

Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council
Meeting Notes
11:00 a.m.
November 9, 2011

Welcome and Introduction of Members

Lieutenant Governor Robert Duffy welcomed council members and the public to the sixth meeting of MVREDC. He thanked everyone for participating and for their excellent work to date. He also recognized the attendance of Kenneth Adams, Chairman and CEO of Empire State Development Corp. and Commissioner of Economic Development. The Lt. Governor noted that, once the MVREDC had submitted its strategic plan, it would be reviewed by an independent Strategic Plan Review Committee at the end of November. He also noted that the MVREDC Co-Chairs would participate in a Statewide Chairman's Committee meeting by year end or early next year, let by the Lt. Governor, to discuss state-level issues that were surfaced during the MVREDC planning and public participation processes. The Lt. Governor closed his remarks by saying that he has found the REDC process "inspirational."

Co-Chairs Remarks.

Co-Chair Yeigh noted that Co-Chair Gilroy was unable to be in attendance at the meeting. He said he has found the MVREDC to be one of the most collegial groups he has been involved with, and that he sees the Mohawk Valley as the centerpiece of the state of New York.

Executive Session

Following a motion by MVREDC member Marianne Gage, seconded by MVREDC member Ann Thane, the Council entered executive session to discuss the details of the draft strategic plan and proposed priority projects.

Public presentation of the Strategic Plan

Following a motion by Nancy Patarrini, seconded by Randy VanWagoner to end the Executive Session, the Council meeting was opened for a public presentation of the proposed MVREDC Strategic Plan and Priority Projects. The Public was invited to comment or to ask questions.

Following that, the Council adopted the MVREDC Strategic Plan and Priority Projects list.

Consolidated Funding Application Update

Executive Director Ken Tompkins informed the Council that it also must complete its scoring and approval of submitted Consolidated Funding Applications by Nov. 21. He said there were still a considerable number of the approximately 158 applications to be scored.

Recap and Review of Upcoming Deadlines

The Lt. Governor and Co-Chair Yeigh each thanked the council for their participation today and congratulated them upon adoption of the Strategic Plan. The plan was to be posted at (<http://nyworks.ny.gov/content/mohawkvalley>) as soon as possible, and it was to be submitted to Commissioner Adams by the close of business Nov. 14th.

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