

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**NIAGARA FRONTIER TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY
(AIRPORT SUPERVISORS)**

AND

**TEAMSTERS LOCAL 264
BUFFALO, NEW YORK
AN AFFILIATE OF
THE
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS**

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AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into on the ____ day of May, 2024 by and between NIAGARA FRONTIER TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, a body corporate and politic, constituting a public benefit corporation, organized and existing pursuant to Chapter 717 of the Laws of 1967 of the State of New York, as amended with its principal office for the transaction of business at 181 Ellicott Street, in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie and State of New York, (hereinafter referred to as "NFTA") and the TEAMSTERS LOCAL #264, INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, hereinafter referred to as "Union").

ARTICLE 1 **RECOGNITION – UNION MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1.1: Recognition

Pursuant to PERB Case No. C-4145, the NFTA recognizes the Teamsters Local Union #264 as the representative of its permanent employees in the following job titles listed in Appendix "A".

The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for the purpose of establishing salaries, wages, hours and other conditions of employment and the administration of grievances arising there under for the term of this agreement for all employees covered by this agreement in all classifications as determined by the New York State Public Employment Relations Board to be in the bargaining unit.

The period of unchallenged representation for the Union shall be the maximum permitted by the Taylor Law.

The terms "employees", "supervisor", "foreman", "manager", "member", are used interchangeably herein to refer to permanent employees (excluding those employees on probation) of the NFTA on a full-pay status, who are represented by the Union and whose terms and conditions of employment are governed by this agreement. These terms are used to designate both male and female.

Section 1.2: Purpose of Agreement

The parties hereto desire to provide, through this agreement: the promotion of harmonious relations between the Employer and the Union; the establishment of an equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences; and the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work, and other conditions of employment.

Section 1.3: Applicable Law

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements, herein contained, the NFTA and the Union, through their authorized representatives, agree that this agreement has been negotiated pursuant to the provisions of the Public Employees Fair Employment Act and is governed by the applicable provisions of New York State law.

Section 1.4: Legislative Requirements

It is agreed by and between the parties that any provision of this agreement requiring legislative action to permit its implementation by amendment of law or by providing the additional funds, therefore, shall not become effective until the appropriate legislative body has given approval.

Section 1.5: Union Officials

The Union will advise the NFTA, in writing, to the Director of Labor Relations, of the names and titles of its stewards, and will promptly give the NFTA written notification of any changes during the term of this agreement within two (2) calendar weeks of any such change.

Section 1.6: Dues Checkoff and Authorization

An employee desiring to become a member of the Union may execute a written authorization form. Upon receipt of the authorization from an employee, NFTA Metro shall, pursuant to the authorization, deduct from the employee's wages each month union membership dues according to the following calculation.

Employee's hourly rate x 2.25 with the result rounded to the nearest dollar (i.e., forty-nine cents [\$.49] and below will be rounded down and fifty cents [\$.50] and above will be rounded up to the next whole dollar).

Effective June 1, 2005, union dues will be deducted in the first pay period of each month.

The Employer, following each pay period from which those deductions are made will transmit the amount so deducted to the Union, within thirty (30) days. All transmittals shall be sent out by a listing of the members from whom the deductions have been made and the amount from each to:

TEAMSTERS LOCAL #264
35 TYROL DRIVE
CHEEKTOWAGA, NEW YORK 14227

The Union shall certify to the Employer, in writing, the current rate of membership dues and shall give the Employer thirty (30) days notice prior to the effective date of any changes.

A deduction authorized by an employee shall continue as long as so authorized unless and until such employee notifies the Human Resources Department of the Employer of his desire to discontinue or to change such authorization, in writing, and by registered mail and the NFTA shall forward a copy of the employee's notification to the Union.

The Employer further agrees to grant to the Union, an exclusive payroll deduction of premiums for an employee organization sponsored insurance program.

The Union agrees to indemnify and hold the NFTA harmless from any loss it may incur as a result of such deduction.

Section 1.7: Union Member Fees

If, through inadvertence or error, the Employer fails or neglects to make a deduction which is properly due and owing from an employee's paycheck, such deduction shall be made from the next paycheck of the employee and submitted to the collective bargaining representative, employee or any party by reason of the requirements of this section of the agreement for the remittance or payment of any sum other than that constituting actual deductions made from employee wages earned.

On the effective date of this agreement, the Employer shall supply to the Union at the address listed above, a list of all current employees in the bargaining unit showing the employee's full name, home address, job title, work location, membership status, insurance deductions and first date of employment. Such information shall hereafter be provided in accordance with the terms of Section 208 of the New York Public Employees Fair Employment Act.

The Union shall hold the NFTA harmless against any and all suits, claims, demands and liabilities arising out of any action of the NFTA implementing or deducting amounts of money from wages under this section.

Section 1.8: Pledge Against Discrimination and Coercion

The provisions of this agreement shall be applied equally to all employees in the bargaining unit without discrimination as to age, sex, marital status, race, color, creed, national origin or political affiliation. The Union shall share equally with the Employer the responsibility for applying this provision of the agreement.

In connection with the Equal Employment Opportunity Program of the United States, the employer pledges its full support to Executive Order 11246 of September 1965 as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1968, in continuing its well established policy to provide equal employment opportunities for all individuals on the basis of qualifications and merit without regard to race, color, creed, age, sex, religious affiliation or national origin, which policy the Union enthusiastically endorses.

All references to employees in this agreement designate both sexes wherever the male gender is used it shall be construed to include male and female employees.

The Employer agrees not to interfere with the rights of employees to become members of the Union, and there shall be no discrimination, interference, restraint or coercion by the Employer or any Employer representative against any employee because of Union membership or because of any lawful employee activity in an official capacity on behalf of the Union.

The Union recognizes its responsibility as bargaining agent and agrees to represent all employees in the bargaining unit without discrimination, interference, restraint or coercion.

The Union agrees that it will not interfere with, coerce, or intimidate any of the employees into joining the Union. The Union recognizes that no employee is required to join the Union and every employee has the right to join or refrain from joining the Union.

ARTICLE 2

HOURS OF WORK

Section 2.1: Work Week

The scheduled workweek shall not exceed forty (40) hours, spread equally over five (5) workdays within any calendar week, as per past practice, commencing midnight Saturday, eight (8) hours per day. The workday shall begin and end at twelve o'clock midnight. The two (2) days off per workweek shall be consecutive.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the scheduled work week may, when feasible and by mutual agreement, consist of four (4) ten (10) hour days.

Section 2.2: Overtime Eligibility

For time actually worked in excess of eight (8) hours in any work shift or in excess of forty (40) hours in any workweek, or on any previously scheduled days off, the Employer agrees to pay the employee at one and one-half times the appropriate hourly rate, except for holidays which do not count as hours worked for the computation of overtime.

Section 2.3: Employer Rights

It is understood that the sole responsibility and authority for determining the number of hours of work in excess of the scheduled work shift and the scheduled workweek and the actual number of and scheduling of shifts shall remain vested in the Employer, it being understood, however, that the Employer will notify the Union of contemplated changes for the purpose of maintaining a harmonious relationship. The parties recognize the need for adherence to the designated hours of work. Tardiness will result in disciplinary action which will include docking of pay for each instance of tardiness and further disciplinary action for repeated instances in accordance with the principles of progressive discipline.

