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NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES MINOSCA ALCANTARA APPOINTED TO SERVE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The New York State Bridge Authority (NYSBA) today announced that Dr. Minosca Alcantara has been officially appointed by the NYSBA Board of Commissioners as the Authority's new Executive Director, after being nominated for the position by Governor Kathy Hochul. Effective Dec. 1, she will serve as the Chief Operating and Executive Officer of the Hudson Valley-based public benefit transportation authority.

"The NYSBA Board of Commissioners offers a warm welcome to Minosca Alcantara as she takes on the role of Executive Director," **NYSBA Board Chair Joan McDonald** said. "With her experience in civil engineering in both the public and private sectors, as well as her passion for the STEM fields, Dr. Alcantara brings unique qualifications to the table and will be an invaluable asset to the Bridge Authority and the people of the Hudson Valley."

Prior to her appointment at the Bridge Authority, Dr. Alcantara was Chief of Capital Project Scheduling at MTA Construction & Development. She is an experienced civil engineer with expertise in large, urban project and construction management. Dr. Alcantara has worked as a lead cost/schedule engineer in a variety of projects involving architectural, infrastructure, and wastewater management locally and internationally. In June 2021, she was appointed to serve as a Commissioner to the Equal Employment Practices Commission for the City of New York. Dr. Alcantara is also committed to the field of education. She is currently a Board Member at the Summer Science Program (SSP) and Hudson River Community Sailing (HRCS) programs. At the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, she designed, implemented, and expanded programs that engage K-16 students with STEM, particularly women and other students from groups underrepresented in the STEM fields. She holds a BS in Civil Engineering from the Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña, an MS in Construction Management from George Washington University, as well as EdM and EdD degrees from Columbia University. She is the mother of three, who all followed in her engineering footsteps.

Dr. Alcantara replaces Maureen A. Coleman, who recently was appointed President and CEO of the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

The New York State Bridge Authority operates the Bear Mountain, Newburgh-Beacon, Mid-Hudson, Kingston-Rhinecliff and Rip Van Winkle Bridges. It also owns and maintains the structure of the Walkway Over the Hudson pedestrian bridge. The Authority is funded principally from bridge tolls and receives no state or federal tax monies for bridge maintenance and operation. Learn more at www.nysba.ny.gov.

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