



NCREDC Meeting Summary

Introductory Information:

Date and Time Meeting Commenced: September 14, 2017 12:30pm

Location: SUNY Potsdam

Council Members Present: Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul, Tony Collins, Garry Douglas, Brian Ashley, Rollin Beattie, Cali Brooks, Joseph Butler, Reg Carter, John Ettlign, Kate Fish, Paul Grasso, Betty Little, James McKenna, Harry McManus, Kylie Peck, Colin Read, Zvi Szafran, Donna Wadsworth, James Wright

Council Members Substitutes: Ryan Piche for Michele Ledoux

State Agency/Local Government/ESD Staff: Dick Ashlaw, Seth Belt, Judy Drabicki, Jeff Farrell, William Ferebee, Anthony Hayden, Steve Hunt, Erin Hynes, Steve Kokkoris, Caitlin Lecker, Mark Migliore, Adam Ostrowski, Lorrie Pizzola, Jim Reagen, Frank Rooney, Karen White, Andrew Williams, Tricia Wilson

Special Guests: None

Time Adjourned: 1:00 p.m.

Welcome and Remarks:

Call to Order:

- Preamble requesting disclosure of any conflicts of interest read.
- Conflicts noted:
- Recusals noted: Recusals previously recorded for all CFAs on file; Jim Wright on CFA 75326; Joe Butler on CFA 74539; Ryan Piche regarding wind turbines in western part of the region
- No conflicts noted.
- The record of recusals was noted and acknowledged at the meeting.

Reports/Discussions/Motions:

Tony Collins provided an overview of the working session.

The council:

- Heard reports from the Executive Director and Upstate Revitalization Initiative (URI) committee. He noted that the North Country was awarded \$50 million in URI funding. The committee recommended that two project move forward to the next application phase and that one not move forward;
- Finalized the proposed priority project list with 21 projects totaling approximately \$20 million in ESD funding;
- Approved the slate of all CFA scores and designations;
- Approved the progress report to be submitted on October 2nd;

- Heard about the issues regarding wind turbine development and the associated conflicts with Fort Drum's operations;
- Heard an update on international sports attraction efforts;
- Supported the passage of the Adirondack Land Bank constitutional amendment;

Garry Douglas noted and thanked all of the volunteers that serve on the council and work groups.

Cheryl Mayforth presented the findings of the 2017 NCREDC Workforce Survey. The full report is available at the Jeff-Lewis, St. Lawrence, and North Country Workforce Development Boards' websites. We identified the different occupations and mapped the training available in the region. It highlights career pathways and allows us to work with our training institutions at the high school, community college, and university levels so we can meet the needs of our region's employers.

Mary Margaret Small noted several upcoming events regarding workforce training, introducing area students to manufacturing, and cyber security.

Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul commended the council on their hard work and noted several projects across the region that are driving economic growth.

Jim Wright shared with Lt. Governor Hochul that the council supported a motion earlier in the meeting to make Fort Drum a priority on a case by case basis when wind turbine development interferes with its operations, particularly since a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Round may be near.

Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul noted that Fort Drum is important and that New York is aggressive in protecting its bases. She also noted the involvement of host communities and the Public Service Commission in the siting of wind developments.

Tony Collins called for public comment. No comments were made.

Tony Collins closed the public meeting at 2:00pm.