



**LONG ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA**

**May 7, 2015
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Long Island Association
300 Broad Hollow Road
Melville, NY 11747

Regular Meeting - Open to the Public

10:00 am – 10:05 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Co-Chair Kevin Law and Co-Chair Rabinowitz</i>
10:05 am – 10:15 am	Welcome Remarks and Overview of CFA Round V <i>Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Hochul</i>
10:15 am – 10:35 am	Overview of CFA for Round V and Global NY Initiative <i>Ryan Silva, Deputy Director, Regional Economic Development Councils</i>
10:35 am – 10:55 am	Overview of Industry Clusters for CFA Round V <i>Matt Watson, Deputy Director of NYSTAR</i>
10:55 am – 11:30 am	Presentations from Round IV Regional Council Funded Projects
11:30 am – 11:35 am	Progress of Round IV Contracts <i>Cara Longworth, LIREDC Executive Director</i>
11:35 am – 11:45 am	Overview of State Workforce Investment Board <i>Anne Shybunko-Moore, President, GSE Dynamics</i>
11:45 am – 11:55 am	Public Forum
11:55 am – 12:00 pm	Closing Remarks/Adjourn

Long Island Regional Economic Development Council Meeting

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Attendees:

Regional Council Members:

Chair, Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul
Co-chair Kevin Law
Co-chair Stuart Rabinowitz
Exec. Dir., Cara Longworth
John Durso
Pat Edwards
Marianne Garvin
Doon Gibbs

Rupert Hopkins
Anne Shybunko-Moore
Jim Morgo
Elaine Gross
Bill Wahlig
Resi Cooper
Dave Kapell

Also in attendance were:

Ryan Silva, Dep. Director of Regional Councils
Matt Watson, Dep. Director of NYSTAR
Hon. Ed Romaine

Hon. Angie Carpenter

State Agency Staff:

Barry Greenspan, ESD
Denise Zani, ESD
Brian Scripture, ESD
Beverly Bobb, ESD
Brian Teubner, ESD
Jenna Jalbert, ESD
Pamela Bedford, DOL
Dwight Brown, EFC

Sharon Griffith, NYSEDA
Gregory Watson, HCR
Glenn Murrell, DOT
Margaret Conklin, DOT

Introduction – Stuart Rabinowitz:

Stuart Rabinowitz opened the meeting at 10:00AM

Introduced new LIREDC Members:

- Resi Cooper
- Jim Morgo
- Dave Kapell

Stuart acknowledged the achievements of the Long Island REDC including highlights of new LIREDC member's qualifications towards their being selected. He then expressed a challenge, going forward, for the LIREDC, "picking it up a notch" in Round V in order to maintain the high level of success established in previous CFA Rounds.

Kevin Law:

Kevin Law introduced elected officials present:

Ed Romaine, Brookhaven Town Supervisor

Angie Carpenter, Islip Town Supervisor

Kevin welcomed the elected officials with regard to their ongoing support of the LIREDC's efforts. He also echoed Stuart's comments relative to the LIREDC's task-at-hand being met for CFA Round V.

Kevin then introduced Lieutenant Governor, Kathleen Hochul

Lt. Governor Kathleen Hochul:

Lt Governor Hochul noted the passion and energy required to have the success experienced by Long Island's REDC in previous CFA Rounds. She offered her regards of a job, "Well Done!" in recognition of Long Island's success to date. Further, Lt. Governor Hochul cited her recent tour of BNL as witness to the positive things happening within our region.

The Lt. Governor also alluded to Wyandanch Rising – Long Island Opportunity Agenda as proof that Long Island "gets it" with regard to the regional councils' initiatives for collaboration of public, private, and non-profit sectors. She noted her role of providing regular feedback to the Governor regarding her observations and experiences within each region visited. The Lt. Governor expressed her desire to be thought of as a resource and a friend of the regions going forward.

Kevin Law:

Kevin thanked the Lt. Governor for her comments and introduced Ryan Silva, Deputy Director, Regional Economic Development Councils

Ryan Silva:

Ryan Silva reviewed the Regional Councils priorities in 2015. He noted that the REDC's should continue with initiatives that will drive their regional strategic plans while providing updates on continuing initiatives including:

Promoting veterans' participation in the workforce

Supporting NY Rising Community Reconstruction projects

Ryan also noted that Regional Councils are asked to identify CFA projects that will implement regional strategies aimed at increasing participation by regional businesses in the global market place and to solicit foreign direct investment.

