



Bethann Rooney

PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

Bethann Rooney is a nationally renowned expert with more than three decades of leadership in the maritime and transportation industries. Appointed as the Port's new director in 2022, Bethann has continued to grow productivity and efficiency of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Harnessing the energy of one of the largest access points, she and her team have ensured continuity of one of the largest economic contributors in the state. Continued access and growth demonstrate the large impact Bethann and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey have on our Industry.

Bethann was the architect behind the Port's Council on Port Performance—the first forum of its kind in America to identify and solve challenges to Port efficiency and service reliability.

Bethann led the effort to develop and manage Port-wide performance management and quality improvement, using data to set priorities for improvements aligned with strategic imperatives.

Immediately after the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Port turned to Bethann as its first ever manager of port security, a role she served in for more than thirteen years.

Bethann started at the Port Authority in 1993 and has held a series of progressively higher-level management positions since then. She was appointed Deputy Port Director in April 2019 after serving as the Port's Assistant Director overseeing policy, planning, legislative and regulatory affairs, as well as environmental sustainability, performance, and efficiency. She is the architect and coordinator of the Port's Council on Port Performance – the first forum of its kind in the nation that was established as a framework for Port constituents to identify challenges to Port efficiency and service reliability and develop recommended solutions. She has managed and coordinated Port-wide efforts to ensure that performance management and quality improvement efforts are developed and managed using a data-driven focus that sets priorities for improvements aligned to ongoing strategic imperatives. Prior to that, she was the Agency's first ever Manager, Port Security, having been tapped to take on that role on September 12, 2001, and serving in that capacity for more than 13 years.

Beth began her career as a port captain/vessel agent for General Steamship Corporation. She is a graduate of the State University of New York Maritime College with a master's in international transportation and a bachelor's in marine transportation with qualifications as a Third Mate. She is also an Accredited Marine Port Executive from the International Association of Maritime and Port Executives.