

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Economic Development, Higher Education & Energy Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on Friday, September 7th, 2007.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator Wayne Horsley - Chairman
Legislator Steve Stern - Vice-Chair
Legislator Tom Barraga
Legislator Ed Romaine
Legislator Vivian Vilorio-Fisher

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

George Nolan - Counsel to the Legislature
Joe Schroeder - Budget Review Office
Joe Muncey - Budget Review Office
Alicia Howard - Legislative Assistant
Ben Zwirn - County Executive's Office
Carolyn Fahey - Economic Development
Charles Stein - Suffolk Community College
George Gatta - Suffolk Community College
James Morgo - Commissioner - Economic Development
Brendan Stanton - Aide to Chairman Horsley
Debra Alloncius - AME
John Lombardo - Suffolk County Community College
Dr. Shaun McKay - Suffolk County Community College
All other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Donna Catalano - Court Stenographer

(*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:06 P.M.*)

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

May we all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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And may we also stand in recognition and in reverence for those young men and women who are fighting our freedom -- for our freedom across the seas.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

All right. Good afternoon, everybody, and welcome to the Economic Development, Higher Education and Energy Committee Meeting of September 7th. We don't have a presentation today, so I anticipate that this meeting will be fairly short. I'm sure that's not the concern of my colleagues here. The first person I have on the public portion is Mr. John Lombardo who is with Suffolk Community -- representing Suffolk Community College Corporate Training Center. Hey, John.

MR. LOMBARDO:

How are you?

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Good.

MR. LOMBARDO:

I just wanted to spend a couple of minutes talking about the Corporate Training Center, which is located on the Grant Campus of Suffolk Community College. We are a training center that provides skills, training, to both business and industry, banking and finance within the County. We have certified trainers that -- certified by a Microsoft and by a variety of business institutions. We train in English as a Second Language, both under grant subsidies for local companies and also contract projects.

We also train in the area of Spanish for Managers, which teaches the management how to communicate with their workers within the noun structure of that business, which is a very interesting and popular course, communication skills, business ethics, diversity training, a wide variety of training that emerges from the needs of industry. We respond to industries' needs and we provide training in those areas. In addition, our trainers are professional trainers, Bachelors and Masters Degrees, that meet and exceed the minimum requirements for educators within the college framework. So we hire very, very professional people, and we deliver very professional courses.

One of the things that I just wanted to mention is that we have on this agenda several grants that are pending that we will be training for companies within Suffolk County, both English as a Second Language, communication skills, and diversity training. And if you need training, we can provide it for you. We'll customize a course. And we deliver this at the Grant Campus. If there's a large enough need at a company and it's inconvenient for the company to send their workers to the training center, we do provide the training on-site. Thanks very much.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Good. Thank you very much for enlightening us. Mr. Lombardo, we do have one question, Legislator Viloría-Fisher.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Hi. I'm just a little bit confused about the program. Now, can students who are full time matriculated students take this course, or is it just customized to work with businesses? I'm just a little confused.

MR. LOMBARDO:

The training that we provide in terms of business skills is offered through the companies to companies. Continuing Education, on the other hand, does provide training for students who are looking for specific training. We do have a manufacturer --

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. What do you mean by that? For example, let's say I'm a first-year student at Suffolk Community College and I would like to take Language for the Business -- Spanish for the Business Professional or Spanish for Management Professional. Can I take it as a first-year student, or do I have to take it through a company?

MR. LOMBARDO:

Well, the courses that we provide are not for credit. So it would not be offered.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

They're non-credit courses.

MR. LOMBARDO:

They're a specific-skill reinforcement courses for business and industry.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Thank you.

MR. LOMBARDO:

You're welcome.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Any further question from my colleagues? Again, thank you, Mr. Lombardo for that -- for those -- enlightening us. I'd like to call on Dr. Shaun McKay concerning Resolution 1866. Welcome, Doctor, always good to see you.

DR. MCKAY:

Same here. It's a pleasure as always. I wanted to take an opportunity to thank the Members of the Community for allowing us to speak here this afternoon. In regards to 1866, as the Dean of the Grant Campus, I wanted to state for the record the concerns that we have in regards to the biological science and natural sciences at the Grant Campus. It is our hope to further encourage scientific career parts throughout Suffolk County.

