



## **NYC REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

### **MEETING AGENDA**

**February 16, 2017**

**10:00 a.m.**

**New York Genome Center**

**Manhattan**

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**10:00 – 10:10 a.m.**

#### **Welcome and Introduction**

Winston Fisher, REDC Co-Chair

**Introduction of Roberta Reardon, Commissioner, NYS Department of Labor**

**Introduction of Cheryl Moore, REDC Co-Chair**

**10:10 – 10:30 a.m.**

#### **Remarks and Presentation**

Lieutenant Governor Kathy C. Hochul

**10:30 – 10:40 a.m.**

#### **Overview of Agenda and Recap of Regional Council Activity**

Winston Fisher, REDC Co-Chair

**10:40 – 10:50 a.m.**

#### **Life Sciences Initiative**

Cheryl Moore, REDC Co-Chair

Kathryn Wylde, President & CEO, Partnership for New York City

**10:50 – 11:05 a.m.**

#### **Jamaica Downtown Revitalization Initiative**

Carol Conslato, Co-Chair, Jamaica DRI Local Planning Committee

Kate Collignon, Managing Partner, HR&A Advisors

**11:05 – 11:10 a.m.**

#### **Wrap-up and Closing Remarks**

Cheryl Moore, REDC Co-Chair

Lieutenant Governor Kathy C. Hochul



## **New York City Regional Economic Development Council Meeting Summary**

### **Introductory Information:**

Date and Time Meeting Commenced: February 16, 2017 10:00 am

Location: New York Genome Center: Manhattan, NY

### Executive Chamber and Staff:

Kathy Hochul, Lieutenant Governor  
Jeffrey Lewis, Lieutenant Governor's Office  
Jelanie Deshong, Lieutenant Governor's Office  
Veronica Ng, Lieutenant Governor's Office  
Hersh Parekh, Governor's Office

### NYS Department of Labor Commissioner and Staff

Roberta Reardon, Commissioner, New York State Department of Labor  
Tchiyuka Cornelius, New York State Department of Labor  
Josh Rosenfeld, New York State Department of Labor

### Council Members Present:

Wellington Chen, Executive Director, Chinatown Partnership  
Marlene Cintron, President, Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation  
Cesar Claro, Staten Island Economic Development Corporation  
Carol Conslato, Past President, Queens Chamber of Commerce  
Winston Fisher, NYC REDC Co-Chair and Partner, Fisher Brothers  
Lisa Futterman, Consultant, Workforce Development Institute  
Cheryl A. Moore, NYC REDC Co-Chair and President & COO, New York Genome Center  
Douglas Steiner, Chairman, Steiner Studios  
Marcel Van Ooyen, Executive Director, GrowNYC  
Kathryn Wylde, President & CEO, Partnership for NYC  
Kinda Younes, Executive Director, ITAC

### Ex-Officio Council Members and Representatives:

Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Matthew Washington (representing Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer)  
Gerry Kassar (representing State Senator Martin Golden)



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Raymond Sanchez (representing Bronx Borough President Rubin Diaz)  
Sonam Velani (representing Deputy Mayor Alicia Glen)  
Lashay Young (representing Staten Island Borough President James Oddo)

### Council Member Representatives:

Zayne Abdessalam (representing Stuart Appelbaum, President, RWDS)  
Sulma Arzu Brown (representing Nick Lugo, President & CEO, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce)  
Bradley Katz, Chief of Staff to Winston Fisher  
Karen Bunting, Chief of Staff to Cheryl Moore

### State Agency Staff

#### *ESD:*

Joseph Tazewell, Regional Director  
Samantha Adolphe  
Jeremy Cooney  
Sean Malone  
Ingrid Nathan  
Alexia Nazarian  
Lauren Racusin  
Irwing Taylor Forbes  
Brian Teubner  
Amy Varghese

#### *State Agency Resource Team:*

Sarah Crowell, New York State Department of State  
Fred Landa, New York State Department of State  
Sandra Dixon, New York State Power Authority  
Kimberly Vallejo, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets  
Dwight Brown, New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation

### Public:

Jim Allen, Voodoo Manufacturing  
Scott Anderson, Intersection  
Mary Ellen Clark, NY Employment & Training Coalition  
Kate Collignon, HR&A Advisors, Inc. (presenter)  
Ryan Gleason, Staten Island Chamber of Commerce  
Rio Li, NY Grant Company



Ayanna Oliver-Taylor, L+M Development Partners Inc.  
Lewis Bondor, Manhattan Borough President's Office

Time Adjourned: 11:15 am

**Welcome and Remarks:**

I. Welcome and Introduction

Winston Fisher welcomed REDC members and the public to the New York Genome Center.

II. Introduction of Roberta Reardon, Commissioner, NYS Department of Labor

Mr. Fisher introduced Roberta Reardon, the NYS Department of Labor Commissioner. Commissioner Reardon delivered brief remarks expressing her excitement to attend the REDC meetings and to see what was happening in the various regions.

III. Introduction of Cheryl Moore, REDC Co-Chair

Mr. Fisher also introduced the newly-appointed NYC REDC Co-Chair and President & COO of the NY Genome Center, Cheryl Moore.

Ms. Moore thanked Mr. Fisher for the introduction and welcomed the REDC and the public to the NY Genome Center. She expressed her gratitude toward the Governor and Lieutenant Governor for their support. She expressed her thoughts on the importance of providing platforms for growth for up-and-coming businesses, communities, and the city more broadly. She congratulated the REDC for New York City's Top Performer success and expressed enthusiasm for working with Mr. Fisher and the rest of the REDC team for Round VII of awards. Mr. Fisher then thanked Ms. Moore for her service.

