

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HONORS THE MEMORY AND DEDICATED SERVICE  
OF TRUSTEE MATTHEW C. CORDARO, PhD.**

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**WHEREAS**, Matthew C. Cordaro, PhD. was a Long Island native from Merrick and obtained his undergraduate degree in Engineering Science from C.W. Post College; and

**WHEREAS**, Trustee Cordaro began his career as an Assistant Engineer at the Long Island Lighting Company in 1966, while earning a Masters in Nuclear Engineering from New York University, a PhD. in Engineering and Physics from Cooper Union, and attending the Executive Management Program at the University of Michigan;

**WHEREAS**, Trustee Cordaro rapidly rose up the ranks at the Long Island Lighting Company through intelligence, hard work, and dedication to eventually become the Senior Vice President of Operations, Engineering, and Construction, overseeing 3,400 employees, the operation of the electric and gas transmission and distribution system, the operation of all fossil generating stations, and management of all construction and engineering functions;

**WHEREAS**, Trustee Cordaro went on to serve as President of the Long Lake Energy Corporation, a major independent power producer; as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Nashville Electric Service, one of the country's ten largest public power utilities; and as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Midwest Independent System Operator, the electric grid operator for 16 states, 80,000 megawatts of generation, and 52,000 miles of transmission; and

**WHEREAS**, Trustee Cordaro moved home to Long Island to begin a distinguished academic career as the Dean of the College of Management at the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University and as Dean of the Townsend School of Business at Dowling College; and

**WHEREAS**, Trustee Cordaro was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Long Island Power Authority, the parent company to the Long Island Lighting Company, where he began his career; and

**WHEREAS**, Trustee Cordaro loved the utility business and used his knowledge and experience to advocate for a cleaner, more affordable electric grid for customers on Long Island and in the Rockaways, and such efforts are worthy of praise and recognition, as are his distinguished lifetime achievements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees hereby honors the memory and recognizes the friendship and faithful service of Trustee Cordaro.

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