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Statement from MTA Chairman Peter S. Kalikow

I believe PERB should have moved this dispute to arbitration immediately after the membership of the TWU rejected the proposed agreement. Nevertheless, MTA has continued to participate in PERB's mediation process. While I am always hopeful a voluntary agreement can be reached, the fact is that two months have already been wasted and the public is entitled to know that an orderly process pursuant to state law is underway. Put simply, this dispute should be sent to arbitration. Period.