Section 2.4: Overtime Distribution

Overtime shall be equally divided among the employees insofar as it is practicable to do so within each job classification, taking into account qualifications and ability to perform the work which is required on an overtime basis. Overtime will be offered to unit employees first. If overtime cannot be filled by members of the unit, then NFTA has the right to assign the work to other NFTA employees. The distribution of overtime will be considered on a quarterly basis in order that appropriate adjustments may be made during the next quarter. The Employer shall furnish to the Union at the end of each quarter, a report showing the amount of overtime worked by each employee. Employees understand that they have the obligation to work a reasonable amount of overtime at the discretion of the Employer. Refusal to work less than a reasonable amount of overtime in that job classification may result in disciplinary action.

Section 2.5: Meal Periods/Breaks

Each employee will be allowed a thirty (30) minute meal period with pay, which may be taken at a time designated by his or her supervisor after actually working three (3) and before six (6) hours. It is agreed that lunch periods must be taken within the scope of the employee's job duties, and any employee may be required to stay in his or her job location. As an alternative, an employee may be allowed a sixty (60) minute meal period, if he or she combines the two (2) fifteen minute breaks afforded for that day with the meal period. A sixty (60) minute lunch period must be approved by the supervisor prior to the first break being taken.

Section 2.6: Transfer Limitations

Except in the case of an emergency, the Employer will not transfer an employee to a different shift for the purpose of breaking in new employees.

Section 2.7: Sunday Premium Pay

An employee who works or is scheduled to work on a Sunday shall be paid time and one-half for the scheduled work shift of eight (8) hours. (Exception: When an employee who is scheduled to work Sunday calls in or is on sick leave). When an employee who is scheduled to work on a Sunday works beyond eight (8) hours in the regular work shift, he or she will be paid two and one quarter (2 ¼) times their regular rate for all overtime hours worked on Sunday. When an employee is called to work on a Sunday that he or she was not scheduled to work, that employee shall be paid two and one quarter (2 ¼) times his or her regular rate for all hours worked. Excluded from this section are all Assistant Air Terminal Superintendents and Facilities Maintenance Supervisors-FMD.

Section 2.8: Call-In Pay

When an employee is called in to work other than as scheduled, he or she shall be guaranteed a minimum of four (4) hours pay at the appropriate rate, except in the situations set forth below.

If an employee is called in to work less than four (4) hours prior to the start of his/her shift, he or she will be paid for time actually worked.

If an employee is called back to work less than four (4) hours after the end of his or her shift, he or she will be paid for time actually worked.

If an employee is held over after his or her shift, he or she will be paid for hours actually worked.

Section 2.9: Shift Differential

Effective with the signing of this agreement, employees who are regularly assigned to work second shift shall receive \$.30 per hour in addition to their regular hourly rate. Employees who are regularly assigned to work third shift shall receive \$.50 per hour in addition to their hourly rate. Excluded for the shift differential are: vacation days, personal leave, sick leave, military leave, bereavement leave and workers' compensation.

ARTICLE 3 **HOLIDAYS**

Section 3.1: Holiday List

The following are to be paid holidays, whether or not they fall within the scheduled work week:

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
President's Day
Memorial Day
Juneteenth
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day

Election Day
Veterans' Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day Preceding Christmas
Christmas Day

In addition, each employee will be credited with two (2) "floating" holidays at the start of each fiscal year. This holiday may be taken at any time during the fiscal year, providing the employee informs the Employer, in writing, forty-eight (48) hours in advance.

Section 3.2: Holiday Pay

In order to be paid for a holiday, an employee must be on full-pay status. Employees on unpaid leave, non-job related disability, workers' compensation or disciplinary suspension when a holiday occurs, or is observed, will not be paid for that holiday. In any fiscal year, an employee must have worked the last scheduled work shift prior to and the next scheduled work shift after a holiday in order to be paid for such holiday, except when approved vacation, personal leave or floating holiday time is used. The Supervisor reserves the right to schedule employees to work or excuse them from work on a holiday.

In the event an employee is scheduled to work on one of the aforementioned holidays, he or she may be paid at his or her regular hourly rate for the shift worked, plus the holiday, (exception: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Years' Day which if an employee is scheduled to work on one of these holidays, he/she is to be paid time and one-half for shift worked, plus the holiday) or may, in lieu of holiday pay, receive a floating holiday that must be used during the fiscal year subject to forty-eight (48) hours notice to the Supervisor for his approval.

An employee must inform the Supervisor, in writing, forty-eight (48) hours in advance of a holiday, if he or she desires to receive a floating holiday rather than holiday pay.

When an employee is scheduled to work a holiday and calls in sick, he or she will be paid sick time for this day and will not be eligible for holiday pay.

Section 3.3: Holiday Pay/Unscheduled Work

In the event an employee is not scheduled to work, but is required to work on one of the aforementioned holidays, he/she is to be paid twice his/her regular hourly rate for the shift worked, plus the holiday.

Section 3.4: Emergency Work Requirement

In the event of an emergency, it is expressly understood and agreed that past practice shall prevail with respect to the requirement that an employee work on any holiday or scheduled day off.

ARTICLE 4 **VACATION**

Section 4.1: Vacation Entitlement

Vacation credits shall be earned in three (3) increments as follows:

Basic vacation credits shall be earned at the rate of one-half (4 hours) day per two week period, providing an employee is on full-pay status.

Anniversary vacation credits will be earned at the rate of one additional day eight (8) hours for each full year of employment for a maximum of seven (7) years. Such credit will be deemed earned on the day immediately following the employee's swearing in date.

Longevity vacation credits up to a maximum of five (5) days will be deemed earned on the employee's twelfth, seventeenth, twenty-second, twenty-seventh and thirty-second anniversary of their swearing in dates. This credit will be a maximum of one day (8 hours) and will conform to the schedule in Section 4.2 of this Article.

Section 4.2: Schedule of the Incremental Steps

| <u>Fiscal Year of Employment</u> | <u>Vacation Credits</u> |
|---|---------------------------|
| First Year | Up to 13 (104 hours) days |
| Second Year | Up to 14 (112 hours) days |
| Third Year | Up to 15 (120 hours) days |
| Fourth Year | Up to 16 (128 hours) days |
| Fifth Year | Up to 17 (136 hours) days |
| Sixth Year | Up to 18 (144 hours) days |
| Seventh Year | Up to 19 (152 hours) days |
| Eighth Year – Eleventh Year | Up to 20 (160 hours) days |
| Twelfth Year – Sixteenth Year | Up to 21 (168 hours) days |
| Seventeenth Year – Twenty-First Year | Up to 22 (176 hours) days |
| Twenty-Second Year – Twenty-Sixth Year | Up to 23 (184 hours) days |
| Twenty-Seventh Year – Thirty-First Year | Up to 24 (192 hours) days |
| Thirty-Second Year or more | Up to 25 (200 hours) days |

Section 4.3: Carry Over Limit/Minimum Amount of Usage

Basic, longevity and anniversary vacation credits in a fiscal year shall be earned only while an employee is on full-pay status. In those instances in which an employee is on unpaid leave of absence, or receiving worker's compensation benefits, disability or on disciplinary suspension, the accrual or issuance of all vacation credits shall stop. The credits shall resume and be issued only when the employee returns to full-pay status.

