

# NEW JERSEY RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

MINUTES  
ANNUAL MEETING  
**December 5, 2019 10:30AM**  
Lambertville, New Jersey

1. President John McCreavy called the Meeting to Order at 10:32 AM and Kean Burenga conducted a Safety Briefing
2. Introductions were made and Roll Call was taken.

## RAILROADS REPRESENTED IN PERSON (7)

Black River & Western Corp., Kean Burenga  
CSX, Rodney Oglesby  
Dover & Rockaway River Railroad, Cathrin Banks  
New York Susquehanna & Western, Nathan Fenno  
Norfolk Southern, Michael Fesen  
SMS Rail, John McCreavy  
Winchester & Western Railroad, David Arganbright

## RAILROADS REPRESENTED BY PROXY (2)

Consolidated Rail Corp., Jonathan Broder  
New York New Jersey Rail, LLC, Donald Hutton

## RAILROADS ABSENT (3)

Cape May Seashore Lines  
Raritan Central  
Southern Railway of New Jersey

## ALSO PRESENT (22)

Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, NJDOT	Jeff Sutch, SMS Rail
Steven Friedland, NJRRA Treasurer	Kelvin MacKavanagh, DVRPC
Lisa Tackach, NJRRA Membership Co-chair	Gary Young, Stella Jones Corp.
Paul Catania, NJRRA Membership Co-chair	Chris Daloisio, RCC South Jersey, Inc.
Rachel Crandley, Consolidated Rail Corp.	Joe Zarriello, KS Engineering, PC
Alexandria Baginski, Consolidated Rail Corp.	Michael Allen, R.L.Banks
Sam Caliciotti, Rail Pros	Nicole Harvey, Temple University
Matt Van Hattem, HDR, Inc.	Brenda Burenga, BR&W Railroad
Jamie Genevie, ICF	Michael Schweder, CLB partners
Debi Rogers, ICF	John Fiorilla, Dyer & Peterson
Bhavin Kapadia, NJDOT	Jonathan Kennedy, NJEDA

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3. Guest speaker Dianne Gutierrez-Scaccetti, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation addressed the Association. The Commissioner spoke about her role at the NJDOT and the department's role in improving mobility in the State. She spoke about a number of initiatives including an improved rail link between Meadowlands Sports Complex/American Dream Mall and Seacaucus Junction. The Commissioner explained that her background is in toll roads, but expressed an interest in learning more about freight rail. She invited the Association to engage in a quarterly dialogue and/or meetings with her Department.

4. Following the Commissioner's address, the meeting was recessed for lunch from 11:30 am until Noon.

5. Following the lunch break, John McCreavy introduced Jonathan Kennedy from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority. Mr. Kennedy described the role of the Authority and said the NJEDA looks to be a "strategic partner" with the private sector to grow business. Mr. Kennedy can be reached at [jkennedy@njeda.com](mailto:jkennedy@njeda.com).

6. The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors held **October 11, 2019** were approved, as written.

*(Resolution 1927~Motion: Fesen, Second: Fenno, For: 9, Against: 0, Abstain: 0)*

7. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

*(Resolution 1928~Motion: Fesen, Second: Fenno, For: 9, Against: 0, Abstain: 0)*

8. Steven Friedland gave an overview of the Association's 2020 Budget which was approved by the Board of Directors at the Special Meeting of October 11, 2019. See attached.

9. Kean Burenga gave an overview of the Association's 2020 Due and Membership Policies which were approved by the Board of Directors at the Special Meeting of October 11, 2019. See attached.

10. John McCreavy and Michael Schweder gave an update on Legislative activities, election results, and the lame duck status of the State Legislature until the New Year.

11. Lisa Tackach updated the Board on new members and the benefits of NJRRA membership.

The Associate Memberships of Keller Engineering and Atlantic Track & Turnout were approved and confirmed.

*(Resolution 1929~Motion: Friedland, Second: Banks, For: 9, Against: 0, Abstain: 0)*

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12. Steve Friedland reported that nine (9) ballots were received for election of Association Officers and the following Officers were unanimously elected for 2020:

President John McCreavy, SMS Rail, Inc.

Vice President Michael Fesen, Norfolk Southern Railway

Secretary Kean Burenga, Black River & Western Corp.

Treasurer Paul Catania, Reltek, Inc.

John McCreavy thanked Steve Friedland for his eighteen (18) years of service as the Association's Secretary and Treasurer, and recognized Steve's father as one of the Association's founding members.

13. Michael Fesen gave an update on meetings with Legislators and Norfolk Southern's TOP21 Operating Plan.

14. Rodney Oglesby reported that Precision Scheduled Railroading was largely implemented at CSX and the Railroad is operating well.

15. Kel MacKavanagh inquired how the Association was communicating with Associate Members and asked if members of regulatory agencies were being invited to the meetings.

16. The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 PM.

*(Resolution 1930~Motion: Burenga, Second: Friedland, For: 9, Against: 0, Abstain: 0)*

K.Burenga  
Secretary