

12623. RESOLUTION 26 –36 : RECOGNIZING AND SALUTING JAMES L. COLLINS FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, James L. Collins was appointed by Governor John Carney to serve as a Commissioner on the Delaware River and Bay Authority, participating in his first Commission meeting on July 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS Mr. Collins established an impressive tenure of over twenty years in Delaware State Government, serving as Deputy Fleet Administrator, Deputy Secretary of State, and Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Jack Markell; and

WHEREAS Mr. Collins' exemplary public service culminated in his role as the First State's Chief Information Officer from 2014 to 2020, where he successfully led the Department of Technology and Information; and

WHEREAS Mr. Collins has further distinguished himself as a highly respected private sector leader, serving as General Manager and currently the Public Sector Leader for the Americas at the Microsoft Corporation, where he assists governments in improving critical infrastructure, transportation, and public safety through digital innovation; and

WHEREAS Mr. Collins has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to community and leadership development through his education at Wesley College and Champlain College, as a graduate of the prestigious CSG Henry Toll Fellowship program, and through his service on the Board of Trustees for Delaware State University and the Delaware Boys and Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collins served with distinction and dedication as an Authority Commissioner, sharing his technical expertise to guide the bi-state agency's strategic mission and notably serving as the first Chairman of the DRBA IT Ad Hoc Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collins willingly supplied his time, talents, and energy to the successful operation of the Delaware Memorial Bridge, Cape May - Lewes Ferry, Wilmington Airport, Millville Airport, Cape May Airport, Delaware Airpark, Civil Air Terminal at Dover, and the Forts Ferry Crossing, all of which are managed by the Delaware River and Bay Authority; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware River and Bay Authority does hereby praise and congratulate James L. Collins for the invaluable services rendered by him to the States of New Jersey and Delaware through his outstanding contributions as a Delaware River and Bay Authority Commissioner and does hereby record the Commissioners' sincere appreciation by the presentation of this Resolution, adopted today, July 21, 2026.

Resolution 26-36 was moved by Commissioner Houghton, seconded by Commissioner Mehaffey, and approved by a roll call vote of 10-0.