



LONG ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL INAUGURAL MEETING AGENDA

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 10, 2011
Stony Brook University

Member Orientation Session

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| 3:00 – 3:25 p.m. | Welcome and Introductions
Lieutenant Governor Robert Duffy
Council Co-Chair |
| 3:25 – 3:40 p.m. | Open for Business: A New State Government Approach to Economic Development
Presentation: Lieutenant Governor Robert Duffy |
| 3:40 – 3:50 p.m. | Initial Tasks & Timeframes
Presentation |
| 3:50 – 4:35 p.m. | Issues/Opportunities/Region's Economic Vision
Facilitated Discussions |
| 4:35 – 5:20 p.m. | Workgroups, Inputs and Other Resources
Council Discussion |
| 5:20 – 5:30 p.m. | Wrap Up/Next Steps
Co-Chairs |
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PRESS Q&A SESSION

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| 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. | Lieutenant Governor and Co- Chairs |
| 6:00 p.m. | Adjourn |

Summary of the Long Island Inaugural Regional Council meeting
Wednesday August 10, 2011
Held at CEWIT (Center of Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology)
Stony Brook University

The meeting started at 3:00 pm. Member and State agency staff were all seated in a horseshoe configuration. Additional chairs were arranged along the perimeter of the room to accommodate state agency staff and others.

Each Regional Council member received a binder that included:

1. Meeting agenda
2. Regional Council member/Regional Council staff contact information and meeting dates
3. The Lt. Gov's power point presentation about Regional Councils
4. The Regional Council guidebook
5. The Regional Council manual

The LG ("Lt. Governor Robert Duffy") opened the meeting welcoming all and expressing thanks to Stony Brook University President Stanley for graciously hosting the inaugural meeting. LG thanked Regional Council Vice Chairs Kevin Law and Stuart Rabinowitz for agreeing to serve. Dr. Rabinowitz joined the meeting by phone as he was out of town. The LG expressed how pleased he was with the turnout and stressed that this is Gov Cuomo's vision for a grass roots regional approach to economic development in New York State. LG acknowledged that Kenneth Adams, President, CEO & Commissioner of ESD, was in attendance to show how important this effort is to the state's economic development program.

Vice Chair Kevin Law also welcomed and thanked the LG and Kenneth Adams for their numerous trips to Long Island. Vice Chair Stuart Rabinowitz made welcoming remarks and mentioned the importance of the workgroups.

Dr. Samuel Stanley welcomed the group to Stony Brook University and noted he was happy to participate and stressed the need to work as a region for this to be a successful competition.

LG then asked all members and state agency staff sitting at the table to make brief intro remarks. The following were at the member table:

Kenneth Adams, President, CEO & Commissioner, ESD

Sen. John Flanagan, made intro remarks

Dr. Calvin Butts, President, SUNY Old Westbury

Noreen Carro, small business owner, noted how 35 people had already emailed her about her RC role

John Durso, LI Federation of Labor, noted how important effort was

Mark Fasciano, Canrock Ventures

Elaine Gross, Exec Dir, Erase Racism noted this should not be a jobless recovery and it must include all communities

