



Franchise Oversight Board

Resolution No. 19-08

WHEREAS, in 2008, the New York State Legislature (i) amended the New York Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law to establish the Franchise Oversight Board (the “FOB”) to represent the interests of the People of the State of New York as owner of the Aqueduct Racetrack, Belmont Park, and Saratoga Race Course (the “Franchised Racetracks”) and (ii) conferred upon The New York Racing Association, Inc. (“NYRA”) the right and responsibility to, among other things, operate all functions at the Franchised Racetracks; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 212(8)(a)(viii), the FOB has the authority act on behalf of the People of the State of New York to enter into any real property transactions in furtherance of the purposes and intent of this statute; and

WHEREAS, the improvement of the lives of those who participate in the care of the equine athlete serves to ensure the continuation of quality racing at, *inter alia*, Saratoga Race Course; and

WHEREAS, NYRA has requested the FOB consider and allow the development of a facility to benefit the backstretch worker at Saratoga Race Course; and

WHEREAS, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced plans to benefit the backstretch worker at Saratoga Race Course and honor the legacy of Marylou Whitney, in recognition of her support and dedication to improving the lives of backstretch workers; and

WHEREAS, the Marylou Whitney Backstretch Pavilion will provide a permanent structure to replace the temporary tent used to host dinners and events for the benefit of NYRA backstretch workers during the racing season; and

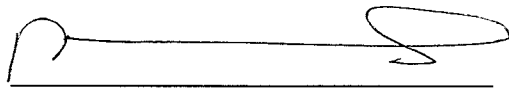
WHEREAS, the State has provided a grant to NYRA for the cost of construction; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the FOB hereby approves the construction of the Marylou Whitney Backstretch Pavilion on the grounds of Saratoga Race Course, consistent with the design plan presented.

VOTES:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Joseph J. Rabito	x			
James T. Towne, Jr.	x			
Robert Williams	x			

Adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members at a duly constituted meeting of the Franchise Oversight Board on October 29, 2019.



Robert Williams
Chairman
Franchise Oversight Board
October 29, 2019