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LIPA Board Appoints Carrie Meek Gallagher as Chief Executive Officer

Uniondale, NY — The Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) Board of Trustees has appointed Carrie Meek Gallagher as Chief Executive Officer, effective July 7, 2025. Ms. Gallagher brings over twenty-five years of leadership experience in public service, energy regulation, and environmental policy, with a deep focus on Long Island and New York State. She has over a decade of direct management and leadership experience in the utility sector.

Ms. Gallagher succeeds John B. Rhodes, who has served as LIPA's Acting CEO since March 2024. The Board expressed its gratitude to Mr. Rhodes for his steady and principled leadership during a period of transition and his continued commitment to public service.

Tracey Edwards, Chair of the LIPA Board of Trustees, said:

"Carrie Meek Gallagher is a seasoned utility executive with deep Long Island roots and a proven ability to lead complex organizations. Her expertise in energy, environmental stewardship, and public policy will help LIPA deliver value to our customers. I thank John Rhodes for his service to LIPA's customers and leadership over the past year and a half, and look forward to welcoming Carrie to the LIPA team."

Ms. Gallagher currently serves as the Director of the Long Island Office for the New York State Department of Public Service, where she oversees regulatory oversight of LIPA and PSEG Long Island. In that role, she has helped ensure affordable electric rates, system reliability, and alignment with New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA).

Previously, she served as Acting Deputy Secretary for Energy and Environment in the Executive Chamber, where she managed government operations and policy for 12 agencies, over 5,000 employees, and a \$2 billion budget, including oversight of LIPA, NYPA, NYSEERDA, and DPS. Gallagher also served as Incident Commander for New York's COVID-19 testing operations at Stony Brook, showcasing her operational acumen and crisis management experience.

Carrie Meek Gallagher, incoming CEO of LIPA, said:

"It is an honor to be selected to lead LIPA at such a pivotal time. I look forward to working alongside our staff, Board, labor partners, and stakeholders to continue strengthening our electric system. Together, we will deliver reliable, affordable, and clean energy for Long Island and the Rockaways while meeting the challenges of climate change and the expectations of the communities we serve."

Her earlier roles include:

- Regional Director for Long Island at the Department of Environmental Conservation
- Chief Sustainability Officer at the Suffolk County Water Authority
- Commissioner of Environment and Energy for Suffolk County
- Deputy Director of Planning for Suffolk County
- Director of the Long Island Index Project at the Rauch Foundation

Gallagher holds a B.A. in Sustainable Development and Latin American Studies from Amherst College, an M.S. in Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development from the University of Maryland, and an MBA in Management from Hofstra University.

John B. Rhodes, Acting CEO of LIPA, added:

"Serving as LIPA's Acting CEO has been a privilege. I am grateful to the staff and Board for their support during this period of transition. Carrie brings the perfect blend of policy expertise, operational know-how, and commitment to Long Island. I am confident that LIPA is in excellent hands under her leadership."

Carrie Meek Gallagher's appointment ushers in a new era of stable, mission-driven leadership at LIPA. The Authority serves 1.2 million customers across Long Island and the Rockaways and will continue to focus on reliability, affordability, and achieving New York's clean energy goals.

Pat Guidice, Business Manager of IBEW Local 1049, commented:

"I am thrilled with the appointment of Carrie Meek Gallagher as CEO. She brings essential experience from the Department of Public Service, a regulatory agency that understands how to deliver the best possible service and costs for our Long Island neighbors. Carrie recognizes the critical role of our union workforce, and we are looking forward to continuing our great relationship, helping to serve our fellow Long Islanders with the best-in-class service in the country."

John R. Durso, President of the Long Island Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, added:

"Carrie Meek Gallagher is a thoughtful, experienced leader who understands the value of partnership. She respects the vital role of labor in delivering safe, reliable service, and I believe she'll lead LIPA with a deep commitment to collaboration and the people who do the work every day."

Kevin Law, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Empire State Development and former Chairman and CEO of LIPA, said:

"I have known Carrie Meek Gallagher for over 20 years, and I believe that every position she has held has prepared her well to become the next CEO of LIPA. I wish her well in this important role."

Bob Catell, Former KeySpan CEO and Chair of the Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center, said:

"Carrie Meek Gallagher is a terrific choice to lead LIPA. I have known and worked with her for many years, and she sits on the board of the AERTC. Her background in utility regulation and energy policy, along with her commitment to public service, gives her a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing Long Island's energy future. I'm confident she will provide the thoughtful, forward-looking leadership the Authority needs."

Adrienne Esposito, Executive Director, Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE), said:

"Carrie Meek Gallagher is a proven public servant who has spent her career advancing smart environmental and energy policies. Her appointment as LIPA's CEO sends a strong message that Long Island's clean energy future is in capable hands with someone who knows the long-term value of renewable energy. She brings the knowledge and commitment needed to move us toward a more sustainable, cleaner, safer and modernized energy system."

Matt Cohen, President & CEO of the Long Island Association, said:

"Carrie Meek Gallagher is an outstanding choice to lead LIPA. Her deep understanding of state energy policy, regulatory matters, and the needs of Long Island's residents and businesses will serve the region well."

Kyle Strober, Executive Director, Association for a Better Long Island, said:

"Long Island is at an energy crossroads, between providing affordable, resilient, and reliable energy while transitioning towards a renewable future. Carrie Gallagher understands Long Island's energy industry and its critical role in powering economic growth. Her background in both policy and operations makes her uniquely qualified to lead LIPA at a time when reliability, affordability, and accountability are more important than ever."

Mike Florio, Director of Government Affairs for the Long Island Builders Institute (LIBI), said:

“Carrie has a strong reputation for listening to all sides and working toward practical solutions. Her appointment is good news for Long Island’s business community and for the families who depend on reliable and affordable energy every day.”

Richard Kessel, Former LIPA CEO and Chair of the Nassau Interim Finance Authority, said:

“Carrie Meek Gallagher brings the kind of experience and steady leadership LIPA needs at this critical time. Her deep knowledge of utility operations, combined with years of public service and regulatory oversight, uniquely positions her to lead LIPA through the challenges ahead. I commend the Board on selecting a proven leader with a clear understanding of what it takes to keep the lights on and serve Long Island’s customers.”

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Melissa Parrott, Executive Director, Renewable Energy Long Island, said:

“Carrie’s background in regulation and environmental leadership makes her exceptionally well-suited to lead LIPA at this pivotal moment. She understands the urgency of climate action and the importance of renewable energy development on Long Island. Her appointment gives us confidence that LIPA will stay focused on clean energy progress and public accountability.”

David Schieren, CEO, EmPower Solar and NYSEIA Board Chair, said:

“Carrie Meek Gallagher’s appointment as CEO of LIPA is a smart and forward-looking choice. She understands the critical role distributed energy and solar play in building a resilient and affordable grid for Long Island. Her experience in energy policy and utility oversight will be invaluable as LIPA continues to modernize its infrastructure and expand access to clean energy solutions.”

Terri Alessi-Miceli, President & CEO, HIA-LI, stated:

“Carrie brings a deep understanding of how energy infrastructure drives regional economic development. Her leadership will be essential as LIPA continues its work with the business community to improve reliability, manage costs, and meet the evolving energy needs of Long Island’s industrial centers. We look forward to collaborating with her, particularly around initiatives that impact the Long Island Innovation Park at Hauppauge—one of the region’s most important economic engines.”