Subimal Chakraborti, DOT Regional Director
Belinda Pagdanganan, Manager, Government Relations, National Grid
Harvey Kamil, Vice Chairman of NBTY
Ed Mangano, Nassau County Executive
Paulette Satur, farmer, noted her 15 years' experience in farming
Jamie Either, DOS staff
Barry Greenspan, ESD staff, Regional Council Facilitator
Pat Malone, SUNY Stony Brook staff, RC Facilitator
Marianella Jordon, Gov's Regional Rep, RC staff
Peter Scully, NYS DEC Regional Director, RC Facilitator
Peter Walsh, DOS Strategic Planner
Amy Lowth, NYS DOL staff, RC staff
Ron Foley, NYS Parks Regional Director, RC staff
Ann Shybunko Moore, CEO of woman-owned defense firm noted issue of aging LI workforce especially skilled machinists and that LI still has over 3,200 mfrs
Desmond Ryan, Ex Dir, Association for a Better LI
Phil Nolan, Islip Town Supervisor, mentioned key transformation projects like Heartland Town center
Mark Lesko, Brookhaven Town Supervisor. Mentioned Accelerate LI initiative and Ronkonkoma HUB TOD
Rupert Hopkins, small business owner, noted he was formerly with NYS Dept of Eco Dev and now a graduate of Stony Brook incubator and closely works with SUNY software talent and competes globally
Marianne Garvin, CEO CDCLI, noted CDCLI is a CFDI and advocates for a regional approach
Pat Edwards, Citibank community development
Jim D'Addario, noted his company manufactures musical instrument accessories and has plants in five states. CA and NYS are ranked lowest in business climate. TX is ranked much higher
Joe Cabral, North Shore LIJ, LI's largest private employer
Sam Aronson, Director of BNL, interested to hear about technology development and pleased to work on this initiative
Mark Grossman, DOL Commissioner's Rep, RC Deputy Exec Director
Assemblyman Steve Englebright, welcome to his district, important effort
Andrea Lohneiss, ESD Regional Director, RC Exec Director and noted she was pleased to be part of this regional effort.

- The LG then asked all other agency staff present to introduce themselves and he noted the strong agency staff support committed to the council.
- LG introduced Irene Baker, Head of Exec Chamber Cabinet affairs and head of RD efforts.
- The LG gave a Power Point presentation on how the regional council effort will work, funding sources, scoring information and the need to have our regional strategic plan completed by November 14, 2011. He stressed this is the new way NYS will undertake economic development. Members are expected to serve two year terms. The LG

described there is \$200 million to be split among 10 regions with the top 4 getting the majority of the funding. There is an additional \$800 million in other agency funding. ESD will annually report to the Gov and legislature on performance of the Regional Councils. There will soon be released a CFA – a Consolidated Funding Application which will change the way NYS funds projects in all agencies.

- The LG described his vision and plan and noted future meetings will be open to the public or have an open to the public component.
- Peter Walsh from NYS DOS then did a power point presentation on the strategic plan due Nov 14 and went through many elements of the guidebook and manual provided to the members and staff. He reviewed the scoring criteria and tasks. He noted RCs are not expected to come up with all new data but are expected to use existing reports and comprehensive plans as a basis.
- Kevin Law stressed that he expects everyone’s hard work and direct participation in all meetings in order for LI to fare well. Kevin noted have much work to be accomplished and it must be done Nov 14th and include projects.
- LG noted the council is advisory
- At 4:50 pm the group was asked to report to three smaller breakout rooms.
- The breakout sessions occurred from 4:50 to 5:15 pm at which time the entire group reconvened to “report out” from the breakout sessions.

NOTE: summary of each breakout session (red, green and blue) are attached and labeled. The three questions that all breakout groups were asked to discuss and note results were:

1. What are the most significant assets of the Long Island region?
2. What sectors/industries of the region’s economy hold the most promise over the next five years for creating jobs for Long Islanders?

3. What obstacles need to be overcome and what types of realistic solutions can be pursued by the region to achieve our goals?

The leaders of the three breakout sessions were Dr. Sam Stanley, Ann Shybunko Moore and Mark Lesko.

After they each reported out from their session Kevin Law described what he saw as common themes throughout the three questions. Kevin felt that the several common themes seemed to permeate all the break groups and thus made sense to use these as workgroups.

1. Workforce and education,
2. Infrastructure including transportation, sewers and energy,
3. Technology and cluster development
4. LI's Natural Assets

Kevin asked all members to think about these as workgroups and to contact him or Andrea if they had any concerns. Kevin asked all members to serve on at least one possible workgroup and to email him or Andrea. Kevin noted the next Regional Council meeting is August 23rd at 3:00 pm and members will be notified of a location. The meeting was concluded and members were invited to join LG Duffy and Kevin Law for a press conference in the lobby. The meeting concluded at 5:50 pm.

