted and continued as the "New York state environmental facilities corporation". Reference in any provision of law, general, special or local, or in any rule, regulation or public document to the New York state pure waters authority shall be deemed to be and construed as a reference to the corporation continued by this section. The corporation shall be a body corporate and politic constituting a public benefit corporation. Its membership shall consist of seven directors: the commissioner of environmental conservation who shall be chair, the commissioner of health, the secretary of state, and four directors appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate. The directors appointed by the governor who are not state officers, shall serve for terms of six years each, provided, however, that of the directors first appointed, two shall serve for terms of two years, the remaining two for terms of four and six years, respectively, from January first next succeeding their appointment. The appointed members of the New York state pure waters authority in office on the effective date of this title shall be deemed to be directors first appointed in accordance with the foregoing and shall hold office for the balance of the terms for which they were severally appointed. Any vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term. The board of directors of the corporation shall appoint, by resolution, the president of the corporation. The president shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall serve at the pleasure of the board of directors of the corporation.

2. Each director shall not receive a salary or other compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his or her official duties.

3. Such directors other than the commissioner of environmental conservation, the commissioner of health and the secretary of state may engage in private employment, or in a profession or business, subject to the limitation contained in sections seventy-three and seventy-four of the public officers law. The corporation shall, for the purposes of

sections seventy-three and seventy-four of the public officers law, be a "state agency," and such directors shall be "officers" of the corporation for the purposes of said sections.

4. Four directors of the corporation shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business or the exercise of any power of the corporation. For the transaction of any business or the exercise of any power of the corporation, the corporation shall have power to act by a majority of the directors present at any meeting at which a quorum is in attendance. Videoconferencing may be used for attendance and participation by the directors. Any director attending and participating by the use of videoconferencing in compliance with article seven of the public officers law shall be considered to be present at the meeting. The corporation may delegate to one or more of its directors, or its officers, agents and employees, such powers and duties as it may deem proper. The commissioner of environmental conservation, the commissioner of health and the secretary of state may, by official proxy, filed with and approved by the corporation, designate an officer in their respective department, to perform, in their absence, their respective duties under this article. The term "director" as used in this subdivision shall include such persons so designated as provided herein. The designation of such persons shall be deemed temporary only and shall not affect the civil service or retirement rights of any persons so designated.

5. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions of this or any other law, general, special or local, no officer or employee of the state, or of any civil division thereof, shall be deemed to have forfeited or shall forfeit his office or employment or any benefits provided under the retirement and social security law by reason of his acceptance of membership on the corporation, provided, however, a director who holds such other public office or employment shall receive no additional compensation for services rendered pursuant to this title, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for his actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of such services.

6. The governor may remove any director for inefficiency, neglect of

duty or misconduct in office after giving him a copy of the charges against him and an opportunity to be heard, in person or by counsel in his defense, upon not less than ten days' notice. If any director shall be so removed, the governor shall file in the office of the department of state a complete statement of charges made against such director, and his findings thereon, together with a complete record of the proceedings.

7. The corporation shall continue so long as it shall have bonds or other obligations outstanding and until its existence shall be terminated by law. Upon the termination of the existence of the corporation, all its rights and properties shall pass to and be vested in the state.