Vacations may be taken as earned upon the approval of management after a ninety (90) day waiting period from the date of hire.

Vacation credits may be carried over to the next fiscal year providing the total does not exceed forty (40) days (320 hours).

Vacation credits must be taken in not less than one (1) hour increments.

Vacation requests submitted with less than one (1) week notice shall be approved or denied at the sole discretion of the NFTA.

Section 4.4: Vacation Cash Value

Employees have the option to convert vacation time into its cash value at the end of each fiscal year. The election of this option must be submitted, in writing, to the NFTA prior to March 31st of each year. An employee may only receive the cash value of a maximum of fifteen (15) vacation days and only if he or she has a minimum of ten (10) accrued vacation

days left after receiving this cash value. The cash value of the vacation time will be based on the employee's regular hourly rate (excluding out of class pay) in effect on March 31st. The cash value will be paid with the last paycheck in April in a separate check if over \$300.

Section 4.5: Vacation Pay at Separation

An employee who retires and gives less than thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Employer, shall not be entitled to any vacation time that may have accrued in the current fiscal year. An employee who resigns and gives less than two (2) weeks prior written notice to the Employer or an employee who is discharged shall not be entitled to any vacation time that may have accrued in the current fiscal year.

Section 4.6: Vacation Pay on Holidays

An employee who is otherwise eligible for holiday pay and who is on vacation when a holiday occurs, shall be entitled to such holiday pay and marked accordingly in the time records and not charged nor paid for vacation time.

Section 4.7: Advance Vacation Pay

Upon request, the Employer shall provide the employee with his vacation paycheck on the last day worked prior to the commencement of his vacation if such request is made at least (2) calendar weeks prior to the commencement of the vacation and such vacation check is for a minimum of two (2) weeks.

Section 4.8: Vacation Pay Upon Death

All vacation benefits accrued will be paid to the estate of an employee who becomes deceased while on full pay status, or who is receiving worker's compensation benefits.

ARTICLE 5
WAGES

Section 5.1: Full Pay Status Eligibility

The Employer agrees to maintain and compensate employees who are on full pay status in accordance with the rate schedule set forth in Appendix "A" attached hereto. As used herein, "full pay status" applies to employees who are being directly compensated by the Employer and excludes those employees on unpaid leave, worker's compensation, disability or disciplinary suspension.

Section 5.2: Rate of Pay for New Job Classifications

When and if it becomes necessary to hire or transfer persons to new job classifications not included in Article 1, Section 1.1, the employer will establish the appropriate regular hourly rates of pay applicable to all the other existing job classifications. However, prior to the institution of such rate, the Employer will notify the Union.

Section 5.3: Injury on the Job Pay

An employee who is injured on the job and is sent home by his/her supervisors because of such injury, shall receive pay at his/her regular straight time rate for the balance of the shift. If an employee is injured and is sent home, while working overtime, he or she shall be paid the remainder of the overtime shift, if scheduled, at the appropriate overtime rate.

If the injured employee is working overtime, but not on a scheduled shift basis, he or she will be paid minimum of four (4) hours at the appropriate overtime rate.

In all instances of an employee injured on the job, the NFTA shall have the right to require medical verification by the employee's physician or by an NFTA selected physician of such injury, its nature and extent, and if such medical verification is by an NFTA physician, at the NFTA's request, it shall be at the NFTA's expense.

Section 5.4: Jury Duty

Upon certification from the Commissioner of Jurors, the Employer agrees to pay for all employees summoned to serve on jury duty the difference between the fees they receive and their regular straight time rate. It is understood that the aforementioned compensation shall be paid to all employees, who will be assigned by the Employer to the 8:00am to 4:00pm shift during the period of jury service.

Section 5.5: Court Pay

In any litigation involving testimony on behalf of the Employer, the Employer will pay an employee his/her regular pay for all time lost from work as a witness in a court or other administrative proceeding. This provision will not be applicable to an employee who is a party to the action or proceeding.

Section 5.6: Out of Classification Pay

In the event that an employee is assigned to perform work in a classification higher than his/her own for four (4) consecutive hours or more within the bargaining unit, the employee will be eligible for temporary out of classification pay. The rate of pay for temporary out of classification work shall be the salary equal the pay of the classification of the work performed at their current step. When an employee works out of classification and is not substituting for an absent employee, the out of classification assignment shall not exceed ninety (90) days. If the assignment exceeds ninety (90) days, the position must be posted as a vacancy, unless a waiver is mutually agreed to by the parties.

Time spent working out of classification will be applied to time limits set forth in Appendix A for movement between steps in salary grades.

In the event a member of the bargaining unit is assigned to work in a non-represented job classification that is higher than their current position, the employee will receive a ten percent (10%) temporary increase in their bi-weekly pay for all hours worked.

Section 5.7: Longevity Pay

Longevity pay will be compensated in accordance with the rate schedule set forth in Appendix "B".

ARTICLE 6
MEDICAL, DENTAL AND OPTICAL INSURANCE

Section 6.1: Medical Coverage – Effective Date

The provisions of Sections 6.2 – 6.9 shall be effective for all active employees on April 1, 2021.

Section 6.2: Effective Date of Medical, Dental and Optical Coverage for Newly-Hired Employees

For employees hired from outside the NFTA/Metro, the effective date of the insurances listed in this Article shall be the first of the month following the completion of thirty (30) days of

employment.

Section 6.3: Type of Coverage Available for Active Employees

The medical insurance plan offered to all active employees shall be the Traditional Blue POS 200 (205) plan, the Traditional Blue PPO 6300 (HDHP PPO 6312) plan, or a replacement plan selected by the company under section 6.5.

Section 6.4: Employee Monthly Premium Cost for Active Employees

The Company will establish for employees who enroll in the Traditional Blue PPO 6300 (HDHP PPO 6312) a debit account (105H) of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for a family plan and replenish that account each year, to a maximum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000). For single plan, one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) will be placed in the employee's account and replenished each year thereafter to a maximum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).

Effective upon ratification and approval, all current employees and new hires shall contribute by payroll deduction thirteen (13%) percent of the monthly premium equivalent cost of either single or family coverage for the Traditional Blue POS 200 (POS 205) or the PPO 6300 (HDHP PPO 6312) plan or any replacement plan selected by the Company under Section 6.5 below.

All current employees and new hires enrolled in the POS 200 (POS 205) plan or the PPO 6300 (HDHP PPO 6312) shall not be required to pay greater than \$350 per month for the monthly premium equivalent cost established by Highmark for such coverage.

Effective January 1, 2025, all current employees and new hires enrolled in the POS 200 (POS 205) plan or other selected plan shall not be required to pay greater than \$380 per month for the monthly premium equivalent cost established by Highmark for such coverage.

Effective January 1, 2026, all current employees and new hires shall contribute by payroll deduction fifteen (15%) percent of the monthly premium equivalent cost of either single or family coverage for the Traditional Blue POS 200 (POS 205) or the PPO 6300 (HDHP PPO 6312) plan or any replacement plan selected by the Company under Section 6.5 below. Effective January 1, 2026, all current employees and new hires enrolled in the POS 200 (POS 205) plan or other selected plan shall not be required to pay greater than \$410 per month for the monthly premium equivalent cost established by Highmark for such coverage.

