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At its February 19 meeting, the Board of Commissioners endorsed in concept the recommendations of the Special Panel on the Future of the Port Authority appointed last year by Governor Chris Christie and Governor Andrew Cuomo. The [Special Panel Report](#) can be found on the Port Authority's website. In order to ensure that we maintain the momentum of the reform process enshrined in the Panel's recommendations, the Board also directed that we create a "Special Panel Implementation Office" within the agency to coordinate the implementation process across our various departments.

Working with Executive Director Pat Foye, we are assembling project teams from within the agency to work over the next 12 months on implementation of each of the Special Panel's recommendations. With respect to some of the Panel's recommendations, such as the preparation of an updated Code of Conduct, implementation will be completed within the coming year. With respect to longer-term initiatives such as the redevelopment of our airports, port facilities, and bus terminals, the focus of the work teams will be on creating focused implementation processes, including appropriate metrics and milestones, to ensure that these projects continue to receive appropriate priority in the months and years to come.

In order to coordinate this process, we have—at Pat Foye's suggestion—asked Nicole Crifo, Senior Advisor to the Chairman, to lead the Special Panel Implementation Office. Nicole most recently served as Chief of Staff to Deputy Executive Director Deb Gramiccioni, a role that gave her broad exposure to the diverse operations of the Port Authority as well involving her in the many reform initiatives undertaken at the agency in recent months.

Nicole will report to us in her new role and work closely with Pat and the executive team in coordinating the implementation effort. Please join us in congratulating Nicole and wishing her the best with this important new challenge.

**John J. Degnan**            **Scott H. Rechler**  
**Chairman**                **Vice-Chairman**

<http://www.panynj.gov/pdf/SpecialPanelReporttotheGovernors.pdf>