Recently, we had a Stem Science Awards at the Ammerman Campus where we had 18 individuals -- we were the only community college on Long Island, one of three in the State that received this National Science Foundation Award. We are putting a direct emphasis into increasing math, science, engineering and technology with the school districts here on Long Island. What does that mean for us? This past year, we had the highest amount of enrollment in our Natural Sciences and in our Human and Allied Health Courses. We only have two labs at the Grant Campus. Those two labs serve about 1100 students in other 48 sections. We've done every possible sequencing from early morning at 6:30 to Saturday and Sunday on the weekends as well.

As the Dean of the Campus, what I tried to do was to look at capacity and build outs. That enabled me to look at every possible time sequencing where we can put classes into the sections. We do not have enough time sequencing for those two rooms. So when I moved it to 6:30 in the morning as a trial run, those classes filled as early as May of the academic year. Right now, we have close to about 1000 students enrolled in our 6:30 in the morning options. That's a first for the college.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

For any college.

DR. MCKAY:

Certainly. And again, it shows that the college is being efficient and responsive to the needs of the community. Our students will walk to other institutions if we cannot meet their needs right here at Suffolk County. To be responsive to our students and our residents, the college is reacting in every possible way, in efficient ways as well, and managing our resources. Right now, even at the 6:30 in the morning hours, we are at capacity as well. Evenings we are at capacity, weekends we are at capacity for Biology.

We have exigent space right now at the Grant Campus. The State has already given us and committed to \$150,000. And we're asking the honorable members to support us with the other half, which will match that support. The college would sustain its efforts. In house, we will do the work we have to do to make sure that we sustain costs with this project. We are asking for your vote and your support. And as the Dean of the Grant Campus, I can assure you that as we move forward, we will continue to be efficient and responsive to your needs and to the needs of your constituents. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Thank you, Dr. McKay. As an adjunct who has an 8 o'clock in the morning class, I thought that was painful. Six-thirty is over the top. Let me ask you something. 1866 says amending the 2007 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with retrofitting a section -- section of the Health, Sports Exhibition Complex as Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory. So you are taking sports -- rooms that were originally designated for sports and converting them into science-ready rooms, is that the idea?

DR. MCKAY:

Right. Part of our evaluation as an institution is to look at efficiency and to be responsive to what's happening at the college in regards to enrollment and the trends in Higher Education. That space that we had was for a program that is no longer in existence at the college. So in essence, we're not utilized -- and this is not retrofitted as it is for the needs of any other programs that we have currently. So some construction has to happen. And we looked at the programs we have to determine which program has critical needs in regards to the capacity and try to respond to that.

For example, right now we have the largest Nursing Program in the State of New York, the largest on Long Island. We're also pushing the Stem Program, and we're now starting a new initiative whereby we can then have a Pre-Med option. We have over probably 3000 nurses that -- nursing applicants who would apply for spots at the college. We have 400 slots every time we admit. So where would the other 2500 go? We have students that want to get into medical programs, and they would look to us to start a Liberal Arts and Sciences. What we are doing now is, in essence, creating those programs to bring those students into the college. That is increased enrollment. That is being responsive to our citizens. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Certainly. And it makes a whole lot of sense to me. But what you're saying, it's a not a Peter-to-pay-Paul situation. The other programs that these rooms were utilized for were -- are no longer part of the itinerary.

DR. MCKAY:

Certainly. Certainly.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

That sounds good. Are there any other further questions of Dr. McKay? Yes, Legislator Barraga.

LEG. BARRAGA:

You're amending the Capital Budget. Was this dealt with at all, this issue, in the original Capital

Budget of the College?

DR. MCKAY:

I'll defer to Vice-President Stein.

MR. STEIN:

At the time, it was not.

LEG. BARRAGA:

It's my understanding the grant is 150,000, you want the Legislature to approve an additional 150.

MR. STEIN:

Well, basically, it would be an offset from the current program. And I think Budget Review could certainly talk to how that would operate within the existing structure.