Effective January 1, 2027, all current employees and new hires enrolled in the POS 200 (POS 205) plan or other selected plan shall not be required to pay greater than \$440 per month for the monthly premium equivalent cost established by Highmark for such coverage.

Note: Each year health insurance deductions as indicated above for the monthly premium cost for single and family coverage will be made in twenty-four (24) pay periods. For other pay periods in a calendar year (e.g., two of the twenty-six (26) pay periods), no deduction will be taken.

Section 6.5: Termination of Coverage and Replacement Plan Selection

The NFTA reserves the right to opt of the Traditional Blue POS 200 (POS 205) plan on or after ratification and approval of this agreement and replace that coverage with substantially equivalent coverage ("Replacement Plan"), which the NFTA will submit to the Teamsters 264

for its review and comment. If the NFTA and Teamster 264 cannot agree that the coverage is substantially equivalent, the matter will be submitted to final and binding arbitration procedure outlined in the collective bargaining agreement.

Section 6.6: Dental Insurance

Upon ratification and approval, the NFTA agrees to provide Emblem Health Dental Plan coverage for all active employees. This coverage ceases once an employee is removed from the payroll, for any reason, or leaves the bargaining unit.

The parties agree that the Dental Insurance provider may be changed by the Employer during the life of the agreement.

Section 6.7: Optical Insurance

The NFTA agrees to provide EyeMedical Optical Insurance for all active employees effective upon ratification and approval. This coverage ceases once an employee is removed from the payroll, for any reason, or leaves the bargaining unit.

The parties agree that the Optical Insurance provider may be changed by the Employer during the life of the agreement.

Section 6.8: Active Employees on Disability or Workers' Compensation

Employees collecting New York State disability or workers' compensation will have premiums paid on their behalf for up to two (2) years for single or family coverage, as appropriate, for medical, dental and optical insurance.

Section 6.9: Waiver of Medical Insurance for Active Employees

During the annual enrollment period, an employee eligible for coverage, at his/her option, may waive medical insurance coverage and receive the following cash payment:

Single \$3,000
Family \$5,000

In order to receive said stipend, the employee must be actively on the payroll as of December 15th of each year. This amount will be payable in the last pay period of December of each year. To qualify for the cash payment program, an employee must provide proof of duplicate medical insurance coverage. This may be in the form of a letter from the medical benefits provider or a photocopy of a current medical identification card, which reflects duplicate coverage. Such documentation must be submitted with the completed application. Employees interested in participating in this program can obtain an application from the Human Resources Department during the annual open enrollment period.

Section 6.10: Retiree Medical Insurance Coverage

- A. Effective Date- The provisions of the section shall be effective upon ratification and approval for all employee who retire, subject to the eligibility provisions listed below.
- B. To be eligible for the retiree medical coverage benefit, the retiree must meet the following conditions:
- Retire on or after ratification and approval
 - Retire with a minimum of ten (10) years of credited service with the NFTA
 - Must retire from full-time employment with the NFTA

- Employees who opt for coverage under a separate medical plan, may re-apply for medical coverage with the NFTA upon a qualifying event and at the premium rate in existence at that time.

Upon death of the retiree, the surviving spouse will be eligible for a 50% premium contribution for single coverage only for a maximum of twenty-four (24) months, provided he/she retains his/her eligibility per the above listed conditions. After a twenty-four (24) month period, an eligible spouse may elect to remain in the NFTA retirees' group and pay the full medical premium cost.

C. Effective upon ratification and approval of this agreement, there are two (2) plans for age Pre-65 retirees: the Traditional Blue POS 298 (205) plan and the Core Traditional Blue PPO with RX ("Traditional Blue PPO 812"). Participation in the plans is subject to residency requirement established by the carrier, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Western New York.

D. Employee Monthly Premium Cost for Age Pre-65/Pre-Medicare Eligible Retirees – The Company will pay 50% of the monthly premium cost for single, double or family coverage, as appropriate, in the traditional Blue POS 298 (205) plan or a Replacement Plan selected under Section G, for Age Pre-65 retirees. Retirees may elect Traditional Blue PPO 812 coverage; however, the dollar amount paid by the Company toward such coverage will be no greater than the dollar amount paid by the Company toward the appropriate coverage under the Core Plan or a Replacement Plan. Upon becoming eligible for Medicare, retirees/spouses of the bargaining unit will be required to take Medicare Parts A and B (Part B contribution is the responsibility of the employee).

E. Type of Coverage Available for Age Post-65/Medicare Eligible Retirees –

Effective upon ratification and approval of this agreement, there are four (4) plans for age Post-65 retirees Option D is the only option available to employees who permanently live outside of the Western New York area, as defined by the carrier, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Western New York.

There are four (4) plans available:

- Option A – BC/BS of WNY Senior Blue 402
- Option B – BC/BS of WNY Senior Blue 401 with Unlimited Rx
- Option C – BC/BS of WNY Traditional PPO 201 with Unlimited Rx
- Option D – Core Traditional Blue PPO with Rx (Traditional Blue PPO 812)

F. Employee Monthly Premium Cost for Age Post-65/Medicare Eligible Retirees

The Company will pay 50% of the monthly premium cost for single or double coverage, as appropriate, for Option A, Option B or Option C, or their counterparts in the Replacement Plan selected under Section G, for Age Post-65 retirees who retire on or after June 1, 2005.

When an age Post-65 retiree has a spouse and/or eligible dependents under the age of 65, the Company will pay 50% of the monthly premium cost for coverage for those individuals in the Core Plan.

Age Post-65 retirees electing single coverage under Option D will be responsible for paying the difference between 50% of the monthly premium cost for single coverage of the most expensive plan among Options A, B and C and the monthly premium cost of Option D. Age Post-65 retirees electing double coverage under Option D will be responsible for paying the difference between 50% of the monthly premium cost for double coverage of the most expensive plan among Options A, B, and C and the monthly premium cost of Option D.

Age Post-65 retirees who have spouses under the age of 65 and/or eligible covered dependents may elect family coverage, as appropriate, under Option D, and if they do so, they will be responsible for paying the difference between 50% of the monthly premium cost of double coverage from the most expensive plan among Options A, B, C and the monthly premium cost of Option D.

G. Termination of Coverage and Replacement Plan Selection for Both Age Pre-65/Pre-Medicare Eligible and Age Post-65/Medicare Eligible Retirees

The NFTA reserves the right to opt out of the plans and/or the retiree options outlined above, effective upon ratification and approval of this agreement, and to replace that coverage with substantially equivalent ("Replacement Plan") which the NFTA will submit to the Teamsters Local 264 for its review and comment. If the NFTA and Teamsters Local 264 cannot agree that the coverage is substantially equivalent, the matter will be submitted to final and binding arbitration using the arbitration procedure outlined in the collective bargaining agreement.

