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Helena Williams To Leave As President Of MTA Long Island Bus

MTA Chairman E. Virgil Conway today announced that Helena Williams, President of MTA Long Island Bus, has resigned from her post effective March 1. She will be joining a law practice in Garden City.

Mrs. Williams was appointed to head LI Bus in March 1993, after serving as the agency's chief of staff since 1986. As President, she directed the transition of the agency from diesel buses to a new and modern fleet of natural gas fuel vehicles.

Mrs. Williams, who is the first woman to head an MTA agency, oversaw the construction of natural gas fueling station and depot modifications, and the purchase of more than 160 new buses.

In 1995, she initiated a new paratransit program with a fleet of 43 mini-buses that improved mobility for the disabled community. Recently, LI Bus joined the MTA's regional automated fare system with the introduction of MetroCard, which gives customers free transfers to MTA New York City Transit subways and buses and the 11-for-10 bonus. Chairman Conway said, "Helena Williams has done a fine job at LI Bus. I wish her great success in her new position."