LEG. BARRAGA:

There's no financial dollars placed in the original Capital Budget?

MR. STEIN:

Correct.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Can I just ask --

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Sure. Then I think we'll ask Budget Review to comment too.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. I think I am going to have to direct this to Budget Review, because Chuck had said to me that there was an offset, but I don't -- in the resolution, I don't see where the offset is.

MR. MUNCEY:

I'm looking at the fiscal impact statement myself as well. It looks like there would be an additional \$150,000 bonded. It would be roughly about 39,000 in debt service associated with that.

LEG. BARRAGA:

There's no offset.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

So there is no offset?

MR. MUNCEY:

To my knowledge, no.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Where's it coming from?

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

So how can we do that in the middle of the year?

MR. NOLAN:

Because it's 50% State or Federal aided, you don't need an offset.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. So we can bond the additional over what's in our Capital Program?

MR. MUNCEY:

That's correct, as far as I know.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. So there is no offset, that's why I couldn't find it.

MR. STEIN:

Sorry.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Are there any further questions on this issue? For Budget Review, any comments on this? You seem flustered. You've got that look on your face like, I didn't see this.

MR. MUNCEY:

Yeah. I'm flustered because it's not usually my area, the college. So I'm relying on other people's notes on this one.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Okay.

MR. MUNCEY:

That's the only reason why.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

That explains the fluster thing. Legislator Lindsay just said, "I don't understand why we can't find an offset for this." It's so early on. I mean, adjustments seem to be a lot easier than towards the end of the year, to Budget Review.

MR. MUNCEY:

I'm not quite sure how to answer that.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

All right. This goes back to the fluster issue.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

May I ask Dr. McKay a question.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Yes.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Dr. McKay, a couple of years ago, I worked with some students on transportation issues at the various campuses of the college, and one of the difficulties that the students were encountering is that most of the science classes were offered on the Ammerman Campus, that that traditionally was where students went to take science courses. And so students were going from Grant to Ammerman, and therefore, we were looking for ways for them to find transportation. So now what we're looking at is changing that model so that -- so that other campuses have the wherewithal to offer science classes? In other words, you're saying you're offering these 6:30 classes, did students have an option to take those courses at the Ammerman Campus, would there have been enough room at the Ammerman Campus for them to take those courses.

DR. MCKAY:

Excellent question. Right now, in the Natural Sciences, we are finding that students that are taking a science elective are also getting into A and P I and II, BY 30 and 32.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Into what, I and II?

DR. MCKAY:

A and P I and II.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

What is that?

DR. MCKAY:

Anatomy and Physiology I and II as well. What we find happening across the college is that right around May into June, all of our BY courses are running to capacity. Shortly, as you cross the June period, they're all at max capacity. Meaning that even if we have students now that do want to get into those sections, we have no place to place them into those courses.

The degree options that are attached to Selden, because Selden obviously was the first campus, and the other sister institutions, Eastern and Grant, do offer some courses, however, we have the degree at Grant as well. So for Biology, you may find that across all three campuses, students are getting into those courses first. You have in the Veterinary Science Program, the Allied Health Program, those students as well do need these courses. So you find that --

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Right. And before this, they had to travel to the Ammerman Campus.

DR. MCKAY:

Yes.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

So what you're trying to do is relieve the students of that burden of having to travel to the Ammerman Campus?

DR. MCKAY:

Certainly.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

But you're still saying -- there's still not -- even if they could travel, there's still not enough room in the Ammerman Campus.

DR. MCKAY:

What you will find is that at the Grant Campus first, because we don't have the capacity, our classes will fill first in that specific area, then we would have students that are having split schedules; those who cannot have it at Grant will have to travel to Ammerman, because they now have some seats that are available.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Right. And the kids with no cars are having a real hard time with that.

DR. MCKAY:

They are on the out looking in.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Thank you.

DR. MCKAY:

Sure.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Legislator Romaine.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Yes. I'm going to ask if Chuck Stein would come forward, please. There's some financial questions that I have. First of all, let me say, I'm very supportive, as I'm sure all my colleagues are, of the mission implied in this resolution. Our concern as Legislators is what happens if we adopt something without an offset. Now, I understand that 50% of it's coming from the State, and maybe I could ask it to you or to Budget Review, and they could provide where the other 50% is coming from just so we have a better understanding how this impacts us financially.