H. Redemption of Unused Sick Leave for All Retirees

Upon ratification and approval of this agreement, at the time of retirement, eligible employees may redeem unused sick leave in the values listed to apply toward the 50% share of their month medical cost.

| | |
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| 0 – 10 days | 1 month of Medical Premium Cost Paid by Company |
| 11 – 20 days | 2 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 21 – 30 days | 3 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 31 – 40 days | 4 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 41 – 50 days | 5 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 51 – 60 days | 6 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 61 – 70 days | 7 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 71 – 80 days | 8 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 81 – 90 days | 9 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 91 – 100 days | 10 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 101 – 110 days | 11 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 111 – 120 days | 12 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 121 – 130 days | 13 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 131 – 140 days | 14 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 141 – 150 days | 15 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 151 – 160 days | 16 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 161 – 170 days | 17 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 171 – 180 days | 18 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 181 – 190 days | 19 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 191 – 200 days | 20 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |

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| 201 – 210 days | 21 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 211 – 220 days | 22 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 221 - 230 days | 23 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |
| 231 - 240 days | 24 months of Medical Premiums Cost Paid by Company |

ARTICLE 7
PENSION, DISABILITY, WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Section 7.1: Pension

NFTA shall contribute to the employee's pension program through the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System. Availability of the plan, election of membership and plan benefits are subject to the rules and procedures of the New York State Retirement System.

Section 7.2: Disability

The Company will provide disability coverage in accordance with New York State Disability Benefits Law.

Section 7.3: Worker's Compensation

Worker's Compensation benefits will be provided in accordance with New York State Law.

ARTICLE 8
SENIORITY, PROMOTION, TRANSFER , LAYOFF AND RECALL

Section 8.1: Seniority Definition/Promotion Requirements

Except as otherwise provided herein, seniority shall mean the period of service of an employee within a position covered by the bargaining unit. A separate seniority list will be established for GBIA and NFIA (Appendix C). With regard to matters of promotion and transfer, senior employees will receive preference based upon their qualifications, ability, physical fitness and experience to satisfactorily perform their jobs and provided their records of punctual attendance are satisfactory.

Section 8.2: Breaks in Seniority

Seniority shall be broken by the occurrence of any one of the following: discharge or termination for cause; voluntary separation; failure to report following layoff; failure to report for employment on the date required by recall notification, provided such notification was given by certified mail to the last known address at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the report date; failure to return to work from Worker's Compensation leave when medically able; failure to return from an authorized leave of absence or sick leave when medically able and verified by a physician. In addition, the failure of an employee to return from Workers' Compensation leave within eighteen (18) months consecutively from the first day of such leave shall be deemed to no longer have employment or right to return to work and shall not have continued seniority rights. The failure of an employee to return from NYS Disability or from nonwork injury or illness leave within twelve (12) months consecutively from the first day of such leave shall be deemed to no longer have employment or right to return to work and shall not have continued seniority rights.

Section 8.3: Probationary Period for New Employees

All newly hired employees shall have a probationary period of twelve (12) months before being placed on permanent employment status. During said probationary period, an employee may be disciplined and/or terminated without any right of said employee to grieve

said action pursuant to the parties grievance/arbitration procedures. During this period, the provisions with respect to seniority shall not apply. If retained, the employee shall then assume permanent employment status with seniority dating from the commencement of his/her employment.

Section 8.4: Promotions Outside Unit

Employees in the bargaining unit who are promoted to positions outside the bargaining unit shall have a trial period not to exceed six (6) months in order to determine whether the Employer wishes to continue them in their new position. During this trial period, there shall be no prejudice to their union membership nor their right to return to their previous job classification in the bargaining unit, with full seniority rights as described in this article. At the end of the six (6) month trial period, all seniority rights shall cease.

Section 8.5: Job Postings

All vacancies or newly created jobs within the bargaining unit shall be posted for a period of five (5) work days in order to give an opportunity to any interested employee to make application, in writing, for such jobs. The Employer agrees that the job posting will include the job title, description and salary. The Union will be provided with a copy of same prior to posting. Each employee applying for posted jobs will be considered in accordance with the seniority provisions of this article. The Employer also agrees to the provisions of applicable Federal Law regarding the posting of job vacancies.

Posted positions must be filled within thirty (30) days from posting if bid on by a qualified Union employee.

Section 8.6: New Positions

When the Board of Commissioners, or designee, of the Authority creates a new job title not contained in any collective bargaining unit in effect with the Authority, notification of such action will be sent to the Union. Such notification will be provided within five (5) working days of Board action.

Notification will include job title, description, salary grade and Employer designation as to Union or non-represented exempt status.

Upon receipt of such notification, the Union will have ten (10) working days to challenge the Authority's designation. This challenge must be submitted, in writing, to the Human Resources Branch.

Upon receipt of a written challenge, the Authority agrees to meet within five (5) working days with the Union in an attempt to negotiate the issue. If mutual agreement of this challenge is not negotiated, then the challenge will be submitted to the Public Employment Relations Board for arbitration for final resolution.

Section 8.7: Promotions/Probationary Period

Any employee selected to fill a vacancy or new job within the bargaining unit shall be assigned to the job within two (2) weeks after his/her selection and shall be on probation for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days of actual work or any extension thereof as may be mutually agreed by the Union and Employer.

If an employee is found to be unsatisfactory, or if the Employer or employee decides not to maintain or retain that job during the probationary period, then the employee shall be reinstated to his/her former job. A job vacated during such probationary period may be filled by the Employer to avoid unnecessary shifting of employees. When a promoted employee proves satisfactory, he/she shall be so notified. The rate of pay for a promotional employee shall be the lowest step of the salary schedule for the job classification which the employee is being promoted to for that fiscal year, provided it constitutes at least a \$500 increase in salary, and he/she will be eligible to move to the next step in his/her new grade once the probationary period is satisfactorily completed.

Section 8.8: Layoff/Bumping

In the event of a layoff (force reduction), seniority shall determine the order in which employees are selected for layoff. Those employees in a position selected for layoff with the least seniority will be the first to be laid off. For the purposes of this section, seniority shall mean the amount of time a Union member has held a Union position.

In the cases of ties, a Union system shall be used to establish seniority rankings.

It is understood that seasonal, part-time or temporary employees who perform Union work at GBIA or NFIA, will be laid off first prior to Union members receiving layoff notices.

Employees selected for layoff may "bump" a less senior employee, with an equal or lesser salary grade. An employee may only bump into a position for which he/she is qualified for in the judgment of the NFTA.

When an employee "bumps" into an equal salary grade position, he/she shall retain his/her current salary step.

If "bumping" to a lower grade, the employee will assume the salary grade/step for that position which is nearest or equal to his/her present salary providing that it is not greater than his/her current salary.

Employees who "bump" will continue to receive all benefits provided for in the agreement.

Upon receipt of a layoff notice, an employee must notify the NFTA Human Resources Branch within five (5) working days if he/she wishes to exercise any bumping rights under this section.

Section 8.9: Recall

In the event that employees will be recalled to work, such recall will be based upon seniority as defined in Section 8.1 of this article as follows:

The most senior employee will be recalled to any job classification to which the employee is qualified, provided he or she has the ability to perform the duties required.

An employee recalled to any lower rated job need not accept such recall. Refusal to accept such recall does not result in waiver of any recall rights. If not recalled to the position held prior to layoff, the employee shall retain recall rights to said position. If an employee accepts recall to any position other than the position held at time of layoff, then said employee shall continue to hold recall rights to his/her former position.

Employees retain recall rights for a period of four (4) years.

Employees on layoff retain bidding rights under Section 8.5 of this article for a period of four (4) years. The NFTA has no obligation to inform employees on layoff of job vacancies.

