



**LONG ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA**

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

February 7, 2012

Farmingdale State College, Roosevelt Hall, 2350 Broadhollow Road,
Farmingdale, NY 11735-1021

2:00 – 2:50 p.m.

(Executive Session – closed to the public)

(Open Session)

3:00 – 3:10 p.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Lieutenant Governor Robert Duffy

Council Co chairs Stu Rabinowitz and Kevin Law

3:10 – 3:30 p.m.

2012 Regional Council Overview

Irene Baker, Director of Cabinet Affairs and
Director of Regional Councils

3:30 – 4:40 p.m.

CFA Agency Updates and Program Review

Mark Grossman, DOL

Jaime Ethier, DOS

Subi Chakraborti, DOT

Brian Foley, OPRHP

Sharon Griffith, NYSERDA

Gregory Watson, HCR

4:40 – 4:50 p.m.

Next Steps/Wrap-Up

Co-Chairs Stu Rabinowitz and Kevin Law

4:50 – 5:00 p.m.

Concluding Remarks/Adjourn

Lieutenant Governor Robert Duffy

The open meeting started at 3:05 pm with welcome remarks from **Lt. Governor Robert Duffy, Stuart Rabinowitz** and **Kevin Law**. All three thanked the council members, work group members and agency staff for their contributions on the creation of an outstanding strategic plan for our region.

Lt. Governor Robert Duffy discussed the anticipated regional Council process for 2012, where the focus will be less on competition between regions and more on collaboration among regions. \$200 million has already been set aside for regional councils, with another \$800 million expected to follow later in the year.

Stuart Rabinowitz shared the outcome of a call with Bruce Katz, a member of the panel that reviewed all the strategic plans. During this call, Mr. Katz offered what were key highlights of the Long Island Regional Plan. The greatest strength was how persuasive the document was by providing a savvy strategy for overcoming the challenges to increasing jobs and revenues in Long Island. One project was given special praise by Mr. Katz: Accelerate Long Island. He saw this as a great collaboration modeled on an “out of region” project. Other highlights were the Smart Growth and Transit Oriented Development components featured in many of our plans; Long Island’s willingness to look at our problems as well as our assets; acknowledgement of the infrastructure problems as well as the methods to overcome these obstacles.

He acknowledged the challenge presented by the magnitude of the 4 major infrastructure projects proposed and funded.

Mr. Rabinowitz concluded his remarks with a reminder that the focus now is to keep up the level of intensity and work as we look to the next round of funding, and to keep a close check on the projects already funded to make sure the plans are implemented according to their proposals.

Kevin Law discussed the approval of the Recharge New York application scoring which occurred in Executive Session just prior to the meeting. He also mentioned that he and Stuart Rabinowitz would be discussing what the future role of the work groups will be and will get back to the council with ideas at some point in the future.

Irene Baker took the podium and thanked all the council members, work group members, and agency staff who exhibited tremendous patience and perseverance through working with a process that had no model to work from. She said that our region exceeded expectations, and that some Best Practices may be used statewide in the next round. She said our focus in 2012 should now be on operationalizing and implementing the plan and the projects already funded, as well as adding new priority projects, revisiting projects that did not get funded, and looking for next-round funding to supplement the projects we want to push forward.

Ms. Baker indicated at least one more round of CFA funding is expected with \$800 million available, although no firm date has been set. She acknowledged that some agencies fit the CFA process well, and some did not. Some changes may occur as a result. Changes that are expected to occur are:

- Expanded application submission timeframe;
- Expanded scoring timeframe;

- CFA workshop earlier in the process

Some questions were asked regarding timing of the next round, whether companies not funded in the first round can re-apply (yes), whether some changes in the application process scoring must occur to support cross-regional collaboration (there will be a review of that process) and does the next round of funding depend not entirely on the plan, but on how well the first round projects are proceeding as well as the importance of the new projects (yes).

Andrea Lohneiss began the first of six agency presentations by introducing Mark Grossman (Department of Labor), Jaime Ethier (Department of State), Subi Chakraborti, (Department of Transportation), Brian Foley (Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation), Gregory Watson, (Housing and Community Renewal) and Sharon Griffith (NYSERDA). Scoring criteria, outcomes and highlighted projects were presented by each of the six presenters.

Kevin Law ended the meeting, commenting that the Executive Committee of the Council will meet soon and a date for the next Regional Council meeting will be set soon as well. He reminded us that we need to keep the momentum we have going on the heels of such a successful first round.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

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