MR. LIPP:

The way that the law reads is that you don't need an offset if it's at least 50% aided. So, therefore, in terms of the resolution, there's no need for an offset.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Well, that's technically correct in terms of the resolution. I guess we're looking for, okay, the State is doing 50%, where is the other 50% being drawn from? Where's the other part of that money coming from?

MR. LIPP:

It would be an increase in the Capital Program. We would borrow. So, in other words --

LEG. ROMAINE:

But there is no bonding resolution connected with this one at this time.

MR. NOLAN:

There will be at the General.

LEG. ROMAINE:

There will be at the General?

MR. LIPP:

Yes.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Okay.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Legislator Stern.

LEG. STERN:

Thank you. Is there a time element here? Is there any time pressure here regarding the State allocation?

MR. STEIN:

Obviously, we want to get this done this year. Number one, the funds are available from the State now, number two, if we start the process now of the conversion, we can hopefully have the lab ready in time for probably spring -- the Spring Semester. So that's the process that we're going through.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Legislator Barraga.

LEG. BARRAGA:

You think one cycle to see if we can come up with an offset --

MR. LIPP:

As you were saying before, there is -- technically, there's no reason --

LEG. BARRAGA:

I understand that. I didn't ask that question. Can we take one cycle to see if we can come up with an offset somewhere else in the budget as opposed to doing the bonding?

MR. LIPP:

The simple answer there is subject to it not being such a timely issue, there would be no problem with that.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Well, that was the reason why we asked that question.

MR. LIPP:

Yes.

MR. STEIN:

How long of a delay would there be if you went one cycle?

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

One month. Tom, can I jump in?

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Sure.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

The reason we're looking, Mr. Lipp, at an offset rather than bonding is that we don't want to start fooling around with the Capital Budget this early in the year and adding to the Capital Budget. If we can -- we should be able to find an offset -- this early we should be able find an offset for this, shouldn't we?

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Please point out that just -- just so you know, it looks like it's the '07 Budget; is that correct?

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

It's the current budget?

MR. LIPP:

Yes. It's actually sort of late in the year.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

So it's late in the year?

MR. LIPP:

Yes.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

But do you think we'd still be able to find an offset some place?

MR. LIPP:

Well, it's subject to everybody agreeing on the offset. So it's hard to say until we actually pull something out and everybody says, okay, that looks fine.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Well, if it's not that pressing that we can wait the one month and just try to find an offset rather than bonding the \$150,000, you know, over and above the budget that we've all agreed, I think that's what the feeling of the committee is.

LEG. STERN:

Question.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Yes, Legislator Stern.

LEG. STERN:

What is the estimated period of time for the work to be completed from start to finish?

MR. STEIN:

I'm sorry?

LEG. STERN:

From start to finish, what would you say the estimated amount of time is to complete the project?

MR. STEIN:

Well, the problem here is you have to through the RFP process, which takes time, the purchasing process and getting the services. I think we all know that that's not a quick turn around.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

However, Dean, are those gym classes being used right now? Are there classes there?

DR. MCKAY:

No. There are no classes being held in that space at all.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

There are no classes. Oh, okay. So you could start the work right away, you wouldn't have to wait until intercession?

DR. MCKAY:

Certainly. If I can add to that as well. The spring session begins late January, around January 26, 27. So that gives an additional three weeks into January, where we can recoup the one month if the one month is needed here to find the offset. We also are going to be doing some of the work in house as well. So we can begin -- if it's approved --

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Demolition, that type of thing?

DR. MCKAY:

Yeah. We can do in house work as well, you know, while we are waiting, you know, your possible support for this resolution.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Ed, you want to look for the -- you want to take a look at the budget for an offset?

LEG. ROMAINE:

If that's the way to do it. How much is the bonding?

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

One hundred and fifty.

LEG. ROMAINE:

I wanted to ask that question.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

One hundred and fifty.

MR. NOLAN:

Even if you find an offset, there will be bonds.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Right.