Employees on layoff have the responsibility to notify and keep currently informed, the Human Resources Branch as to their legal mailing address.

Recall notices shall be sent by certified and regular mail addressed to the employee address on record in the Human Resources Branch. The date of mailing of the recall notice shall be considered as the date of notification.

Upon notification of recall, an employee has twenty (20) calendar days to inform the Human Resources Branch as to his or her willingness and availability to return to work.

If the Human Resources Branch is not contacted by the employee being recalled within the above time limits, the employee forfeits all rights under this section.

Section 8.10: Notice of Termination

When service of an employee is about to be terminated by layoff or discharge, the Employer will give notice, in writing, to the Union within five (5) working days preceding layoff and, when possible, before termination.

Section 8.11: Subcontracting

During the term of this agreement, the Employer agrees not to hire temporary or part time employees or subcontract or sublease any work in such a way as to adversely affect the job security or continued employment of the present employees.

ARTICLE 9 LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Section 9.1: Union Leave

Any employee selected by the Union to represent it in any district, state or national convention, shall be granted leave of absence to attend such convention without pay and without loss of seniority rights or other benefits, provided the Employer receives sufficient prior written notice to obtain a replacement.

Section 9.2: Personal Leave

Each employee with seniority of at least one (1) year shall be entitled to five (5) personal leave days per year commencing April 1st of each year during the term hereof. Employees with less than one (1) year seniority shall be entitled to a prorated share of personal leave days, based on their date of hire, commencing April 1st. Personal leave shall be granted for such personal business as arises from time to time as approved by the Employer. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Personal leave shall be granted only upon at least forty-eight (48) hours prior written notice (when possible) to the facility manager or designated agent of the Employer. At the start of each fiscal year, any personal leave time not used by an employee during the previous fiscal year, up to twelve (12) hours may be converted to vacation time, provided it does not exceed the maximum allowed. All other remaining personal leave time will be converted into sick leave, providing it does not exceed

the maximum allowed Personal Leave time may not be taken in less than one (1) hour increments.

Section 9.3: Military Leave

Any employee who enters the National Guard or the Military Service of the United States Government shall, at the expiration of such service, be afforded all the rights and privileges provided for employees pursuant to New York State Law.

Section 9.4: Sick Leave Eligibility

Employees on full pay status who are unable to report for work because of illness or injury, will be paid sick time at their regular hourly rate and any other benefits, starting with the first scheduled work day on which the employee is absent, subject to the limitations hereinafter provided. Earnings for sick days will be included in the employee's regular pay.

Section 9.4.1: Family Illness

Each fiscal year, employees shall be permitted to use up to five (5) days of their accrued sick time for necessary care of their immediate family (*i.e.*, spouse/child/parent as well as a stepchild who resides with the employee). All other terms and obligations set forth in Article 9 regarding sick leave use, including but not limited to sick leave stipend and medical documentation requirements verifying illness or injury, shall apply to the use of accrued sick time for family illness.

Section 9.5: Sick Leave Accrual

Sick days will be earned at the rate of one-half (1/2) day per biweekly pay period, while an employee is on full pay status, up to a maximum of thirteen (13) days per year. Sick days may accumulate up to 240 days. For the purpose of determining the number of sick days earned, the following days shall be considered as having been worked: vacation days, days lost by reason of temporary leave of absence for Union business up to a maximum of five (5) working days per year, paid personal days, or any other days off or leave while an employee is on full pay status.

Section 9.6: Notification to Supervisor/Doctor Statements

Employees have the responsibility to notify their supervisor or facility office when they are sick at least one (1) hour prior to their scheduled work shift. The employee must make the call, not a family member (except in cases of medical emergencies).

Of the maximum thirteen (13) sick days accumulated each year, an employee may use up to five (5) sick days without medical documentation in accordance with the conditions set forth in this article.

In order to receive paid sick leave in excess of five (5) days in any fiscal year, an employee may be required to present medical documentation from a physician verifying the illness or injury.

The employer, at its own expense and selection, may require an employee to take a physical examination whenever deemed necessary.

Sick leave is provided exclusively to help compensate employees who are unable to work due to a bonafide illness or injury. The use of sick leave may include required doctor and dentist visits.

The misuse of sick leave will result in disciplinary action.

Section 9.7: Sick Leave Stipend

All permanent employees will be eligible for a stipend for non-use of sick leave during the fiscal year based upon the following:

| <u>Sick Leave Used</u> | <u>Amount of Stipend</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 0 – 24 | 40 hours pay |
| 25 – 32 | 20 hours pay |
| 33 – 40 | 10 hours pay |

For purposes of this Section, the following shall be considered as days worked;

1. Full days actually worked;
2. Days absent on paid vacation;
3. Days absent on paid holidays designated in this Agreement;
4. Days absent on ordered military reserve or National Guard duty, not full-time active duty;
5. Days absent on paid bereavement leave under the provision of this Agreement;
6. Days absent on paid personal days; and
7. Days absent on paid jury duty under the provision of this Agreement.

Employees will not be paid the sick leave stipend if he/she is off on workers' compensation in excess of 60 days in the applicable fiscal year. Employees will not be paid the sick leave stipend if he/she is unpaid (e.g., workers' compensation in excess of 60 days in a fiscal year; absent without pay; disciplinary suspension, etc.) or is otherwise not credited for a day worked as defined above.

The hourly rate to be paid is that which the employee is entitled to on the last day of the fiscal year which applies. The NFTA shall pay over this additional wage within thirty (30) days of the start of the new fiscal year in a separate check if over \$300.

Section 9.8: Bereavement Leave

In the event of a death occurring in an employee's immediate family (spouse, father, mother, sister, brother, son, daughter, grandfather, grandmother, grandchildren, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law), the employee shall be entitled to a maximum of three (3) days bereavement leave.

ARTICLE 10
GRIEVANCE/ARBITRATION/MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Section 10.1: Grievance/Arbitration Procedure

A grievance is any controversy between the employer and the Union with respect to interpretation or application of any of the terms of this agreement or compliance with any of the terms of this agreement.

All grievances as defined above shall be settled in the following manner:

Step 1:

The aggrieved party and steward shall first discuss the grievance with his/her immediate supervisor with the objective of resolving the matter informally.

Step 2:

If the matter is not resolved at the above Step, it may be submitted as a grievance, in writing, on the executed form to be provided by the Union and presented to the supervisor within five (5) calendar days after the reason for the grievance has occurred. The grievance shall include the name(s) and position(s) of the aggrieved party; the current date and the details of the grievance and relief requested, including the specific clauses or provisions of the agreement alleged to be violated.

A meeting between the designated Employer Representative and a Union Business Representative will be held within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the written grievance. Within seven (7) calendar days after such meeting, the Employer will provide the Union with a written response to its grievance.

Step 3:

If, at this point, the grievance has not been satisfactorily settled, either party hereto shall have the right to submit such grievance to arbitration providing such written submission is made within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of the Step 2 written response. The Employer and the Union agree that the arbitrator shall be selected by the process established by the Public Employment Relations Board. The arbitrator shall have no power or authority to add to, detract from or modify, explicit or implied, any express terms of this agreement, and his authority shall be limited to deciding only whether a specific provision of this agreement has been violated. Only one (1) grievance shall be submitted to or be heard by an individual arbitrator except by mutual written agreement of the parties. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties hereto. In any event, should either party fail to comply with the arbitrator's award, the parties agree that either party may petition a court of competent jurisdiction to confirm and enforce said award and that judgment may be entered thereon unless the award is vacated by court order. The expense and fees of the arbitrator and PERB shall be shared equally by the employer and the Union.

