

Senate committee votes to require that Port Authority open its meetings

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The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey board would have to follow the state public meetings law under a bill approved today by the state Senate Transportation Committee.

The bill, co-sponsored by Sandra Cunningham, D-Jersey City, and Sen. Nicholas Sacco, D-North Bergen, would mandate that the bi-state agency give 48 hours notice of meetings, record its minutes and open all meetings to the public.

"I commend the Board of the Port Authority for recently amending its bylaws and publishing its agendas for public meetings, but this bill would lock in the openness that less-enlightened future boards could abandon at will," Sacco said in a written statement.

New York would have to enact a similar law for it to take effect.