IV. Remarks by Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul

Mr. Fisher then introduced Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul. The Lieutenant Governor presented a 20 minute presentation on the Governor's State of the State, highlighting the following:

- \$100 billion capital program – Kosciuszko Bridge, Second Ave Subway, Harbor of Lights on river crossings, cashless tolling, New Penn Station, and New LaGuardia Airport;
- Reversing cycle of decline Upstate;
- \$150 million in tourism;
- At the end of the presentation, Mr. Fisher thanked the Lieutenant Governor for her continual support.

## V. Overview of Agenda and Recap of Regional Council Activity

Mr. Fisher discussed the objectives of the meeting. Goals of the meeting included:

- To hear a report from Kathy Wylde regarding the Governor's Life Science initiative and inter-regional Life Sciences work group.
- To be provided a status report presentation on the Jamaica Downtown Revitalization Initiative from Carol Conslato, REDC Executive Committee member and Kate Collignon, Managing Partner of the HR&A Advisors.

Mr. Fisher then provided details of Regional Council activities that have taken place since the last meeting on September 16, 2016, which included the following:

- On September 30<sup>th</sup>, the Council submitted its 2016 Progress Report to Commissioner Howard Zensky.
- On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Winston Fisher, Kathy Wylde, Ken Knuckles, Carol Conslato, and Queens Borough President Melinda Katz made a formal presentation in Albany to the Strategic Implementation Assessment Team, led by Secretary of State Rossana Rosado.
- On December 8<sup>th</sup>, the CFA awards were announced at a ceremony in Albany hosted by Governor Cuomo, where New York City received an \$80.2 million Top Performer Award.

Mr. Fisher then turned over the meeting to Cheryl Moore.

## VI. Life Sciences Initiative

Ms. Moore carried the meeting into the next agenda items by detailing the Governor's \$650 million initiative to fuel the growth of a life science cluster. She reviewed the \$17 million collaboration project between Johnson & Johnson and the NY Genome Center to build and launch JLABS @ NYC, an incubator with the capacity for up to 30 life science startups. Ms. Moore thanked the Governor, the Partnership for New York City, and the Partnership Fund for New York City for this opportunity. She then invited Kathy Wylde to discuss the progress of a Life Sciences inter-regional REDC work group which she has been leading.

### *Remarks by Kathy Wylde, President & CEO, Partnership for New York City*

Ms. Wylde discussed the Governor's proposal for a new \$650 million initiative to spur the growth of a new, world-class life science research cluster in New York, as well as expand the state's ability to commercialize this research and grow the economy. She mentioned that member of an inter-regional workgroup of REDC stakeholders from

NYC, Long Island, the Mid-Hudson and Buffalo were headed to Albany soon to lobby the legislature.

## VII. Jamaica Downtown Revitalization Initiative

### *Remarks by Carol Conslato, Co-Chair of the DRI Local Planning Committee*

Ms. Moore then introduced Carol Conslato, a REDC member and co-chair of the Jamaica DRI Local Planning Committee. Ms. Conslato summarized the role of the Local Planning Committee and the works conducted since the \$10 million funding announcement for Jamaica in August 2016. The Local Planning Committee conducts weekly calls and held three meetings thus far. It also held a public forum meeting on January 24, and will continue to prioritize community outreach and engagement.

### *Presentation by Kate Collignon, Partner, HR&A Advisors*

Ms. Conslato then introduced Kate Collignon, a partner at HR&A Advisors, the private planning consultant for the Jamaica project. Ms. Collignon presented PowerPoint slides providing a status report on the Jamaica Strategic Investment Planning process. She outlined the vision for downtown Jamaica, which includes building upon recent investments to expand economic opportunity while preserving Jamaica's unique character to create vibrant, connected, and inclusive mixed-use spaces. The consultant team refined and consolidated a list of 50 potential projects based on conversations with community stakeholders and generated a tentative projects list with 11 project recommendations. DRI requests focused on developments ranging from improving broadband access to fostering pedestrian connectivity. Ms. Collignon noted February 28 as the plan submission deadline, spring 2017 as the State review period, and summer 2017 as the beginning of project planning and implementation.

### *Q&A Session*

Ms. Collignon opened up the floor to questions regarding the DRI presentation and received the following questions:

- Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer: How are you seeking to preserve “mom & pop” businesses in Jamaica?

Ms. Collignon replied that the restaurant start-up fund is for local businesses.

- Manhattan BP Brewer: Will there be free Wi-Fi?

Ms. Collignon explained that free Wi-Fi in downtown Jamaica was not identified by the community as a project but that expanding broadband for businesses is a priority.

- Kathy Wylde: What about the high cost of MTA improvements?

Ms. Collignon agreed that costs will be high, but clarified that planned improvements would mostly be exterior improvements.

Ms. Moore thanked both Ms. Conslato and Ms. Collignon and proceeded to the announcements.

VIII. Announcements

Before adjourning the meeting, Ms. Moore made the following announcements:

- The next council meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The location of the meeting is still to be determined, but the date should be held.
- The Council is hoping to schedule CFA info sessions with the offices of the five borough presidents and local economic development organizations. REDC members will be notified.

IX. Wrap-up & Closing Remarks

Before adjourning the meeting, Ms. Moore thanked all the members for attending, and for their dedication and commitment. She invited Lieutenant Governor to make closing remarks. The Lieutenant Governor also thanked the council for its dedication and hard work.

*Ms. Moore adjourned the meeting.*