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MHREDC Public Meeting
SUNY Rockland County Community College
Monday September 12th, 2016

Introductory Information:

Date and Time Meeting Commenced:

Monday, September 12th, 2016 - Public Meeting: 1:10pm

Location:

SUNY Rockland CCC,
Student Union Building
145 College Road
Suffern NY 10901

Council Members Present:

Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul; Co-Chairs Dennis Murray and Leonard Schleifer; Meghan Taylor; John Bonacic; Don Christian; Vincent Cozzolino; Marsha Gordon; Wiley Harrison; Jacquie Leventoff; Paul Ryan; Al Samuels; Ned Sullivan; James Taylor; Cliff Wood; Jonathan Drapkin

Ex-Officios: Luis Alvarez (Chair Sullivan County)

Council Members Substitutes:

Barbara Barosa (Rep. Odell); Freda Eisenberg (Rep. Alvarez); Sandra Fusco & Barbara Barosa (Reps. Odell); Suzanne Holt (Rep. Hein); William Mooney (Rep. Astorino);

State Agency/Local Government/ESD Staff:

Susan Serino (NYS Senate); Lydia Buskup (Rep. Serino); Linda Cooper (Parks); Jaime Ethier (DOS); Ehle Schachter (Ag. & Markets); Erica Kane (Rep. Barrett); Thom Kleiner (DOL); Chris Steber (Parks); Bradford Tito (NYSERDA); Todd Westhuis (DOT); Calvin Wing (Pattern for Progress); Monique Le Gendre (ESD); Ryan McLeod (ESD); Eric Warren (ESD); Emily Saland (Rep. Dennis Murray); Tom Scaglione (Exec.);

Special Guests:

Time Adjourned:

Executive Session 1:45pm

Welcome and Remarks:

Call to Order:

Preamble requesting disclosure of any conflicts of interest read.

Conflicts noted: (Please List)

Recusals noted: (Please List) Senator Bonacic had received a political contribution from Heritage Seniors in Monticello

No conflicts noted.

The record of recusals was noted and acknowledged at the meeting.

Reports/Discussions/Motions:

Public Session

Dennis Murray welcomed the participants at 1:10 p.m; LS introduced Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul.

LG Hochul (KH): Gave remarks and thanked Council for its public service. She also spoke of the Community College Connect program and its connection with workforce and economic development.

Meghan Taylor asked for any particular conflicts on items on the agenda. There were none but previous recusals were noted and incorporated.

CFA Round 6 Look Back and MHREDC Endorsement

Meghan Taylor reviewed CFA round 6, the competition criteria and ongoing initiatives were described. The Mid-Hudson Strategy for Economic Growth, including the four core strategies and the Live, Work, Play URI strategies, was outlined.

DRI Update

MT: \$10M was awarded to the City of Middletown. That process was described. 192 municipalities received the DRI information and 100 attended informational sessions. Middletown and the planning firm BFJ were selected and a local planning committee is being formed. Middletown has a BID and a “compact and well defined downtown focus,” both factors in its selection. It has also had an 18% increase in city population in the last 10 years and \$60 M invested in its infrastructure in the last 10 years. There is 1M square feet of existing re-developable space available and the strong leadership of the Mayor and the community.

MHREDC Scoring Review

Meghan Taylor: The CFA scoring review process was described. The recusal standards and endorsement standards were described.

A motion was made to adopt the PP recommendations which were unanimously approved.

LT Hochul: The three key focuses are important. She’s working with Vinnie Cozzolino on the statewide workforce development board and with the community colleges on collaborative projects.

Public Comment

Steve Noble, Mayor, City of Kingston: thanked the Council for hearing the city's URI/DRI application. Kingston is prepared to move forward, citing two projects – the Medical Village and the Stockade Works – as priority project examples.

Robert Iannucci: Historic Kingston waterfront development, including the Roundout Creek redevelopment, is ready to go. The waterfront has been cleaned up, now bulkheads and infrastructure now needed.

Len Schleifer thanked the Council for its work; Meghan Taylor thanked the two co-chairs for their work.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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