MR. NOLAN:

You can find an offset, but you can't amend -- we cannot amend the resolution and vote on it at the next meeting -- well, actually, we could amend it by next week and discharge it on the floor or do it by CN. There's different scenarios to do it.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

All right. We have to pull it out of order first of all. Dr. McKay, just hang on one second. I'm going to make a motion to pull 1866 out of order and take that up so we can deal with it now since we're talking about it.

LEG. STERN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Seconded by Legislator Stern. It is now -- All in favor? Opposed? So moved. It is now -- we're taking it up out of order.

1866. Amending the 2007 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with retrofitting a section in the Health, Sports, Exhibition Complex as an Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory - Grant Campus (CP 2193). (Montano)

Legislator Vilorio-Fisher. We now have it on the floor. Do you want to make a motion?

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Sure. I'll make a motion to discharge without recommendation.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Okay. Is there a second on the motion? I'll second the motion.

MR. ZWIRN:

Mr. Chairman, may I be heard before you vote? I don't want to interrupt any comments from the Legislature, but --

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

I didn't even see you sneak up. We're hard at work here, Ben.

MR. ZWIRN:

I was very quiet.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Stealth.

MR. ZWIRN:

Stealth-like, that's right.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

What do you want?

MR. ZWIRN:

On behalf of the County Executive, this is a resolution that's coming forward from Legislator Montano. Generally, some of the vetting that you've done here today about looking for offsets and the like is usually something that the County Executive's Budget Office would do before putting this resolution forward so that there would at least be an option.

So he's a little bit concerned that if things are going to start coming out of the Legislature quickly on capital projects, that the Capital Budget could get away from us at the end of the year. We would rather see an offset certainly. And we would like the procedure that the Legislature just, you know, tread lightly when they go forward on something like this, and that we would prefer if it could come through County Executive's Office, not for pride of authorship, because we're always willing to, you know, cosponsor any legislation that we have, but we're just concerned about the process in this particular case, because it was a surprise to us when it was -- when it was laid on the table.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Okay. Thank you very much for your comments, Mr. Zwirn. We have a motion on the floor to discharge without recommendation. All in favor? Opposed? So moved.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Opposed.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Opposed. One against. 1866 has been **DISCHARGED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION (VOTE: 4-1-0-0 - Opposed - Legis. Barraga)**.

Okay. Let's move back to -- thank you, Dr. McKay. We're moving to our Tabled Prime.

1658. Adopting no tax increase, fiscally responsible, Suffolk County Community College Affordable Education Operating Budget for 2007-2008. (Co. Exec.)

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

I'll motion to table, seconded by Legislator Stern. All those in favor? Opposed? So moved. **TABLED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**.

1828. Amending Adopted Resolution No. 703-2007, to appropriate General Funds for Capital Project 5739. (Co. Exec.)

We have a motion to table, seconded by Legislator Stern. All those in favor? Opposed? So moved. This is also **TABLED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**.

Moving down to Introductory Resolutions. **1847, amending the landing fees at Francis S. Gabreski Airport.**

Yes, Ms. Fahey. Just for everyone's education, that is the -- that is the amended resolution that you see before you concerning fees at Gabreski.

MS. FAHEY:

Good afternoon. Just a quick little history on this resolution. A discussion was held a few weeks ago at the Airport Conservation Advisory Panel Meeting. It's the panel that was created by the County Executive to review applications at Gabreski Airport. There was a discussion amongst the members with regards to the amount of helicopter landings that have increased at Gabreski and its

considerable imposition, as local neighbors call it, on their lifestyle.

Based upon that conversation, Legislator Schneiderman recommended that we create a line in our landing fees strictly for helicopters. That would allow us to do a better accounting of it and to be able to break out our operations according to helicopters. At that same time, we suggested that we review all of our fees. They haven't been reviewed in a few years. We wanted to see what the market rates were, we wanted to see what the local airports, the surrounding airports, were charging.

So based upon that, this resolution that you have in front of you is not only Legislator Schneiderman's increase and delineation for the helicopters, but also the Department and the County's request to increase the fees. You might have read in today's paper about the Community Advisory Board, it was the editorial by Newsday. It was the County Executive's Community Advisory board that created that Airport Lease Screening Review Committee.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

That was a nice editorial, by the way.

