

RESOLUTION NO. 2016245

RE: CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF  
ROBERT H. BALKIND, P.E., AS THE COMMISSIONER  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Legislators BORCHERT, PULVER MICCIO, FLESLAND, SAGLIANO, TRUTT, LANDISI, JETER-JACKSON, STRAWINSKI, FORMAN, BOLNER, ROMAN, and THOMES offer the following and moves its adoption:

WHEREAS, the position of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works will become vacant on October 22, 2016 due to the resignation of Noel H.S. Knille, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Human Resources has determined the Robert H. Balkind, P.E., is qualified to perform the duties of the position of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works,

WHEREAS, a copy of Robert H. Balkind's resume is annexed hereto, and

WHEREAS, Robert H. Balkind is currently the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, and

WHEREAS, Robert Balkind served as the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Public Works for approximately fourteen months from July, 2012 through mid-September, 2013, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XIV, Section 14.01 of the Dutchess County Charter, the County Executive appointed Robert H. Balkind, P.E., as the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works subject to confirmation by the County Legislature, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Dutchess does hereby confirm the appointment of Robert H. Balkind, P.E., as Commissioner of the Department of Public Works effective October 22, 2016.

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Fiscal Impact: See attached statement

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COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 11th day of October 2016, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016.

CAROLYN MORRIS, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

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### Professional Experience

**Deputy Commissioner: Dutchess County Department of Public Works, Poughkeepsie, NY.** Oct. 2013 to present.

Assisted Commissioner with managing department, direct oversight of Engineering Division and Highway Construction & Maintenance Division. Assisted with policy development, personnel management, development of capital programming.

**Acting Commissioner: Dutchess County Department of Public, Poughkeepsie, NY.** July 2012 to Sept. 2013.

Oversaw department of 198 highway, buildings, parks engineering and airport maintenance staff. Developed policies and capital programs. Led the effort to restructure the Department to create efficiency within all service areas. Oversaw the merger of the Auto Service Center into the Department of Public Works.

**Director: Dutchess County Department of Public Works – Highway Construction & Maintenance Division, Poughkeepsie, NY.** June 2009 to July 2012.

Directed department of 95 highway construction and maintenance workers, including mechanics and business office staff. Directed snow removal operations. Managed highway and machinery maintenance staff.

**Assistant Director; Dutchess County Department of Public Works – Engineering Division, Poughkeepsie, NY.** April 2004 to June 2009.

Managed department staff (approximately 16 technical and support staff) in the design and construction of public works capital improvement bridge and highway projects. Review plans, specifications and estimates prepared by subordinate staff and consultant engineers.

**Project Manager; Dewkett Engineering, Rhinebeck, NY.** June 1999 to April 2004.

Managed technical and support staff in preparing plans, specifications and estimates for public works and private construction projects throughout New York State. Clients included NYSDOT, NYSTA, DASNY, OGS. Responsible for direct client contact, business development and marketing effort in connection with transportation projects, commercial site work and residential projects.

**Design Engineer; New York State Department of Transportation, Poughkeepsie, NY.** Aug. 1993 to June 1999.

Performed evaluation of existing facilities and designed highway improvement projects including preparation of plans, specifications and estimates. Developed projects in accordance with AASHTO guidelines, NYS Highway Design Manual standards, as well as other industry standard codes and policies. Assisted with environmental permitting and natural and cultural resource impact determination.

Work closely with construction staff to maintain target schedules and costs during construction.

**Assistant Project Superintendent; Shelburne Surveying and Engineering, Marion, MA.**  
March 1988 to Aug. 1993.

Directed construction activities on projects ranging from local road resurfacing and underground utility repair to parks and recreational facility construction. Performed construction inspection, prepared daily journals, scheduled contractors, and attended progress and design review meetings with City DPW personnel.

### **Education and Professional Accomplishments**

Recipient of Renaissance Award for engineering of the 'Restoration of the Reservoir Fence in Central Park,' presented by *The Friends of the Upper East Side Historic District*, 2/2004

Bachelor of Science -- Civil Engineering  
University of Massachusetts, North Dartmouth, MA 1993

New York State - Registered Professional Engineer, 1998  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts -- Registered Professional Engineer, 1999  
State of New Jersey - Registered Professional Engineer, 2001

### **Memberships and Affiliations**

American Institute of Steel Construction - Professional Member  
American Concrete Institute -- Professional Member  
American Society of Civil Engineers -- Professional Member  
Pre-Cast Concrete Association of New York -- Member

### **Volunteer Organizations**

Habitat for Humanity -- Volunteered engineering services for new house construction in City of Poughkeepsie, NY

Town of Poughkeepsie Cal Ripken Baseball -- volunteered engineering services for new announcer booth at Tilcon Field, Town of Poughkeepsie