

# PENNSYLVANIA INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AUTHORITY

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Board

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January 21, 2020

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The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority ("PICA") was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 in the PICA board room located at 1500 Walnut Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### Attendees

Board: Kevin Vaughan, Alan Kessler, James Cawley, Tina Byles Williams (*via telephone*), Robert A. Dubow (*ex officio*), and Mark Ryan (*ex officio*) (*via telephone*).

Staff: Harvey M. Rice, Gus Tsakos, Dora Ward, Daniel Esposito, and Deidre Morgenstern.

Invited Guests: S. William Richter, Esq., Reed Smith, LLP; Marissa Waxman, Office of Budget and Program Evaluation.

### Call to Order

Mr. Vaughan called the meeting to order at 12:25 pm.

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Cawley made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of October 15, 2019. Mr. Kessler seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

### Executive Director's Report

Mr. Rice stated that PICA staff has released October, November, and December revenue reports since the last meeting, as well as the first quarter staff report on the QCMR and an overtime update. Mr. Rice stated that Dan Esposito redesigned the QCMR report.

Mr. Rice explained that the BRT has 1,078 appeals outstanding from 2019, which were expected to be heard before the new year. He continued stating that there are approximately 6,500 2020 appeals to be heard as well. Mr. Dubow added that the 2020 appeals are expected to be heard by the end of the calendar year. Mr. Rice also stated that the City is transitioning to the new CAMA system beginning in February.

Mr. Rice stated that PICA's reserve fund is yielding 3 percent; the swap account is yielding 2 percent.

The bond refunding, which was completed on December 3, resulted in a savings of almost \$7 million overall.

Mr. Rice gave a summary of the Pew hosted panel on PICA's future, explaining that he was a panelist. Mr. Kessler also spoke during the event about the need for extending PICA. Mr. Vaughan added that eight out of nine panelists wanted to extend PICA.

Mr. Rice reported that PICA staff had its first cyber security training in December.

Mr. Rice also reported that he made a presentation to Penn students at Fels.

Additionally, Mr. Rice is meeting with newly elected officials and/or their staff to provide them with an overview of PICA's role and work.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Rice stated that PICA is currently at 81 percent of budget.

### **New Business**

Ms. Waxman provided an overview of this year's budget process, which is her first cycle as Budget Director. So far, she has put out the budget call and has requested departments to provide potential recession cuts of 3-5 percent, which is what her analysis has called for. Subsequently, she will be meeting with the departments. She plans to put a focus on racial disparities in creating this year's Plan. The Mayor's budget address will be on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Kessler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cawley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.