



**Resolution No. 21-06**

**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 “Board”) 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) of the New York Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law, the Board 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 the law; and

**WHEREAS**, the continuation of quality racing at Belmont Park requires those who care for the equine athletes themselves have access to services and resources that improve the quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, NYRA has requested the Board consider the construction of a building on the grounds of Belmont Park to house an organization to provide such quality of life services and resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Race Track Chaplaincy of America provides such services and resources to the backstretch employees of Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course; and

**WHEREAS**, the Race Track Chaplaincy of America, seeks a permanent chaplaincy building on the grounds of Belmont Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Humberto Chavez, Chaplain for the Race Track Chaplaincy of America New York has presented a design plan for the construction, maintenance, and operations of a chaplaincy building; and

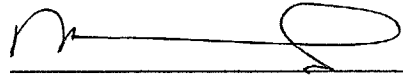
**WHEREAS**, the business model for the proposed Belmont Park chaplaincy building illustrates that it will be operated and maintained independent of NYRA financial support; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved that the Board hereby approves the construction of a chaplaincy building on the grounds of Belmont Park, consistent with the design plan presented.

VOTE:

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

Adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members at a duly constituted meeting of the Board conducted on June 16, 2021.

  
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Robert Williams  
Chairman