

CEO Approves 2.7% Retro Pay Hike

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(Oct. 30) Although the details of when and how are still being worked out, CEO Julian Burke announced to the senior staff, Monday morning, that non-contract employees will receive a 2.7 percent raise, retroactive to July 1, 2000.

"We had to delay the pay raise in order to complete our first labor negotiations, but we didn't want to hold it up any longer," Burke said. "I want to thank everyone for their patience. It's a well-deserved pay raise."

Within a day or so, the CEO is expected to approve particulars of the pay hike, including whether retroactive checks will be issued or whether the back pay will be added to regular paychecks.

In an interview with *MTA Report*, Burke also elaborated on assurances he gave non-contract employees during the October Board meeting that a management audit "will not lead to massive layoffs."

Burke said that, although the agency must seek ways to reduce the agency's \$438 million operating deficit, he doesn't believe it will be necessary to set up a "process" for staff layoffs. He indicated that any cutbacks in staffing could be handled by attrition or by not filling vacant staff positions.

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