



LONG ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MEETING AGENDA  
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
October 4, 2011

Ballroom, NYIT de Seversky Mansion, Northern Boulevard, Old Westbury, NY 11568-8000

**(open to the public)**

- 2:00 – 2:10 p.m.      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Lieutenant Governor Robert Duffy  
NYIT President Edward Guiliano, Ph.D.  
Council Co-Chairs Stu Rabinowitz and Kevin Law
- 2:10 – 4:00 p.m.      **Report on Strategic Plan Development**  
Existing Conditions, Challenges and Opportunities  
Larry Levy, Writers’ Group co chair  
Ann-Marie Scheidt, Writers’ Group member
- Work Group Reports on Critical issues, Opportunities, Strategies and  
Projects - Presentations: Work Group Co-Chairs
- Strategies and Performance Measures  
Presentation: Pearl Kamer, Writers’ Group member
- 4:00 – 4:15 p.m.      **Transformative Project Selection Criteria**  
Final Review and Approval  
Co-Chair Stu Rabinowitz
- 4:15 – 4:25 p.m.      **Review of Timeline**  
Co-Chair Kevin Law
- 4:25 – 4:30 p.m.      **Public Participation Implementation**  
Executive Director Lohneiss
- 4:30 – 4:50 p.m.      **Open Session for Public Comments**
- 4:50 – 4:55 p.m.      **Next Steps/Wrap-Up**  
Co-Chairs Stu Rabinowitz and Kevin Law
- 4:55 – 5:00 p.m.      **Concluding Remarks/Adjourn**  
Lieutenant Governor Robert Duffy

Regional Council Members in attendance:

Dr. Sam Aronson  
Joseph Cabral  
Noreen Carro  
James D’Addario  
John R. Durso  
Tracey A. Edwards  
Lutricia (Pat) Edwards  
Mark Fasciano  
Elaine Gross  
Kevin Law  
Patricia M. McMahon  
Belinda Pagdanganan  
Stuart Rabinowitz  
Desmond Ryan  
Paulette Satur  
Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D.  
William J. Wahlig

Regional Council Ex-Officio in attendance:

Mark Lesko, Town of Brookhaven Supervisor  
Yves Michel (delegate of Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy)

Kevin Law acknowledged the elected officials present including:

New York State Senator Jack Martins  
New York State Assembly members: Brian Curran; Mike Fitzpatrick; Charles Lavine

**Agenda item – Welcome and Opening Remarks** - The meeting opened at 2:00pm with welcome remarks from NYIT President, Edward Guiliano who offered encouragement for the regional council process under Gov Cuomo’s leadership.

NYS Lt. Governor *Robert Duffy* followed with welcome remarks and praise for the extent of regional participation from Long Islanders, Council members, NYS agency staff and work group members. He introduced regional Council Co-Chairs Kevin Law, LIA President and *Stuart Rabinowitz*, Hofstra President. They were joined at head of table by Andrea Lohneiss, Exec Director RED Council.

*Kevin* recognized *Senators, Assembly members and other electeds’* in attendance. He thanked everyone encouraged continued participation for the Consolidated Funding Applications and Transformative Project Submissions and for all to be mindful of the associated deadlines. He noted the significance of having a regional Strategic Plan in place for this process and for the region moving forward.

### Agenda item – Report on Strategic Plan Development:

- **Existing Conditions, Challenges and Opportunities** – Writers Work Group – *Larry Levy and Pearl Kamer* reported on key issues challenging the region. Long Island has not yet recovered from the recession; only minor gains have been achieved. Loss of 13,000 jobs in the past year, loss of young people, lack of affordable housing, mismatch of skills of labor with the needs of employers, infrastructure needs, water quality issues point to a transformative recession, with permanent losses. Opportunities are many, with research and development at BNL, SBU, CSHL, Feinstein. Agricultural assets abound, and our excellent school system is poised to take the next step in matching labor with employer needs.
- **Work Group Reports on Critical issues, Opportunities, Strategies and Projects** - Work Group Co-Chairs reported on individual work group activity, disposition and Key strategies.

Education and Workforce - *Joseph Cabral and Dr. Hubert Keen*

Key Strategy to build a pipeline of graduates (workers) that align with regional job needs which include retraining, computer literacy, S.T.E.M. education, and graduating engineers

Projects: Provide technology training in school districts with great need, i.e. train the unemployed

Natural Assets - *Belinda Pagdanganan*

Key Strategy to realize sustainable agriculture through shared infrastructure, best practices, environmental stewardship and marketing

Projects: Infrastructure Development for Fisheries, offloading and cold storage; tourism

Infrastructure - *Desmond Ryan and Jim Morgo*

Key Strategy - address projects with job creation, a viable timeline that eliminates blight, with community & municipal collaboration, with private and public financing.