Section 10.2: Management Rights

The Employer maintains rights to set rules. The Employer shall have the right to adopt and put into effect, rules and regulations not in conflict with this agreement.

All employees shall be subject to such rules and regulations, and any violations shall be considered cause for disciplinary action, which may include discharge. The sole right to discipline and discharge employees for just cause is retained by the Employer.

Section 10.3: Discipline and Discharge

The following procedures will be utilized for discipline and discharge matters:

Section 1: Any employee who is disciplined or discharged shall have the right to seek review of the discipline or discharge including the penalty involved by initiating an appeal in accordance with the procedure contained in this section. Teamsters 264 shall represent the member at each step of the procedure contained in this section.

Section 2: In any instance in which a representative of the Employer (NFTA) seeks to discipline or discharge an employee, a written notice of discipline or discharge shall be served upon the employee. The notice shall contain the reasons for such discipline or discharge including a description of the alleged acts, and/or conduct. Such notice shall also include the penalty being imposed. A copy of the notice shall be served concurrently upon the Union President and Teamsters 264.

An employee shall not be disciplined or discharged for acts that occurred more than one (1) year prior to the notice of discipline unless such acts or misconduct would constitute a crime pursuant to the laws of the State of New York.

Section 3: Procedure

Step 1: An employee who is disciplined or discharged may file an appeal with the Deputy Director of Aviation and/or his/her designee.

Step 2: The Deputy Director of Aviation and/or his/her designee shall schedule a hearing within ten (10) working days within the date of receipt of the appeal. The Deputy Director of Aviation and/or his/her designee shall inform the affected employee and his/her Teamsters representative, in writing, of the time and place the hearing is to be held.

Step 3: The employee and/or his/her Teamster representative shall be allowed to present any and all written information and oral arguments concerning the discipline or discharge. The Deputy Director of Aviation and/or his/her designee shall provide a written decision to the employee and Teamsters representative within ten (10) working days following the close of the hearing.

Step 4: If not resolved at Step 3, the Union, within twenty (20) calendar days from receipt of the response from the Deputy Director, may submit the dispute to final and binding arbitration, before a single arbitrator, pursuant to the rules of procedure of the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB). The arbitrator selected to the rules of the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) is prohibited from adding to, subtracting from or modifying the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on all parties to the proceeding. Teamsters 264 and NFTA shall share all fees and expenses of the arbitrator equally. Each party shall bear its own costs of preparing and presenting its own case. Any expense incurred in connection with the calling of witnesses shall be borne by the party calling the witness. The time limits provided herein may be waived by mutual agreement of the parties.

Section 4: Selection of the Arbitrator

For purposes of this section, the four (4) named arbitrators were selected jointly by the Teamsters and NFTA to hear discipline and discharge cases. The Teamsters and the NFTA shall review the list of arbitrators annually in January and shall jointly agree upon which arbitrators shall remain on the list and any new arbitrators to be placed on the list,

alphabetically, who shall be called to hear discipline or discharge cases, beginning with the name of the first arbitrator on the list and moving down the list repeating the process.

Either party shall have the right to unilaterally remove any names or arbitrators upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. However, such removal shall be limited to January of each year during the annual review.

Section 5: Basic Principles

Offers to settle at any meeting or conference prior to arbitrations shall not be introduced at the arbitration hearing or accepted as evidence by the arbitrator.

Section 6: Service of Notice of Discipline or Discharge

Service of the notice of discipline or discharge shall be made by personal service, if possible, and if said service cannot be effectuated by personal service, it shall be made by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. A copy of the notice of discipline and discharge will be served simultaneously with the Teamsters unit President. The time limits for presenting a grievance as defined in this section will commence at the time of receipt of the notice of discipline or discharge.

ARTICLE 11 SAFETY AND WELFARE

Section 11.1: First Aid and Medical Services

The Employer will furnish first aid and medical services to employees according to the requirement of the New York State Worker's Compensation Law.

Section 11.2: Safety Devices/Coveralls and Uniforms

The Employer will continue to install safety devices for the protection of the lives and health of employees and will use its best efforts to maintain necessary equipment, buildings and other facilities in a safe and sanitary condition in accordance with established practice. In addition, the Employer will provide and maintain changes of coveralls or uniforms, with the exception of the Assistant to Aviation Management Group and the Air Terminal Supervisor positions, and the individual equipment necessary for the safe performance of the work assigned to each employee in accordance with established practice, which each employee so assigned will wear or use on the job only.

Section 11.3: Miscellaneous Benefits Allowance

The Employer will provide each of the employees in the bargaining unit with a \$850 separate payment to be used for the following: uniform cleaning and maintenance, purchase of safety shoes and other required equipment. This payment will be provided upon execution of this agreement and in the first pay period in April 2007 and each year thereafter. Employees agree to abide by the uniform and safety shoe requirements as established at each facility. The employer will provide after ratification and approval either five (5) short sleeve polo shirts or five (5) long sleeve shirts to be worn while on duty for the Assistant Air Terminal Superintendents. Upon ratification and approval the Assistant Air Terminal Superintendents shall receive in the first pay period in April of 2018 and each year thereafter five hundred (500) dollars in a separate payment for maintenance of the polo or long sleeve shirts and cleaning.

Section 11.4: Use of Bulletin Boards

The Employer agrees to allow authorized officers of the Union who are employees, to use the designated bulletin boards for posting official Union notices, which must be signed by an authorized Union official. The Union agrees to use these designated bulletin boards for the posting of notices, which must be signed by an authorized Union official. The Union agrees to use these designated bulletin boards for the posting of notices and announcements of meetings, elections, appointments to offices and results of elections, social, educational or recreational affairs of the Union.

Section 11.5: Copies of Agreement

The Employer agrees to reproduce a sufficient number of copies of this agreement for distribution by Union officers to the membership.

Section 11.6: Use of Personal Vehicle/Mileage

If an employee is requested by management to work at another division or facility, the Employer must provide transportation to the employee or reimburse the employee at the established IRS rate for the use of employee's personal vehicle. The mileage payment may be increased by the NFTA's Board of Commissioners. Employees may refuse to use personal vehicle during scheduled work hours.

Section 11.7: Public Employees/Prohibition of Strikes

The Union recognizes that the employees within the unit are public employees as defined and covered by the provisions of the New York State Public Employee's Fair Employment Law, Article 14 of the Civil Service Law. The Union asserts that it will not engage in, cause, instigate, encourage or condone a strike or stoppage of work or slowdown.

Section 11.8: Emergency Lodging Allowance

In the event of severe weather conditions or emergency, any employee who is authorized by the Employer to spend an evening in a hotel or motel, shall be eligible for a twenty-five (\$25.00) credit for food and non-alcoholic beverage for each night he or she stays at the hotel. This credit may be applied directly to room charge if itemized or may be paid in cash to the employee if receipts are furnished.