Regional Council Meeting



Wednesday August 10, 2011



Group 1

Regional Council Moderator

Dr. Sam Stanley
President,
Stony Brook University

Facilitator

Barry Greenspan

Writer

Marianela Jordan

Regional Council Members

Phil Nolan

James McCaffrey

John Durso

Harvey Kamil

Des Ryan

Noreen Carro

Elaine Gross

What are the most significant assets of the Long Island region?

- Education/Workforce
- Proximity to NYC
- Airport in Islip
- Natural Environment
- Medical/Res. Fac.
- Strong community
- Strong Purchase Power
- Transportation-Rail & Air Infrastructure

What sectors/industries of the region's economy hold the most promise over the next 5 years for creating jobs for Long Islanders?

- Healthcare and Bio Medical
- Information Tech./Digital Med. Rec.
- Green Energy-Solar
- Infrastructure-Construction jobs
- Higher Education=Growth
- Homeland Security

What obstacles need to be overcome and what types of realistic solutions can be pursued by the region to achieve our goals?

- Use council to raise & address political issues
- Lack of public transport. and aging infrastructure
- Lack of public funds to improve transit
- NIMBY Issue
- Government fragmented
- Confusing local permit proc.
- High taxes and affordable housing
- Energy cost on Long Island
- Educational inequality

Group 2

Regional Council Moderator

Mark Lesko
Supervisor,
Town of Brookhaven

Facilitator

Amy Lowth

Writer

Peter Scully

Regional Council Members

Edward Mangano

Bill Wahlig

Sam Aronson

Joseph Cabral

Pat Edwards

Paulette Satur

Mark Fasciano

What are the most significant assets of the Long Island region?

- Human Capital
- Physical
- Educational Strengths
- Volume of Potential Employs-Diversity as Beneficial
- Internet Infrastructure Capability-may overcome transportation; LIRR
- Beautiful Environment-attracts employees
- Open-space-asset/housing Obstacle

What sectors/industries of the region's economy hold the most promise over the next 5 years for creating jobs for Long Islanders?

- Strengthen-Restore-Support work force to grow manufacturing- new technology deployment
- Restoring manuf.-from China back to US-opportunity
- Corporate back office, agricultural business
- Don't identify 'silo' sectors
- Connect more opportunities

What obstacles need to be overcome and what types of realistic solutions can be pursued by the region to achieve our goals?

- Higher education to provide engineers with specialties- software
- Misalignment of skills/requirements from trade and technical to engineering
- Collaboration between industry and academia
- More focused, relevant

Group 3

Regional Council Moderator

Anne Shybunko-Moore
President,
GSE Dynamics, Inc.

Facilitator

Pat Malone

Writer

A. M. Scheidt

Regional Council Members

Jonathan Crist

Yves Michel

Calvin Butts

Rupert Hopkins

Jim D'Addario

Marianne Garvin

Belinda Pagdanganan

What are the most significant assets of the Long Island region?

- Workforce
- Research Institutions
- Education/Higher Ed/Trades
- Proximity to NYC; Transportation-Airports
- World-Class Medical Institutions
- Quality of life
- Tourism
- Un-tapped wealth-investment potential access to capital

What sectors/industries of the region's economy hold the most promise over the next 5 years for creating jobs for Long Islanders?

- Life Sciences, Healthcare /Homecare, IT, Energy
- Tourism
- Advanced Manufacturing/Bio-Tech, Nano-Tech
- Energy; smart grid- energy storage, alternatives, efficiency tech., clean tech., solar wind Installation
- Strong Infrastructure

What obstacles need to be overcome and what types of realistic solutions can be pursued by the region to achieve our goals?

- Aligning education with opportunity/lack of skill sets
- Access to capital, affordable housing, transportation
- cost of living/labor, aging population, perception
- Bldg. codes zoning, NIMBYism, Infrastructure
- Other states 'poach' our talent, creating better conn.
- Attractive 'Downtowns', T.O.D.S. focus
- Reg. common approach to land-use and Tourism
- Business Retention programs
- More private sector leadership
- Comprehensive Educational Strategy