MS. FAHEY:

That community group did a tremendous job in balancing their wants and needs and the needs of the airport. They did a great job.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Okay. So this obviously is a recommendation by your office, Economic Development, that this schedule is fair?

MS. FAHEY:

Yes. And in conversations between Legislator Schneiderman and the County Executive, he supports this resolution, as you'll see in the Whereas Clause.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

You guys all right with this? Legislator Lindsay, who's yanking at his chord here.

P.O. LINDSAY:

I find it interesting, the whole section on the film industry. Did we shoot a lot of films there?

MS. FAHEY:

We shot a few still productions, but not many.

P.O. LINDSAY:

But enough that we have our own schedule of what we're charging?

MS. FAHEY:

But if you don't have a schedule, there's no way for us to impose a fee. We did have an inquiry a few years ago from a major studio who wanted to use the airport on a daily basis over a two month period, three, four times a week. So we had to create some sort of schedule spur of the moment. So we decided to --

P.O. LINDSAY:

Based on current activity, what kind of additional revenue would this bring?

MS. FAHEY:

An estimate of about \$80,000. The increase in fees would be about -- approximately 80,000 on a full year for '08.

P.O. LINDSAY:

And how does this schedule compare to other similar airports?

MS. FAHEY:

We are right in line with East Hampton Airport. It was East Hampton's fees that we looked at and that the FAA would look at to see how we are market-wise and regional-wise. And we've kind of stayed together. We raised ours, I think, in 2004, then we created a night landing fee in '06. In the interim, East Hampton brought theirs up, so right now we are comparable with East Hampton.

P.O. LINDSAY:

Okay. So it's going to cost you more money for your helicopter, Ben.

MR. ZWIRN:

I won't forget that on Election Day, I'll tell you right now. I'm not happy. You have a \$12 million helicopter and you've got to pay \$50 to land, I don't know, it doesn't seem quite fair to me.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

And they're flying over my district on their way out there.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Boy, I tell you, we don't have these problems in Babylon.

MS. FAHEY:

That's East Hampton, by the way.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Okay. We now have IR 1847, amending landing fees at Gabreski Airport. Do we have a motion on that?

LEG. STERN:

Motion to approve.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Motion to approve by Legislator Stern, seconded by Legislator Viloria-Fisher. All those in favor? Opposed? So moved.

APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).

1856. Accepting and appropriating a grant proposal to the State University of New York for a Community College Workforce Development Training Grants Program for Belco Distributors, 90% reimbursed by State funds at Suffolk County Community College. (Co. Exec.)

Belco is in Babylon?

MR. STEIN:

I believe they are.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

I believe they are too. Good to see. I'll make the motion to approve, seconded by Legislator Stern. All those in favor? Opposed? So moved. **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

1857. Accepting and appropriating a grant proposal to the State University of New York for a Community College Workforce Development Training Grants Program for J. Kings Food Service Professionals Inc., 90% reimbursed by State funds at Suffolk County Community College. (Co. Exec.)

LEG. STERN:

Motion to approve.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Motion to approve by Legislator Stern, seconded by -- I'll second the motion. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

1858. Accepting and appropriating a grant proposal to the State University of New York for a Community College Workforce Development Training Grants Program for The Bank of Smithtown 90% reimbursed by State funds at Suffolk County Community College. (Co. Exec.)

LEG. STERN:

Motion to approve.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Second.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Motion to approve by Legislator Stern, seconded by Legislator Barraga. All those in favor? Opposed? So moved. **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

1859. Accepting and appropriating a grant award from the State University of New York for strengthened campus-based assessment 100% reimbursed by State funds at Suffolk County Community College. (Co. Exec.)

May I have a motion?

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:

Motion to approve and place on the Consent Calendar.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Motion by Legislator Fisher to also add it to the consent Calendar, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. **APPROVED** and placed on the **CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

I believe that's it. Motion by Legislator Stern to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Viloria-Fisher. All those in favor? Opposed? We are adjourned.

(*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:38 P.M. *)

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