Section 11.9: Personnel Files

Employees have the right to examine the contents of their personnel files and may be accompanied by an advisor of their choice. Examinations may be made by appointment only. The Human Resources Branch will maintain custody of all personnel files. Employees will receive copies of all disciplinary notices or evaluations placed in their files.

Employees will be permitted to have included in their files, any material that is pertinent to their performance and qualifications.

Section 11.10: Drug and Alcohol Testing

Both parties agree that in the interest of public safety and for the safety and protection of its employees, the NFTA has the right to require employees to submit to drug and alcohol testing under the terms of the NFTA policy for compliance with Federal Regulations, the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988 (49 CFR Part 32) and Prevention of Prohibited Drug Use and Alcohol Misuse (49 CFR Part 655).

Section 11.11: Training Committee

The NFTA and Union agree to create a joint Labor-Management Committee that will identify resources and training opportunities necessary for promotion.

Section 11.12: Safety Committee

The Employer agrees that the Union will participate as a member or any airport(s) safety committee.

Section 11.13: Employee Assistance Program

The Employer agrees to continue current EAP services to employees and their immediate family.

Section 11.14: Job Descriptions

The Employer agrees to furnish the Union with copies of job descriptions for each title in the Union. The Employer will advise the Union of any changes in these job descriptions and will meet with the Union to discuss the changes.

ARTICLE 12
TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall become effective retroactive to April 1, 2024 and shall continue in effect until March 31, 2027.

At the expiration of this agreement, the Union and the Employer agree that the Employer is not obligated to pay any additional wage increments which are first due in that fiscal year, unless and until a new agreement has been ratified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement this 6th day of ~~July~~, 2024 August AKS

NIAGARA FRONTIER TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Kimberly Mint 8-6-24

TEAMSTERS LOCAL #264 (Airport Supervisors)

Jay Salzano 7/31/24

APPENDIX "A"
TITLES - SALARY GRADES - WAGE RATES

| <u>TITLE</u> | <u>SALARY GRADE</u> |
|--|---------------------|
| Airfield Supervisor | 3 |
| Electrical Supervisor | 3 |
| Fuel Farm Supervisor | 3 |
| Maintenance Facilities Supervisor | 3 |
| Maintenance Facilities Supervisor - FMD | 3 |
| Assistant Air Terminal Superintendent | 3 |
| Assistant Air Terminal Superintendent, Admin | 3 |
| | |
| Landscape Supervisor BNIA | 1 |
| Assistant Motor Equipment Maintenance Supervisor | 1 |
| Air Terminal Supervisor | 1 |

Hourly:

Prior - FYE24

| Grade | Step 1 | Step 2 | Step 3 | Step 4 |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | \$30.6636 | \$31.4537 | \$32.6377 | \$33.8224 |
| 2 | \$32.1693 | \$32.9599 | \$34.1450 | \$35.3290 |
| 3 | \$34.7467 | \$35.5362 | \$36.7218 | \$37.9064 |

Year 1 - FYE25

2.75%

| Grade | Step 1 | Step 2 | Step 3 | Step 4 |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | \$31.5068 | \$32.3187 | \$33.5352 | \$34.7525 |
| 2 | \$33.0540 | \$33.8663 | \$35.0840 | \$36.3005 |
| 3 | \$35.7022 | \$36.5134 | \$37.7316 | \$38.9488 |

Year 2 - FYE26

2.25%

| Grade | Step 1 | Step 2 | Step 3 | Step 4 |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | \$32.2158 | \$33.0458 | \$34.2898 | \$35.5344 |
| 2 | \$33.7977 | \$34.6283 | \$35.8734 | \$37.1173 |
| 3 | \$36.5055 | \$37.3350 | \$38.5806 | \$39.8252 |

Year 3 - FYE27

2.25%

| Grade | Step 1 | Step 2 | Step 3 | Step 4 |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | \$32.9406 | \$33.7894 | \$35.0613 | \$36.3340 |
| 2 | \$34.5581 | \$35.4074 | \$36.6805 | \$37.9524 |
| 3 | \$37.3269 | \$38.1750 | \$39.4487 | \$40.7212 |

Employees will enter the salary grade at the hire/promotion rate and will move to Step 1 after six (6) months of satisfactory service and then will be eligible to move to each successive step based on satisfactory service on an annual basis.

APPENDIX "B"
LONGEVITY PAY

Longevity pay will be earned by employees with ten (10) years of service and for each five (5) year increment thereafter, in accordance with the following schedule:

| <u>Anniversary</u> | <u>Longevity Pay Earned</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 10 th | \$ 700 |
| 15 th | \$ 900 |
| 20 th | \$ 1100 |
| 25 th | \$ 1400 |
| 30 th | \$ 1800 |

For the purpose of computing longevity pay, an employee shall receive a longevity increment on April 1st, if his/her 10th, 15th, 20th, etc., year of service shall be completed at anytime within that fiscal year. Once eligible, the employee's annual increments shall be added to the base salary as outlined in Appendix "A" and become part of his/her wage.

**APPENDIX "C"
SENIORITY LIST**

| BNIA | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| NAME | DATE OF HIRE | SENIORITY DATE |
| MOSS, PRENTISE | 10/13/1987 | 2/10/2003 |
| GRABER, DANIEL J. | 1/8/1984 | 9/7/2003 |
| SMITH, MARK | 10/27/2008 | 7/4/2010 |
| BERGHORN, DAVID | 6/16/2008 | 5/16/2011 |
| STROEHLEIN, DANIEL R. | 2/28/2011 | 8/11/2011 |
| COOK, KENNETH | 7/14/2008 | 4/5/2012 |
| GODINEZ, JUAN C. | 8/7/2014 | 8/7/2014 |
| ROBBINS, PETER D. | 6/30/2014 | 12/22/2014 |
| SILLITTO, MICHAEL L. | 3/30/2015 | 8/20/2017 |
| BADASZEWSKI, FRANCIS R. | 12/1/2003 | 10/30/2017 |
| DIEBOLD, PATRICK W. | 2/12/2012 | 10/30/2017 |
| MCBRIDE, CHRISTOPHER L. | 7/9/2012 | 10/30/2017 |
| SMITH, PATRICK | 6/16/2008 | 5/9/2021 |
| GERACE, SANDRA M. | 3/4/2019 | 9/19/2021 |
| BERINGER, TODD M. | 10/25/2021 | 10/25/2021 |
| KONCZYK, DAVID A. | 1/10/2022 | 1/10/2022 |
| STURNIOLO, JOSEPH S. | 3/7/2022 | 3/7/2022 |
| HALEY, SHANNON M. | 7/11/2022 | 7/11/2022 |
| BERGHORN II, EDWARD C. | 10/15/2019 | 10/23/2022 |
| NEVILLES, SAMUEL W. | 2/28/2005 | 3/13/2023 |
| RATH, GREGORY J. | 1/14/2024 | 1/14/2024 |
| NFIA | | |
| KWASNIEWSKI III, JOHN S. | 12/21/2006 | 12/27/2015 |
| FOLLENDORF, BRAD M. | 5/17/2015 | 7/30/2023 |
| DUGAN, AIDAN J. | 5/29/2024 | 5/29/2024 |

*Article 8, Section 8.1...."Seniority shall mean the period of service of an employee within a position covered by the bargaining unit.