



Long Island Regional Economic Development Council

LONG ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA Monday, February 6, 2023 2:00 PM Farmingdale State College

Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Meeting

- 2:00pm** **Welcome Remarks**
Co-Chairs Linda Armyn and John Nader
- 2:05pm** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Lieutenant Governor Anthony Delgado
- 2:15pm** **Brief Overview of Governor Hochul's 2023/2024 Proposed State Budget**
RuthAnne Visnauskas, Commissioner, NYS Homes and Community Renewal
- 2:30pm** **NYS Venture Programs**
Jennifer Tegan, Managing Director, NYS Ventures at Empire State Development
- 3:00pm** **Regional Council Update and Request for Applications**
Cara Longworth, Executive Director LIREDC
- 3:10pm** **Workforce Development Strategy Report**
Jennifer Vernon, Ernst & Young
Kyle Brandon, Ernst & Young
- 3:45pm** **Open Discussion/Public Comment**
- 4:00pm** **Closing Remarks/Adjourn**

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Introductory Information: The February 6, 2023 hybrid meeting (zoom/in-person) was open to the public with the purpose of sharing an overview of the 2023/2023 State of the State, Venture Funding Programs and the Workforce Development Strategies Report.

Date and Time Meeting Commenced: Monday, February 6, 2023 – 2pm

Location: Farmingdale State College

Council Members Present: L. Armyn, J. Nader, R. Cooper, A. Shybunko Moore, D.Lloyd, R. Guardino, J. Durso, P. Satur, P. Rugile, S. Poser

Council Members present via zoom: S. Alphonso-Jones, D. Gibbs, J. Morgo, P. O'Shaughnessy

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: Lt. Governor Antonio Delgado, RC Chair

Time Adjourned: 4:10pm

Welcome and Remarks:

Call to Order:

Preamble requesting disclosure of any conflicts of interest read.

Conflicts noted: (Please List)

Recusals _____

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No conflicts noted.

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

Reports/Discussions/Motions:

2:00pm Welcome Remarks and opening

Co-Chairs Linda Armyn and John Nader

Linda Armyn introduced Lt. Governor

2:05pm Welcome and Opening Remarks

Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado: welcomed and thanked the LIREDC. He stressed the importance of “good jobs” for a community to thrive. Shift of focus from top-down approach to bottom up—listening and engaging with community is how to move forward.

Linda Armyn welcomed and introduced RuthAnn Visnauskas, Commissioner of NYS HCR and her team:

2:15pm Brief Overview of Governor Hochul’s the 2023/2024 Proposed State Budget

Betsy Mallow and team on behalf of RuthAnne Visnauskas, Commissioner, NYS Homes and Community Renewal HCR gave a PowerPoint Presentation

Questions from the Council:

Jim Morgo asked if the presentation would be online?

Sol Marie Jones asked: What is the definition of affordability/affordable counting as double to hit targets faster?

Multi families similar to MA program (as seen in slides) depending on AMI % rates

Anne Shybunko Moore: Possibility of building Workforce Housing on top of buildings that are within the industrial park (for example)/ build vertically.

Looking at options to add flexibility in zoning, encourage flexibility concept.

Linda Armyn: thanked Dr. Nader and Farmingdale State College tech staff.

2:30pm NYS Venture Programs Jennifer Tegan, Managing Director, NYS Ventures at Empire State Development

Jennifer Tegan gave a Power Point Presentation. For information on SSBCI programs (including the pre-seed/seed fund: <https://esd.ny.gov/ssbcj>). Their primary program is also here: <https://esd.ny.gov/venture-capital>

3:00pm Regional Council Update and Request for Applications

Cara Longworth, Executive Director LIREDC

Cara gave an overview of Round 12 REDC grants: 14 projects awarded so far, ~\$10m awarded with ~\$45M leveraged and 723 jobs created/retained. The next batch closes April 14th and the new round after that is expected to open on May 1. All other eight agencies have announced their awards from round 12. The awarded projects list can be accessed via https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2022-11/REDC_Round_12_Award_Booklet.pdf

The DRI projects for Amityville and Riverhead have been announced and are moving forward.

The new DRI (the Town of Huntington for Huntington Station) was recently announced. As well as the NY Forward awardees: Long Beach and Lindenhurst. Council members have been assigned to the locations for the Local Planning Committee meetings (Dave Kappel- Huntington, Resi Cooper- Long Beach, and Jim Morgo- Lindenhurst). If there are other Council members who would like to join the LPC meetings, please reach out to Cara.

Jim Morgo commented that both Linda and John did a great job at the DRI Round 5 project announcements event.

Cara gave an overview of the Long Island Investment Fund—what has been awarded thus far; four awards have been announced totaling \$56M: Farmingdale State College, Long Island University, Feinstein Research Institute, and Brookhaven National Lab/Stony Brook University.

Cara reminded all that the recent Request for Applications for Life Sciences and Workforce Development Training Center has been made public, both can be found on the ESD website, (<https://esd.ny.gov/doing-business-ny/requests-proposals>) and both are due by March 31st.

Cara explained the workforce development critical initiative through the two-phase process. Phase one was an inventory done in part with a survey from DOL/ESD. Ernst and Young was hired for Phase 2 for solution driven strategic plan. An advisory committee was formed that met three times throughout the summer and fall as well as numerous focus groups and interviews.

Cara introduced Jennifer and Kyle from EY to give their presentation:

3:10pm Workforce Development Strategy Report

Jennifer Vernon, Ernst & Young and Kyle Brandon, Ernst & Young

Jennifer and Kyle gave their PowerPoint Presentation. The report can be accessed via https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2022-12/Long_Island_Workforce_Strategy_Report_2022.pdf

Q&A:

LIREDC members:

Anne Shybunko Moore commented on enhanced regional coordination.

Phil Rugile- commented that with the data we should now have actionable items to turn into and execute an action task list.

Linda Armyn- Thanked John Durso, Dr. Nader, and Phil Rugile for their time and effort throughout the process that yielded the report.

Dan Lloyd: commented that it would be great to hear from the manufacturers that are doing the hiring to be able to reciprocate successful actions. Jennifer highlighted the importance of manufacturing consortiums.

Public:

Tom Mariner (LI Bio): asked for a link to the report to be able to show Suffolk County DOL.

Jamie Moore (Industry Grants): Now that we have a “benchmark” on data how to make something happen moving forward/ bring to Governor’s attention?

Cara Longworth shared that it was the Governor’s directive to assess the workforce needs and she is aware of this report.

Marianela Casas (Association for Mental Health and Wellness): Was mental health part of the conversation/how can we weave that in?

Jennifer Vernon commented that it was listed in the challenges and seen in many communities— certainly seeing more and more employers invest in mental health of their employees

4:10pm Closing Remarks/Adjourn

Linda Armyn adjourned the meeting