Projects: wastewater and sewer improvements

Nassau Hub committee of the Infra-structure group - *Stu Rabinowitz*

Key Strategy to test the market on how and where to revitalize the coliseum with private funds.

Projects: Hub and parking structure to support the activity at the hub.

Innovation and Industry Cluster - *Dr. Sam Stanley*

Key Strategy – advance venture capital and commercialization opportunities for Long Island researchers, encourage process innovation and automation. Encourage strategic industry sectors such as Homeland Security, Life Sciences, Energy / Smart Grid, Healthcare, and I.T. in the healthcare industry

Projects: incubator and mezzanine growth centers for strategic industries

- **Strategies and Performance Measures -** Writers Work Group – *Larry Levy and Pearl Kamer* reported on the Key Mandated Components of the Strategic plan and how the Long Island region is positioned for growth in spite of existing conditions and challenges. Assets such as strong schools including Boces System, K-12 and over the 19-colleges and universities, whose scores exceed other states' scores, world-class science and technology labs such as Feinstein and CSHL and the 19 Nobel prizes awarded to BNL and SUNY Stony Brook this month keep Long Island vibrant in a poor economy.

**Agenda item - Transformative Project Selection Criteria – *Stuart Rabinowitz***

Stuart indicated that the result of a very involved process of phone calls and emails is in the final document, copied to all council members. He said he believed it held true to the 'no person left behind' comments from the public and other council members. Desmond Ryan motioned for a vote on adopting the form, Jim Morgo seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Agenda item – Review of Timeline *Kevin Law***

Referring to the handout provided by Andrea Lohneiss, Kevin highlighted the date of October 27<sup>th</sup> as the date to invite some of the transformative and RSP applicants to report to the committee on their projects so committee members may ask questions prior to determining what projects will be attached to the regional plan when submitted on November 14<sup>th</sup>. He also provided the dates for the upcoming public forums, remaining Regional council Meetings #5 and #6, and project due dates.

**Agenda item – Public Participation Implementation – *Andrea Lohneiss***

A requirement of the regional Public Participation Plan, regional public forums were held from 5pm to 7pm at two separate locations; one in Suffolk County on 9/7/2011 and one in Nassau County on 9/12/2011, average number attendees was 75. In response to requests another public forum was held on October 3 in Riverhead to address East End concerns. The Public Participation Plan includes media advisories, email outreach, weekly press announcements, local daily, weekly and monthly newspapers coverage in addition to the Governors website. This captures all meeting notes and council and work group activities. [www.Governor.ny.gov](http://www.Governor.ny.gov) Also stated in the Plan, the council is encouraged to participate in and invite colleagues to participate in regional public forums. View public forum schedule: <http://nyworks.ny.gov/content/long-island> View the LI regional plan: [http://nyworks.ny.gov/themes/nyopenrc/rc-files/longisland/LI\\_PublicParticipationStrategy.pdf](http://nyworks.ny.gov/themes/nyopenrc/rc-files/longisland/LI_PublicParticipationStrategy.pdf) Future Forums are being planned for November 1, 2011 and November 2, 2011 Details TBD

**Agenda item – Open Session for Public Comments - *Kevin Law called individuals by name for their opportunity to make comments to the council.***

- Neil Rosen, NSLIJ – representing the Green Building Council. Wants to use a LEED rating system for projects in order to reduce the use of water, which may in turn reduce the need to increase sewers on Long Island.

- Donna Martini – Nassau County Planning Commission – another proponent of LEED, the percentage of savings in utility costs goes back into the economy in the form of hiring people. With LEED comes a healthier environment, population and economy.
- Patrick Duggan – local clergyman and former Nassau County Deputy Economic Director. He expressed his interest in the long-range goals of the strategic plan and is concerned we not concentrate on the immediate funds available but align the future dollars with the most productive use of funds. Investing in pockets of poverty as in New Castle and Wyandanch can provide a successful leverage of funds to results. He believes we should prioritize in the communities with highest poverty, segregation, unemployment and healthcare issues.

**Agenda item – Next Steps/Wrap-Up** Co-Chairs *Stu Rabinowitz and Kevin Law*

**Agenda item – Concluding Remarks/Adjourn** *Kevin* concluded the meeting at 4:58 pm

Public was admitted and approximately 40 non-council members were in attendance