

Frequently Asked Questions Public Authority Board Governance Seminars 2006

What are the new training requirements for public authority board members?

Section 18 of the newly enacted Public Authority Accountability Act of 2005 requires training by amending Section 2824 of the Public Authorities Law:

“Individuals appointed to the board of a public authority shall participate in state approved training regarding their legal, fiduciary, financial and ethical responsibilities as directors of an authority within one year of appointment to a board. Board members shall participate in such continuing training as may be required to remain informed of best practices, regulatory and statutory changes relating to the effective oversight of the management and financial activities of public authorities and to adhere to the highest standards of responsible governance.”

Which public authorities are invited to participate in the Public Authority Board Governance seminars?

State and local authorities are invited to participate - please refer to the list of invited authorities at the end of this document.

Who Can Attend the Seminar?

These seminars are designed for a primary audience of board members. Executive directors (or their designees) are invited to attend, but there should only be one representative of management per institution that attends the seminar. For localities where more than one institution is managed by a shared staff, for example, an economic development agency that provides staffing services to an industrial development agency, only one management representative of these institutions should attend.

If executive directors opt to designate a staff member or outside advisor to attend in their place, this would be permitted; however, as the seminars are geared toward a primary audience of board members and cover governance topics including the working relationship between the board and the executive director, participation of the executive directors is preferred.

Are the new compliance requirements described in the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2005 covered in the Public Authority Board Governance seminar?

No. The Public Authority Board Governance seminar covers the legal, fiduciary, financial and ethical responsibilities of board members and boards of public authorities. There will also be afternoon sessions that will cover the topics of budgeting, audit committees, tax-exempt bonds and understanding authority financial statements from a board member perspective.

Will there be additional seminars scheduled?

Yes – additional trainings. The schedule and seminar locations will be posted at www.publicauthorities.org.

List of Invited Public Authorities

Statewide/Regional Authorities

Agriculture and NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund
Albany Port District Commission
Battery Park City Authority
Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority
Capital District Transportation Authority
Central New York Regional Transportation Authority
City University Construction Fund
Development Authority of the North Country
Dormitory Authority of New York State
NYS Job Development Authority (aka ESDC)
Urban Development Corporation (aka ESDC)
Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority
Hudson River – Black River Regulating District
Hudson River Park Trust
Industrial Exhibit Authority
Long Island Power Authority
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Municipal Assistance Corporation for The City of NY
Municipal Assistance Corporation for The City of Troy
Municipal Bond Bank Agency
Nassau County Interim Finance Authority
Nassau Health Care Corporation
Natural Heritage Trust
Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Center Operating Corporation
New York Convention Center Operating Corporation
New York Power Authority
Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority
NYS Bridge Authority
NYS Energy Research and Development Authority
NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation
NYS Foundation for Science
NYS Housing Finance Agency
NYS Local Government Assistance Corporation
NYS Olympic Regional Development Authority
NYS Theatre Institute
NYS Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund
NYS Thruway Authority
Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority
Port of Oswego Authority
Rochester – Genesee Regional Transportation Authority
Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation
Roswell Park Cancer Center Corporation
State of New York Mortgage Agency
State University Construction Fund
Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation
United Nations Development Corporation
Westchester County Health Care Corporation

Local Authorities

Albany County IDA
Albany Community Development Agency
Albany Convention Center Authority
Albany County Airport Authority
Albany Municipal Water Finance Authority
Albany Parking Authority
Albany Pine Bush Commission
Albany Water Board
Allegany County IDA
American Museum of Natural History Planetarium Authority
Amherst (Town of) IDA
Amsterdam IDA
Auburn IDA
Babylon (Town of) IDA
Beacon (City of) IDA
Beacon Community Development Agency
Bethlehem (Town of) IDA
Binghamton Parking Authority
Binghamton Urban Renewal Agency
Brookhaven (Town of) IDA
Broome County IDA
Buffalo (City of) Urban Renewal Agency
Buffalo Municipal Water Finance Authority
Buffalo Sewer Authority
Canastota Business Center
Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corp.
Catskill Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation
Cattaraugus County IDA
Cayuga County Water and Sewer Authority
Cayuga IDA
Central New York Regional Market Authority
Champlain (Town of) IDA
Chautauqua IDA
Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany and Steuben
Southern Tier Extension Railroad Authority
Chemung IDA
Chenango County IDA / Local Area Corp.
City of Albany Industrial Development Agency
Clarence (Town of) IDA
Clifton Park (Town of) IDA
Clifton Park Water Authority
Clifton-Fine Health Care Corporation
Clinton County IDA
Clyde Industrial Development Corporation
Cohoes IDA (City of)
Colonie (Town of) IDA
Columbia County IDA
Concord (Town of) IDA
Corinth IDA (Town of)
Corning (City of) Urban Renewal Agency
Cortland County BDC-IDA
Delaware County IDA
Dutchess County EDC

