

Meeting Notes Long Island Regional Council meeting held at Hofstra University on May 9, 2016

Regional Council Attendees: Lt. Gov. Kathleen Hochul, Cara Longworth, LIREDC Executive Director, Co-Chair Stuart Rabinowitz,, Co-Chair Kevin Law, Bel Pagdanganan, Resi Cooper, Anne Shybunko Moore, Dave Kapell, Jim Morgo, Maryanne Garvin, Bill Wahlig, Pat Edwards, Elaine Gross and Brookhaven Town Supervisor Edward Romaine. Seated at RC table were also Elizabeth Fine, ESD General Counsel and Felisa Hochheiser, ESD Counsel's office.

State Agency Resource team (SART) members in attendance were:

Scott Martella, DOL

Stephen Ridler, DOS

Nancy Ruckus, DOS

Sharon Griffith, NYSERDA

Dwight Brown, EFC

Glen Murrell, DOT

Ehle Shachter, AG & Markets

ESD Staff Denise Zani, Brian Scripture and Barry Greenspan

Vanessa Lockel, Chamber

Meeting agenda

**LONG ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**MEETING AGENDA**

**May 9, 2016**

**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Hofstra University

David S. Mack Student Center

360 Hofstra University

Hempstead, NY 11549

**Regular Meeting - Open to the Public**

<b>10:00 am – 10:10 am</b>	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> <i>Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Hochul</i>
<b>10:10 am – 10:20 am</b>	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> <i>Co-Chairs Kevin Law and Stuart Rabinowitz</i>
<b>10:20 am – 10:40 am</b>	<b>Overview of Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Process and expectations for Round VI</b> <i>Cara Longworth, Executive Director, Long Island Regional Economic Development Council</i>
<b>10:40 am – 11:20 am</b>	<b>Overview of Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Process</b> <i>Stephen Ridler, Lead Strategic Planner, Department of State</i>
<b>11:20am – 11:30 am</b>	<b>Regional Economic Development Council Code of Conduct</b> <i>Elizabeth Fine, EVP, Legal and General Counsel, ESD and</i> <i>Felisa Hochheiser, Special Counsel for Ethics, Risk &amp; Compliance</i>
<b>11:30am – 11:55am</b>	<b>Open Discussion/Public Forum</b>
<b>11:55 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Closing Remarks/Adjourn</b>

Meeting opened with Stuart Rabinowitz welcoming all. Lt.Gov Kathleen Hochul also welcomed group and provided brief overview of prior Regional Council rounds noting LI has won 4 out of 5. This round \$750M will be up for competition. LG noted statewide challenges of finding qualified workers to fill all available jobs.

Kevin Law noted he attended an April event in Syracuse NY that briefed attendees on Round 6.

Cara Longworth provided a brief overview of the Round 6 process. Priority project forms due by July 8 and completed application submitted by July 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm sharp. Suggestion was made that applicants submit early. (PowerPoint presentation available on RC website) Cara noted two CFA workshops to be held; today at 1 pm at Hofstra and a 2<sup>nd</sup> at Stony Brook University on June 7<sup>th</sup> from 2PM to 4PM. Information and a registration link on RC website. <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/content/long-island>

Cara described the new Downtown Revitalization Initiative which is new this year. Council will nominate a single downtown community and those applications are due by May 20<sup>th</sup> and submitted digitally to [LIREDC@esd.ny.gov](mailto:LIREDC@esd.ny.gov).

Steven Ridler with the NYS Department of State made a brief presentation with details on the Downstate Revitalization (DRI Program). One well defined downtown will be eligible for up to \$10M including up to \$300,000 in professional planning assistance. The state is seeking a community "ripe for development". Nominations will come from the Regional Council and announcement on nominated community to be made in June with planning assistance possibly commencing in the summer. The Lt. Governor added that selected communities can apply for additional CFA funds in Round 6. Mr. Ridler noted that some limited administrative funds could be made available.

Kevin Law asked if any RC members had any questions and then opened the discussion to the public. No questions were asked.

Stuart Rabinowitz noted that RC members are bound to sign a code of conduct form that dictates their action.

Elizabeth Fine, ESD's General Counsel and Felisa Hochheiser, ESD Counsel's office then made a brief presentation outlining ethics and conflict of interest rules for Regional Council members. RC members are required to keep all REDC information confidential; they may not solicit any type of business and may not in any way benefit from their Regional Council roles. The recusal procedures were discussed.

Cara Longworth then outlined the CFA process and what happens after awards are made. After the awards announcement is made ESD (only for ESD awards) LI ESD staff develops an incentive proposal which includes MWBE goals and terms for reimbursement. Grants and tax credit awards from ESD are always performance based and on a reimbursement basis. Cara also reiterated that ESD awarded grant funds are disbursed **only** to the applicants listed on the CFA application. **ESD grant funds are not transferrable.**

Cara also noted that new this year the ESD office will hold three open houses at 150 Motor Parkway in Hauppauge on three Wednesdays in June ( June 1, 15<sup>th</sup> and June 29th). Details are posted on the LIREDC website but this unique opportunity will allow potential applicants to meet with ESD staff and Cara is

also interested in hearing from the public about our plan and to hear suggestions on updating our strategies to address the needs of the region.

To sign up or for info session go to: <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/content/long-island>

Cara then acknowledged RC member Anne Shybunko Moore who asked for an opportunity to speak on her role as LI's designee to the NYS Statewide Workforce Investment Board (SWIB) which governs the many NYS WIBs. Ann noted her role to promote manufacturing and oversee how NYS invests in workforce training. Lt. Gov thanked Anne and noted she is the Chair of the SWIB.

Kevin Law asked if anyone in the public had any questions and comments.

Ken White of Brookhaven National Labs noted previous RC support and invited all to a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) event on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Eric Alexander from Vision LI said finding a single DRI community among all LI worthy applicants will be a challenge but noted appreciation to NYS for supporting downtown development.

It was noted that a CFA workshop would be held in multi-purpose room at 1 pm. Meeting ended at 11:40.