<https://www.ny.gov/sites/ny.gov/files/atoms/files/2015REDCGuidebook>

Stuart Rabinowitz:

With an acknowledgment of Ryan Silva's message, Stuart called for the LIREDC to stay focused with a winning attitude towards Round V. He then introduced Matt Watson, Deputy Director of NYSTAR, providing an overview of Industry Clusters.

Matt Watson:

Matt explained that, in 2015, the Regional Councils are asked to identify an established or emerging industry cluster and develop an action plan to be included in the Progress Report. Successful plans will draw connections between assets and a region's prioritized cluster and include strategies for leveraging them. Matt noted this process will support the need for sector-based workforce planning, improving statewide economic competitiveness.

Kevin Law:

Kevin introduced presentations to follow as being representative projects of our region from prior LIREDC funding rounds:

Wyandanch Workforce Intelligence Pilot – Patricia Malone, Executive Director Corporate Education and Training, Stony Brook University:

Workforce to Manufacturing sector collaboration was key. A survey was sent to manufacturers in the area and 50 responded with 91 new positions. Entry level training program developed leading to SCCC corporate training program enhancement.

IPC Soldering and Manufacturing- John Lombardo, Associate Vice President Workforce Development and Training at Suffolk County Community College: Reported eight trained soldering; 14 graduates (certifications). Up to 80 percent with job opportunities.

Winthrop Medical Research Facility- Ramone Segree, Vice President of Development :
Ribbon cutting was held in February- 45 new jobs will be added. Bench to bedside research, making discoveries more accessible and available for patients.

Meadows at Yaphank- Brian Ferruggiari, AVR Realty Company:
Vision for community overview, master plan overview, job and economic impact overview. Renderings of existing and future work were displayed.

Hofstra Big Data, Robotics and Advances Manufacturing Laboratories- Dr. Sina Rabbany, Acting Dean of Engineering, Hofstra University:
Will educate students in all aspects of large and distributed information systems.

Bay Scallops- Vito Minei, Executive Director, Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County:
The 'Brown tide' impact was explained including subsequent research of cause. ESD project contribution 'effect' created momentum for project to move forward and be successful.

Kevin Law:

Kevin reiterated that the projects presented were a "sample" of Long Island's projects, indicative of LIREDC's goals and strategies including workforce development, innovation of technology sector, and revitalization to create jobs and homes and businesses.

In addition, Kevin credited the LIREDC Work Groups for efforts in project development process and included an acknowledgment of Barry Greenspan, ESD for serving as Interim LIRO Director.

Cara Longworth:

Cara extended credit to her staff at the LI Regional Office of ESD for the success of LIREDC during Round IV, including their ongoing facilitation of the LIREDC Work Groups. She noted the diversity of projects from Round IV and highlighted the effectiveness of the Regional Council's initiative for continuing workforce training projects in support of Long Island's economy.

Further, Cara noted that almost all of the ESD Incentive Proposals for Round IV projects had been approved by respective recipients. Overall, the ESD funded projects will result in a 5:1 investment leverage for New York State.

Stuart Rabinowitz:

Stuart directed praise towards Lawrence Levy for his continuing efforts in the writing process. He noted that the quality of the finished product was a direct result of Larry's oversight within the LIREDC writers' group. Stuart then introduced Anne Shybunko-Moore, President, GSE Dynamics to present an overview of the State Workforce Investment Board.

Anne Shybunko-Moore:

Anne qualified the newness of her role with the State Workforce Investment Board while expressing her goals for Long Island as:

Enhanced apprenticeship opportunities for regional workforce

Alignment of investment resources to complement existing regional assets

In addition, she noted the requirement for incorporating metrics within workforce investment to prove the effectiveness of new initiatives. John Durso, President, Long Island Federation of Labor cited the existing Workforce Investment Boards on Long Island and recommended networking with them to glean from their successful experiences.

Kevin Law:

Kevin opened to floor:

Richard O’Kane:

Richard representing the Building and Construction Trades Council of Nassau and Suffolk Counties expressed a need to incorporate Long Island’s labor workforce, recommending that all LIREDC funded projects include use of local labor to the extent possible going forward.

Maura Sperry:

The Mayor of Mastic Beach spoke of her excitement to work with the REDC in Round V. Stated that Mastic Beach has a lot to offer (including 5 miles of beaches); however, they need assistance.

- Meeting adjourned at 12:05PM