

# OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

## **Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Ferzan M. Ahmed as Executive Director, Effective February 25, 2019**

WHEREAS, Martin Seekely has served as the Interim Executive Director since January 14, 2019, and the Commission wishes to thank Mr. Seekely for his service to the Commission during this period; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director serves at the pleasure of the Commission and compensation for this position is established by the Chairman in accordance with the authority granted under Article I, Section 2.00 of the Commission's Code of Bylaws dated July 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman has recommended to the Commission that Ferzan M. Ahmed be appointed as the new Executive Director effective February 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ahmed has disclosed to the Commission that his former employer, AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM), is currently providing consulting and various engineering services to the Commission pursuant to certain written contracts which have been approved by this Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ahmed has represented to the Commission that he no longer maintains any relationship or receives any financial benefit from AECOM as his former employer, nor does he have any relationship or financial gain resulting from any contract entered into between the Commission and AECOM, whether AECOM is the primary contractor or a subcontractor; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Executive Director/CFO/DED has advised the Commission that there are contracts between AECOM and the Commission pending and currently being performed, and those that are currently being performed are in good standing, and the Interim Executive Director/CFO/DED recommends that all said current and pending contracts between the Commission and AECOM be administered by the Chief Engineer without the input or oversight by the Executive Director to prevent any appearance of or actual conflict of interest; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed the information disclosed by Mr. Ahmed, the Commission has considered the recommendation made by Interim Executive Director/CFO/DED, and the Commission concurs with said recommendation by the Chairman to appoint Mr. Ahmed as the Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman has also recommended to the Commission that Ferzan M. Ahmed, as the Executive Director, shall also serve as the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that Ferzan M. Ahmed is hereby appointed to the position of Executive Director of the Commission effective February 25, 2019, to serve at the pleasure of the Commission; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that Ferzan M. Ahmed shall be authorized to perform all of the duties and powers granted to the Executive Director as governed by Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission's Code of Bylaws dated July 1, 2013, excepting therefrom: Mr. Ahmed shall recuse himself of all responsibility and oversight on any contract with AECOM if such responsibility and oversight would present a potential or an appearance of a conflict; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman is authorized and directed to execute all paperwork necessary to employ Ferzan M. Ahmed as the new Executive Director and to establish his terms of employment and compensation; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that Ferzan M. Ahmed is appointed to serve as the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer effective February 25, 2019, and is authorized to perform all duties set forth in Article I, Section 5.10 of the Commission's Code of Bylaws dated July 1, 2013; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that Martin Seekely shall return to the position of Deputy Executive Director/CFO/Comptroller effective as of the date of the adoption of this Resolution; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that for any and all contracts that have been entered into between AECOM and the Commission, or which have been awarded to AECOM, that the Chief Engineer shall have all authority, responsibility, oversight and administration of such contracts in the event that the new Executive Director has recused himself to avoid any actual or appearance of a conflict of interest on said contracts; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that it is hereby determined that all formal actions of the Commission relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting, and that all deliberations of the Commission and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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