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NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES MAUREEN COLEMAN APPOINTED TO SERVE AS THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The New York State Bridge Authority (NYSBA) today announced Maureen Coleman has been appointed by the NYSBA Board of Commissioners as the Authority's new Executive Director. Ms. Coleman will serve as the Chief Operating and Executive Officer of the Hudson Valley-based public benefit transportation authority.

"The NYSBA Board of Commissioners welcomes Maureen Coleman as she takes the helm from our retiring Acting Executive Director, Tara Sullivan," **NYSBA Board Chair Joan McDonald** said. "The Bridge Authority is in the midst of multiple transformational projects here in the Hudson Valley, including the conversion of all five NYSBA spans to cashless tolling. Maureen's breadth of experience and dedication to serving the people of New York State make her well-suited for this new role."

Ms. Coleman has over 20 years of state service, most recently as General Counsel at New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation since 2015, where she also served as Acting President and CEO from July 2019 through January 2021. Prior to that, she served as Assistant Counsel for energy and environment in the Executive Chamber as well as many years at the Department of Environmental Conservation. Miss Coleman holds a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School and a bachelor's degree from College of Saint Rose.

Ms. Coleman is replacing Tara Sullivan, who is retiring after a decade with the Bridge Authority. Ms. Sullivan served as Acting Executive Director since 2019 and as Deputy Executive Director for eight years before that, the first woman to hold those positions at NYSBA. During her time at the Authority, Ms. Sullivan spearheaded the creation of the Hudson River Skywalk; improved the Authority's safety record and utilization of minority- and woman-owned business enterprises; launched the largest capital project in the Bridge Authority's history with the current Newburgh-Beacon Bridge re-decking project; and ushered in the beginning of cashless tolling at the Bridge Authority.

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