



# **Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority**

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## **Governance Discussion**

**Extension of Term for Fiscal and Management Control Board**

**February 27, 2017**

*John Englander  
General Counsel*



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“The MBTA is showing real progress in its turnaround, from vastly improved winter operations to cutting its operating deficit by more than half, but more work is needed to deliver better and more efficient results to riders and taxpayers ... The Fiscal and Management Control Board is playing a critical role in reforming the MBTA and we welcome their request to extend their governance to continue the MBTA’s turnaround.”

*Governor Charlie Baker  
Remarks to the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce  
February 16, 2017*



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**Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015**  
**Section 200 (f)**

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The control board shall initiate and assure the implementation of appropriate measures to secure the fiscal, operational and managerial stability of the authority and shall continue in existence until June 30, 2018 and **thereafter for an additional period of 2 years upon the recommendation by the control board to the governor in writing based upon specific findings that such 2-year period is in the best interest of the public and necessary to achieve operational stability and establish performance metrics for the authority**; provided, however, that the recommendation shall be approved in writing by the governor not later than June 30, 2018; and provided further, that the control board shall in no event continue beyond June 30, 2020.



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## **FMCB Recommendation shall be based upon “specific findings” that:**

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1. Extension is in the best interest of the public;
  2. Necessary to achieve operational stability; and
  3. Establish performance metrics for the authority.
- Many of the findings are already contained in the Board’s Second Annual Report, dated December 15, 2016. E.g.:
- “Fixing the MBTA is neither simple nor instant. It took this Board its first 18 months to take initial actions to address an MBTA in crisis and then to diagnose and begin to make necessary changes. It will take more time to enact those changes, including securing the talent needed to implement them.”