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Katherine N. Lapp named Executive Director of MTA

MTA Chairman Peter S. Kalikow today announced Katherine N. Lapp as his choice for Executive Director of the MTA. Ms. Lapp will replace Marc V. Shaw, who resigned to become Deputy Mayor of Operations in Mayor Michael Bloomberg's administration.

Ms. Lapp will be the first woman to serve as Executive Director since the MTA's creation in 1968. Previously, she served for four years as New York State Director of Criminal Justice and Commissioner of the Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Governor George E. Pataki said, "Katie Lapp is a proven leader who has played a pivotal role in reducing crime throughout New York State. She is respected at the local, State, and Federal levels as an experienced innovator who brings a no-nonsense approach to getting the job done. She is the right choice to ensure we continue to improve mass transit for riders throughout the MTA region."

Mayor Bloomberg said, "Katie Lapp is an innovative, energetic, resourceful and savvy public official. New Yorkers are lucky to have someone of her ability and character as executive director of the MTA. Given the challenges facing the MTA I am pleased to be working with Katie and the MTA to rebuild and improve New York's transportation system."

Mr. Kalikow said, "I welcome Katie to the MTA and look forward to her joining the management team. She has demonstrated her administrative abilities many times over, and her public safety record will be a huge asset to this organization."

Ms. Lapp said, "I am very pleased about being selected for this position, and I look forward to meeting the many challenges of the busiest transportation system in North America."

As Director of Criminal Justice, Ms. Lapp was Governor Pataki's primary advisor on criminal justice policy, including budgetary, legislative, and programmatic initiatives. In her role as Commissioner of DCJS, she managed an agency of 800 employees and an annual budget of \$214 million.

Before that, Ms. Lapp was the New York City Criminal Justice Coordinator under former-Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani from 1994 to 1997, advising on criminal justice policy and overseeing the City's public safety agencies with a combined annual budget of \$4 billion.

She served as Chief of Staff and Special Counsel to the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety from 1990 to 1993 under former-Mayor David N. Dinkins.

Ms. Lapp, an attorney, received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Fairfield University and her law degree from Hofstra University School of Law.

Ms. Lapp is expected to be approved by the MTA Board at its monthly meeting on January 29.