The Special Meeting of the Board of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority was held on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in the Board Room of the Authority, with the Chairman in the Chair.

Present

Attending the meeting were the following Board Members:

- Pasquale T. Deon, Sr., Chairman
- Thomas E. Babcock, Vice Chairman
- Beverly Coleman
- Rina Cutler
- Honorable Dwight Evans
- Robert D. Fox, Esquire
- Honorable Stewart J. Greenleaf
- Kevin L. Johnson, P.E.
- John I. Kane
- Daniel J. Kubik
- Kenneth E. Lawrence, Jr.
- William J. Leonard, Esquire
- William M. McSwain, Esquire
- Honorable Michael A. Vereb

Present from the staff:

- Joseph M. Casey, General Manager
- Jeffrey D. Knueppel, Deputy General Manager
- Gino J. Benedetti, Esquire, General Counsel
- Richard G. Burnfield, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
- Stephen A. Jobs, Controller
- Carol R. Looby, Secretary
- Kim Scott Heinle, AGM, Customer Service
- Ronald G. Hopkins, AGM, Operations
- Francis E. Kelly, AGM, Government & Public Affairs
- Susan VanBuren, AGM, Human Resources

Mr. Deon called the Special Meeting of the Board to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Mr. Deon stated that the Board met in Executive Session just prior to the meeting to discuss legal matters. He stated that if there were speakers who wished to address agenda items they would be called before the Board voted on the item and asked that they limit their remarks to three minutes. He said speakers wishing to address items not on the agenda would be called after the regular business of the Board was completed.
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Mr. Deon then asked Gino Benedetti to present the following resolution,

"Appointment of Jeffrey D. Knueppel as General Manager and Adoption of an Agreement that Relates Thereto"

Mr. Benedetti stated that Joseph Casey was retiring at the end of September and he congratulated him on his many accomplishments and his noble service with the Authority.

Mr. Benedetti stated that purpose of the Resolution was to appoint Jeffrey Knueppel to succeed Mr. Casey. He commented that Mr. Knueppel served the Authority for approximately 27 years, working his way up to the position he currently holds, Deputy General Manager. Mr. Benedetti mentioned that Mr. Knueppel was previously the Assistant General Manager and Chief Engineer for approximately six years. He noted that Mr. Knueppel was specifically appointed to the Deputy General Manager position under Mr. Casey so he could assume the responsibilities of General Manager.

Mr. Benedetti stated that among the many accomplishment of Mr. Knueppel was his work on the Market Street Elevated Construction Project, the ARRA funded Stimulus Project and positive train control which he was currently bringing to a successful conclusion. Mr. Benedetti said that all of Mr. Knueppel’s work and accomplishment had been critical to the success of SEPTA. He noted that Mr. Knueppel has demonstrated temperament, judgment and passion that were required to continue to successfully operate the Authority. He added that Mr. Knueppel certainly has the skills and the innovative thinking to do so.

Mr. Benedetti then requested the Board to authorize and adopt the Resolution appointing Jeffrey Knueppel the General Manager of SEPTA.

Chairman Deon then called for speakers wishing to address the above agenda item. There was no response. He then entertained a motion to adopt the Resolution. Mr. Babcock moved, Representative Evans seconded, and the following Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**APPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY D. KNUEPPEL AS GENERAL MANAGER AND ADOPTION OF AN AGREEMENT THAT RELATES THERETO**

"WHEREAS, at a special meeting that was held on December 20, 2007, the Board by resolution appointed Joseph M. Casey as General Manager of the Authority effective February 15, 2008, and adopted the Appointment and Compensation Agreement that relates thereto; and
WHEREAS, at the regular meeting that was held on January 24, 2008, the Board by resolution amended the aforesaid Appointment and Compensation Agreement between SEPTA and Mr. Casey to the extent that his term would instead commence on February 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Casey has now expressed that he plans to retire at the end of September 2015, and also indicated his willingness to serve in a transitional capacity through the end of February 2016 to aid in the transfer of power to the successor General Manager’s administration; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey D. Knueppel has served the Authority for approximately 27 years in various positions/capacities of increasing responsibilities, including Assistant General Manager/Chief Engineer from May 2006 - August 2012, and culminating in his being named Deputy General Manager, a position he has held since August 13, 2012; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his outstanding career with SEPTA Mr. Knueppel has been responsible for the successful completion of numerous high profile construction initiatives, including, inter alia, the (i) Market Street Elevated Construction Project; (ii) ARRA Funded Stimulus Program; and (iii) Positive Train Control (PTC) Project for the Regional Rail Division, all of which were necessary to sustain critical parts of the SEPTA transit system with minimal impact to the riding public; and

WHEREAS, during the current climate of ever increasing responsibilities and funding challenges, Mr. Knueppel has consistently demonstrated the requisite temperament, passion, strategic management skills and innovative thinking to successfully assume the duties of General Manager; and

WHEREAS, given that Mr. Knueppel was named Deputy General Manager with the specific intention of grooming him to succeed Mr. Casey upon his eventual retirement, along with his years of accomplishments and dedicated service on behalf of the Authority, the Board has determined that Jeffrey D. Knueppel is the best candidate for the position of General Manager and, therefore, desires to appoint him to the position of General Manager under the terms and conditions of the Appointment and Compensation Agreement that has been negotiated; and

WHEREAS, the authority for the Board to appoint a General Manager is derived from Sections 1719 and 1723(b) of the Public Transportation Law, Act 26 of 1991, as amended by Act 3 of 1994.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby appoints Jeffrey D. Knueppel to be the General Manager of SEPTA, effective on October 1, 2015, upon the terms and conditions of
the Appointment and Compensation Agreement that the Board hereby adopts.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the Appointment and Compensation Agreement is hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Chairman or Vice-Chairman to execute the Appointment and Compensation Agreement and to do all other things as shall be necessary and proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution."

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this Special Meeting, it was moved by Ms. Cutler, seconded by Representative Evans and unanimously adopted that the meeting be adjourned at 3:04 PM.

A transcript of this meeting was made by an official court reporter and is made a part of the original minutes.

Carol R. Looby
Secretary