

OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

Resolution Assenting to the Appointment of Heather A. Veljkovic as the Acting General Counsel of the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission

WHEREAS, Section 5537.04(A)(12) of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission to employ attorneys as are necessary in its judgment to fulfill its duties and functions; and

WHEREAS, under Section 3.00 of the Commission's Code of Bylaws, the Executive Director is authorized to appoint the General Counsel with the assent of the Commission to serve as its Chief Legal Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has appointed Heather A. Veljkovic for the Commission's consideration to serve as its Acting General Counsel and Acting Chief Legal Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Ohio licensed Ms. Veljkovic to practice law in 2000, and she is admitted to appear before the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, during her more than twenty-year career as an attorney, Ms. Veljkovic established a distinguished legal career in the public sector, concentrating in landlord-tenant matters, code enforcement, claims for money damages, foreclosures, nuisance abatement, corporate law, and legal research and writing; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Veljkovic served as a Magistrate, and also the Deputy Chief Magistrate, of the Housing Division of the Cleveland Municipal Court for a combined total of more than twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Veljkovic was appointed as Staff Attorney to the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission in March 2020, and in that capacity has represented the Commission on real estate matters and additionally has provided the Commission with legal advice and counsel related to the Toll Collection System and other legal matters; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Veljkovic has the skills, experience, training and intangibles necessary to adeptly counsel, advise and serve the Commission in furthering its objectives and protecting its interests.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission assents to the appointment of Heather A. Veljkovic to serve as its Acting General Counsel and Acting Chief Legal Officer commencing on or before November 15, 2021; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized to execute all documents necessary to appoint and employ Heather A. Veljkovic as Acting General Counsel.

(Resolution No. 63-2021 adopted November 15, 2021)