



**LONG ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MEETING AGENDA**

**2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**January 10, 2012**

Hofstra University, Multi-purpose room, Mack Student Center, 360 Hofstra University,  
Hempstead, NY 11549  
(open to the public)

- 2:00 – 2:10 p.m.**                    **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Council Co chairs Stu Rabinowitz and Kevin Law
- 2:10 – 3:00 p.m.**                    **Presentation of the Strategic Plan, Highlights and Implementation**  
Council Co chairs Rabinowitz and Law  
Presentation of Plan Highlights and Priority Projects
- 3:00 – 3:10 p.m.**                    **Recharge NY Discussion**  
Executive Director, NYPA staff Tony Savino, Tom DeJesu and Vinnie Frigeria  
Brief overview of Recharge NY program and RC scoring
- 3:10 – 3:40 p.m.**                    **Policy and Regulatory Reform Discussion**  
Council Co chairs Rabinowitz and Law
- 3:40 – 4:00 p.m.**                    **Next Steps/Wrap-Up**  
Co-Chairs Stu Rabinowitz and Kevin Law
- 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**                    **Reception**

The meeting started at 2:25 pm with welcome remarks from **Stuart Rabinowitz** and **Kevin Law**. Copies of the Regional Council Strategic Plan were distributed to council and work group members.

**Stuart Rabinowitz** began the meeting with an overview of the Regional Council Strategic Plan presentations in Albany. He also gave special praises to all the members of the council, work groups, ex-officios and agency staff that assisted with the development of the plan and the transformative projects that were submitted along with it.

Also discussed was the planned schedule of meetings, to include monthly meetings of the Executive Committee and bi-monthly meetings of the whole Council. Dr. Rabinowitz suggested that the work groups meet periodically to assist in the generation of the next transformative projects for submission when the next round of funding becomes available. He reminded the Council that the work continues, in the form of measuring the deliverables of the awarded projects, monitoring their progress, and scoring projects in future funding rounds.

**Kevin Law** spoke next, mirroring Stuart Rabinowitz's appreciation for everyone's contribution to the process, and noting he was most happy about the collaborative nature that permeated the process on Long Island, and urging that spirit continue into the future. He then showed the video that was prepared to introduce the presentation of the LI Plan to the Statewide Review Committee appointed by Governor Cuomo.

**Andrea Lohneiss** discussed the list of funded projects, citing 33 funded by ESD and 22 by DOL. She explained that award letters for ESD-funded projects had been sent to the winning project sponsors by Kenneth Adams and that other agencies were doing this as well. She also indicated that the business of developing Incentive Proposals for the funded projects will be keeping her staff busy for the foreseeable future. **Mark Grossman** from DOL, **Jaime Ethier** from DOS and **Sharon Griffith** from NYSERDA shared information on the funding that their respective agencies are providing through the CFA process, with Ms. Griffiths adding that there is other funding available from NYSERDA that did not go through the CFA process, encouraging members to disseminate that information to any interested parties.

**Ms. Lohneiss** went on to discuss efforts being made by the state to improve the CFA process for users and administrators, noting that some disadvantages of the system included not being able to go back and re-visit previously answered questions and some projects never achieving 'final' status because some applicants were unaware they had to actively 'finalize' the application. She also indicated that the Recharge New York applications would soon be made available for scoring by the Council, though no date has yet been set.

**Tony Savino** from NYPA gave a brief overview of the Recharge New York program. It involves 910 megawatts of power which includes 50% hydroelectric power and 50% market rate power. When questioned about delivery charges impacting the reduced rates, he mentioned that all providers must give a delivery discount, as mandated by the PSC. **Kevin Law** asked for 5-7 members of the Committee to volunteer to score these projects. The two criteria for Regional Council evaluation are: Consistency with Regional Strategies and Priorities and Significance of the Facility to the Local Economy. The program will begin on July 1, 2012.

**Jim D'Addario** suggested that for future rounds of funding, there be additional CFA training opportunities to help *applicants* get through the process. **Mariann Garvin** suggested that the work groups meet again to flesh out the next transformative projects.

**Kevin Law** then discussed Policy and Regulatory Reforms, citing page 81 of the plan which made a list of non-monetary recommendations to improve the climate for doing business on Long Island. These include mandate relief, changes to the Environmental Review Act to help move projects along more smoothly, pension reform of government workers, and public-private partnerships to advance infrastructure projects.

**Theresa A. Regnante** from the United Way posed a question on public monies leveraged with private funds. Andrea Lohneiss responded that the private leveraging of state resources is indeed a very important criterion for consideration in this process.

**Desmond Ryan** suggested the Executive Committee meet again right after the Governor announces his 2012-2013 budget.

**Messrs. Law and Rabinowitz** then adjourned the meeting at 3:40 pm with an invitation to join them for a reception celebrating the good work of the Council, workgroups, agency staff and others who worked so hard on the Regional Plan.

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