

MEETING SUMMARY

Introductory Information:

Date and Time Meeting Commenced: 3 pm Friday September 13, 2019

Location: Long Island Association Lower conf. center room, 300 Broad Hollow Road, Melville NY 11747

Council Members Present: K. Law, S. Rabinowitz, J.Nader, J. Durso, R. Cooper, E. Gross, H. Kamil, L. Armysn, J. Morgor, D. Gibbs, J. Constanzo, D. Ryan, B. Pagdanganan, D. Kapell, P. Edwards and N Carro

Council Members Substitutes: none

State agency/Ex Officio or designees/ESD staff: C. Longworth, D. Zani, B. Greenspan, B. Scripture, J. DiMarco, E. Muehlemann and A. Proscia

Special Guests: Acting ESD Comm. and ESD CEO Eric Gertler and Mid-Hudson Regional Director Meghan Taylor

Time Adjourned: 4:05 PM

Welcome and Remarks:

Call to Order:

Preamble requesting disclosure of any conflicts of interest read.

Conflicts noted: (Please List) none at the public meeting

Recusals noted: (Please List)

No conflicts noted.

The record of recusals was noted and acknowledged at the meeting.

Reports/Discussions/Motions:

Stuart Rabinowitz and Kevin Law welcomed the group and explained the purpose today which is to hear about the Round Nine strategic plan and a limited number of recommended projects. Stuart went over the recusal and conflict of interest policy and again asked if any members have conflicts or recusals not already noted by ESD. No members had additional recusals or conflicts. Stuart noted two new appointments to the council: Dr. Hank Foley, President of NYIT and Richard Guardino, Executive Director of the LI Regional Planning Council. Mr. Guardino was in attendance. Kevin introduced the newly appointed and Acting ESD CEO Eric Gertler who made brief comments acknowledging the role of the RC and the Co-Chairs long service.

Cara Longworth provided an overview of the process noting some 33,000 jobs have been impacted by RC funding since 2011. Cara noted only a small representation of ESD grant funded projects will be in today's brief presentation and none of the other state agency projects such as parks, DEC and NYSCA are mentioned today. Cara thanked the Co-chairs of the newly reconstituted work groups for their roles in refining prior strategies and developing new strategies and identifying issues, challenges and opportunities to keep moving our plan forward. The two new round nine state priorities of environmental justice and child care were discussed. Cara acknowledged the role of Larry Levy (Hofstra Univ.) as the plan's key writer. Mr. Levy was in attendance.

ESD staff members made a presentation outlining past projects as well as some Round nine recommendations. Cara noted this year 30% of the grants recommended will go to businesses that combined will create nearly 300 new jobs.

Kevin Law asked if any council members had questions or comments. None were noted and the public was also asked if they had comments. Al Rizzi who represents an organization called "My Blind Spot" asked that the council consider new methods for increased digital access of council materials for those with sight impairment. Kevin thanks Al for making the council aware of that issue. No other members of the public had comments.

Stuart asked RC members for a motion to accept the plan and project slate with scoring as presented at the earlier 2 pm RC Executive Session meeting that was not open to the public. J. Durso made the motion to accept the plan and scores as presented and J. Nader made the 2nd. The vote was unanimous with no abstentions.

Kevin provided a brief overview of the timing for plan submission (due October 1) and the recommendations will be posted within several days after submission. It is anticipated that the State Investment Assessment (SIAT) presentation will take place in Albany in October or November with awards announcement anticipated in early December.

Kevin again asked for any comments from Council members or the public and none were offered.

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Meeting agenda is below



**LONG ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
September 13, 2019**

**Long Island Association
Lower Level Meeting Room
300 Broadhollow Road
Melville, NY 11747**

Regular Meeting

3:00 pm	Welcome and Opening Remarks
3:15 pm	Presentation of LIREDC Progress to Date and Overview of Round Nine Projects
3:45 pm	Public Input
4:00 pm	REDC Endorsement of the 2019 Strategic Plan and Priority Projects
4:10 pm	Overview of LIREDC Next Steps
4:20pm	Further Public Input
4:30 pm	Adjourn