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**GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO APPOINTS  
REVEREND ALFRED L. COCKFIELD II TO LIPA BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**UNIONDALE, NY** – Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has appointed Reverend Alfred L. Cockfield II of Far Rockaway, Queens, to serve as a Trustee of the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA). Reverend Cockfield is the Chief Operating Officer of God’s Battalion of Prayer Ministries and Executive Director of the Battalion Christian Academy in Far Rockaway, Queens, and Brooklyn, New York, as well as the Lamad Academy Charter School in Brooklyn.

Reverend Cockfield has more than 13 years of experience in leadership, education, youth development, and civic and community engagement. Since 2013, he has served as Executive Director of the Battalion Christian Academy School in Brooklyn, New York, where he manages a diverse portfolio to transform the lives of children.

Reverend Alfred L. Cockfield said “I am humbled by this opportunity given to me by Governor Cuomo to serve the Long Island and Rockaways communities. While there is much work to be done following Tropical Storm Isaias, I look forward to adding my experience and perspective and working closely with my colleagues on the Board to achieve a clean, reliable, and affordable electric grid for our customers.”

“Reverend Cockfield is an outstanding addition to the LIPA Board. On behalf of the Board, we applaud Governor Cuomo on this selection,” said Mark Fischl, Acting Chair of the LIPA Board of Trustees. “Reverend Cockfield is a staunch advocate and known leader. I am thrilled to work alongside him as we pursue ambitious goals to improve the electric grid and transform this utility into the best-in-class provider our customers deserve.”

Reverend Cockfield will replace outgoing Trustee Ralph V. Suozzi, who announced last month he would not seek a new term on the Board.

Reverend Cockfield holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Religious Studies and a Master of Business Administration and International Business Marketing and Management from Nyack College.

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**ABOUT LIPA**

LIPA is a not-for-profit public utility with a mission to enable clean, reliable, and affordable electric service for our customers on Long Island and the Rockaways. LIPA contracts with PSEG Long Island, a subsidiary of Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated, to operate LIPA’s electric system under a long-term contract.

**LIPA BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

LIPA's Board of Trustees consists of nine Long Island and Rockaway residents appointed by New York's elected officials. These unpaid volunteers serve Long Island's electric customers by delivering clean, reliable, and safe electric service at affordable rates.

The Board of Trustees adopts LIPA's annual budget, establishes policies and priorities for the Long Island electric grid, oversees contractual agreements, and manages independent auditors – always acting in the best interest of LIPA's customers.

- Appointed by: Governor Cuomo
- Term expires December 31, 2021

Reverend Cockfield is the Chief Operating Officer of God's Battalion of Prayer Ministries with experience in leadership, education, youth development, and civic and community engagement. Reverend Cockfield also serves as Executive Director of the Battalion Christian Academy in Far Rockaway, Queens, and Brooklyn, New York, as well as the Lamad Academy Charter School in Brooklyn. As Executive Director, Reverend Cockfield manages a diverse portfolio of services to ensure successful outcomes for the students and their communities.

Reverend Cockfield is a graduate of Nyack College with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Religious Studies and a Master of Business Administration and International Business Marketing and Management.

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- Executive Director, Battalion Christian Academy and Lamad Academy Charter School
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- LIPA Trustee since 2021
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