Dutchess County IDA
Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency
Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority
Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority
Elmira Heights Urban (Village of) Renewal Agency
Elmira Urban Renewal Agency (URA)
Erie County IDA
Erie County Medical Center Corporation
Erie County Water Authority
Erwin (Town of) IDA
Essex County IDA
Fairport (Village of) IDA
Fairport (Village of) Urban Renewal Agency
Fiscal Year 2005 Securitization Corporation
Franklin County IDA
Franklin Solid Waste Management Authority
Freeport Community Development Agency
Fulton (City of) Community Development Agency
Fulton County IDA
Genesee County Economic Development Center (aka GCIDA)
Genesee Valley Regional Market Authority
Geneva (City of) IDA
Glen Cove Community Development Agency
Glen Cove IDA
Glens Falls IDA
Glens Falls Urban Renewal Agency
Gloversville Community Development Agency
Greater Rochester Sports Authority
Green Island (Village of) IDA
Green Island Power Authority
Greene County IDA
Groton (Village of) IDA
Guilderland (town of) IDA
Hamburg (Town of) IDA
Hamilton Co. IDA
Hempstead (Incorporated Village of) Community Development Agency
Hempstead (Town of) IDA
Herkimer County IDA
Hornell (City of) IDA
Hudson (City of) Community Development and Planning Agency
Hudson (City of) IDA
Hudson Yards Corporation
Hudson-Mohawk Urban Cultural Park Commission
Islip (Town of) Community Development Agency
Islip (town of) IDA
Islip Resource Recovery Authority
Ithaca Urban Renewal Agency
Jamestown Urban Renewal Agency
Jefferson County Industrial Development Corporation (aka IDA)
Lancaster (Town of) IDA
Lewis County IDA
Little Falls Urban Renewal Agency
Livingston County IDA
Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority
Lockport (Town of) IDA
Madison County IDA

Malone (Town) IDA
Mechanicville-Stillwater IDA
Middletown (City of) IDA
Mohawk Valley Water Authority
Monroe County Airport Authority (AKA Greater Rochester International Airport)
Monroe County IDA
Monroe County Water Authority
Monroe Regional Parking Authority
Montgomery (Town of) IDA
Montgomery County IDA
Montgomery, Otsego, Schoharie Solid Waste Management Authority
Mount Pleasant (Town of) IDA
Mount Vernon IDA
Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency
Nassau County Bridge Authority
Nassau County IDA
Nassau County Sewer and Storm Water Finance Authority
Nassau Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation
New Rochelle (City of) IDA
Newburgh Urban Renewal Agency
Newburgh (City of) IDA
Niagara (Town of) IDA
Niagara County IDA
Niagara Falls Public Water Authority
Niagara Falls Water Board
North Greenbush (Town of) IDA
North Hempstead (Town of) Urban Renewal Agency
North Hempstead Solid Waste Disposal Authority
North Tonawanda Parking Authority
Nyack Parking Authority
NYC Economic Development Corporation
NYC Educational Construction Fund
NYC Health & Hospitals Corporation
NYC IDA
NYC Municipal Water Finance Authority
NYC New Markets Corporation
NYC Off-Track Betting Corporation
NYC School Construction Authority
NYC Transitional Finance Authority
NYC Water Board
Olean Urban Renewal Agency (URA)
Oneida (City of) IDA
Oneida County IDA
Oneida County Sports Facility Authority
Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Management Authority
Onondaga County IDA
Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency
Onondaga County Water Authority
Ontario County IDA/Office of Economic Development
Orange County IDA
Orange County Water Authority
Orleans County IDA/Economic Development Agency
Oswego County IDA (Operation Oswego County)
Otsego County IDA
Patchogue (Village of) Community Development Agency
Peekskill (City of) IDA
Peekskill Parking Authority

Port Chester (Village of) IDA
Port Chester Parking Authority
Port Jervis Community Development Agency (CDA)
Port Jervis IDA
Poughkeepsie (City of) IDA
Putnam County IDA / EDC
Rensselaer (City) IDA
Rensselaer County IDA
Rensselaer County Water and Sewer Authority
Riverhead (Town of) Community Development Agency
Riverhead (Town of) IDA
Riverside (Village of) Urban Renewal Agency
Rockland County IDA
Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority
Rockville Centre (Village of) Community Development Agency
Rome IDC
Rome Parking Authority
Rome Urban Renewal Agency (URA)
Rotterdam (Town of) DA
Saint Johnsville (Village of) Urban Renewal Agency
Salamanca Hospital District Authority
Salamanca IDA
Saratoga County Water Authority
Saratoga IDA (County of)
Saratoga Springs City Center Authority
Schenectady (City of) IDA
Schenectady County IDA
Schenectady Metroplex Development Authority
Schenectady Parking Authority
Schoharie County IDA
Schuyler County IDA (c/o SCOPED)
Seneca County IDA
Sidney (Village of) IDA
Sleepy Hollow Parking Authority
Southeast IDA
St. Lawrence County IDA
Steuben County IDA
Suffern Parking Authority
Suffolk County IDA
Suffolk County Judicial Facilities Agency
Suffolk County Water Authority
Suffolk Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation
Sullivan County IDA

Syracuse (City of) IDA
Syracuse Parking Authority
Syracuse Urban Renewal Agency
Tioga County IDA
Tompkins County Area Development, Inc.
Tompkins County IDA
Tonawanda (Town of) Development Corporation
Transit Construction Fund
Troy Industrial Development Authority
Troy Parking Authority
Trust for Cultural Resources of the City of NY
Trust for the Cultural Resources of Onondaga County
Tuckahoe Parking Authority
Ulster County IDA / Development Corporation
Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency
Upper Mohawk Valley Memorial Auditorium Authority
Upper Mohawk Valley Regional Water Board
Utica (City of) IDA
Utica Parking Authority
Utica Transit Authority
Victor Urban Renewal Agency
Walden (Village of) IDA
Wallkill IDA
Warren & Washington Counties IDA
Water Authority of Great Neck North
Water Authority of Southeastern Nassau County
Water Authority of Western Nassau County
Waterford (Town of) IDA
Watertown Urban Renewal Agency
Wayne County IDA/Wayne County EDC
Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority
Westbury CDA (Westbury Community Improvement Corporation)
Westchester County IDA
Western Finger Lakes Solid Waste Management Authority
Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation
White Plains Parking Authority
White Plains Urban Renewal Agency
Wilton Water and Sewer Authority
Wyoming County IDA
Yates County IDA
Yonkers (City of) IDA
Yonkers Parking Authority