

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
  
**HIGHER EDUCATION**  
  
**and**  
  
**ENERGY COMMITTEE**  
  
**of the**  
  
**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 Wednesday, January 28, 2009.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Legislator Wayne Horsley - Chairman  
Legislator Steve Stern - Vice-Chair  
Legislator Cameron Alden  
Legislator Vioria-Fisher  
Legislator John Kennedy

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

George Nolan - Counsel to the Legislature  
Joe Schroeder - Budget Review Office  
Joe Muncey - Budget Review Office  
Barbara LoMoriello - Deputy Clerk of the Legislature  
Ben Zwirn - Deputy County Executive  
Carolyn Fahey - Economic Development  
Charles Stein - Suffolk Community College  
George Gatta - Suffolk Community College  
John Lombardo - Suffolk County Community College  
Debra Alloncius - AME  
William McShane - Sheltair Aviation Group  
All other interested parties

**MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

Donna Catalano - Court Stenographer

(\*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:13 P.M.\*)

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Can we have all Legislators come to the horseshoe for the commencement of the meeting. All right. Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SALUTATION**

And may -- again, may we stand in respect, in silence, for those men and women who protect our country from our foes across the seas.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Thank you very much please be seated. Again, welcome to the Economic Development, Higher Education and Energy Committee in which I have one card, and that is Mr. John Lombardo from Suffolk County Community College inviting EEE members to a manufacturing meeting. And maybe you can tell us a little bit about. You know we love meetings.

**MR. LOMBARDO:**

Yes, I do. Good morning. My name is John Lombardo. I work for Suffolk Community College at the Grant Campus, run the Corporate Training Center and manage the Federal manufacturing grants of which we have two.

On February the 25th from 8:00 to 10:00, we're having a meeting of all the manufacturing companies that participate in our programs. And I thought it might be a nice opportunity for this committee to join the meeting, listen directly to the accomplishment and -- but hear that from the manufacturers as opposed to hearing it from the College. We have a joint meeting with an organization called Adapt and the HIA, which has over the past 12 months revitalized manufacturing, communication and opportunities for training. And it would be a great opportunity to hear the measurable results that have occurred on the factory floors as a result of the training we've provided.

We will continue in 2009 with our original \$2.4 million grant which we received an extension and will be introducing the technical grant of 1.7 million we received in Spring of '08. A culmination of that is the completion of our building and actual machine training and welding training. So we invite you. I will send to Brendan the agenda for that meeting and the exact venue which has changed since initiating the meeting, it's outgrown the original venue. We expect a minimum of 50 manufacturing companies and related company owners, presidents, that are all there to share and help us with the vision for the future. So I appreciate the opportunity to present to you, and hopefully many of you will be able to attend.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Well, thank you very much, Mr. Lombardo for that kind offer. And if schedules permit, I know I certainly want to be there and I'm my colleagues on the committee will be of interest -- find it of interest too.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

Can you repeat the date please.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Apparently it is February 25th.

**MR. LOMBARDO:**

February 25th. It's at the Brentwood Campus from 8:00 to 10:00 in the morning. And the exact venue I will send off in about a with the agenda so you could see who's going to be there and what's

going on.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

That's great. Just sent it to me. I'll be glad to disseminate it to the rest of the committee. Sounds like good stuff. Thank you, Mr. Lombardo.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Mr. Chair, quick question.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Yes. Mr. Kennedy.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

The welding, is that something that's -- I'm thinking of a couple of truck mechanics and heavy mechanic services that I'm aware of who have mechanics that from time to time are called on to go ahead and do frame welding and other types of welding. Is it welding that's incident to other types of occupations, or is it primarily for, you know, the acetylene or mig welding or other types of welding?

**MR. LOMBARDO:**

The welding that we will be training at our campus will be mig and tig welding, it will be a variety of industries, a variety of materials all certified. As a matter of fact, our automotive training group that we have in Selden will be sending their students there as well, because it's value added. The certification will allow the student to open their own business; throw some tanks on the trucks, get licensing and go out. So it's multifunctional.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

And that program is going to start or it's operating now?

**MR. LOMBARDO:**

It's going to start the summer of this year. Our building will be ready by then, and we fully expect to be introducing those programs this summer.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Again, thank you very much. All right. I'd like to -- we have a quick presentation, I understand it's quick, from Mr. Bill McShane from Sheltair and Tony Ceglie from Gabreski Airport who are going to tell us about a project in which we are going to be receiving a CN, I believe, next Tuesday. But we thought it would be best that no one is surprised on Tuesday and that we have fully vetted it before it goes in front of the entire Legislature. So welcome, Mr. McShane. Always a pleasure.

**MR. MCSHANE:**

Thank you, Legislator Horsley. I think some of you are aware of the project. We have lease at Francis S. Gabreski Airport on approximately eight and a half acres. There was a remod of the site layout to get a little bit better land use planning on the site, which required an amendment.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Bill, could you just back up a little bit? Just tell me maybe a little bit about who you are, you know, is this a fixed base operator and, you know, that kind of stuff.

**MR. MCSHANE:**

Not that quick then.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Just so we know what you are doing there.

**MR. MCSHANE:**

Sheltair Aviation Services is one of the divisions of the Holland Sheltair Aviation Group. We operate at 18 airports throughout the country, five in the State of New York. And we have at the moment bond inducements through the economic -- Suffolk County Economic Development Agency of approximately \$100 million for proposed development projects at three airports on Long Island, starting with this one first at Gabreski Airport.

Our company develops aviation facilities and provides aviation services to general aviation operators. These are Cessna 152 two seaters up to business jets, although one would say that most people don't like business jets in the media these days, as referenced by Citibank. But we're going to try to -- we're going to try to explain -- I think it's something -- I don't want to go too far off on a tangent here on that issue, but just to keep in mind that as you read the media and the press on -- on those issues related to TARP and the bailouts and so forth, remember that 86% of people that fly in business jets today are middle management and sales personnel flying to and from destinations around the globe to do business, even though there are a few out there like our automakers who tend to act like --

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

We won't hold you to Citibank.

**MR. MCSHANE:**

-- act like deer in headlights there when they're asked why they used their business jets. So nonetheless, another day for that discussion. So our company, like I said, develops these aviation facilities throughout the country. Obviously we're very excited about our development on Long Island. This project -- we like to consider ourselves to Legislator Horsley's question sort of like the marina for aviation. So whatever you can get done for your boat when you go to a marina, this is what we provide at airports for general aviation.

So this facility here is comprised of eight and a half acres. It's an upgraded fuel storage facility for our operation, three acres of new aircraft apron to park airplanes and a new FBO building to greet and meet our passengers and crews and a hangar, because we currently do not have a storage hangar on the property to accommodate the airplanes that wish to park inside that are currently parking outside.

And I just brought this one along, I'm going to have other picture, of course. This is more or less what the exterior of the facility will look like. We kind of went with something that we felt fit in to the Westhampton culture and the way the facilities look and buildings look out there. So we have cultured stone on the bottom and various other things that really bring it into -- into the area. And we've done that same look on our aircraft hangar to try to, again, make it fit into the region as best we can. So that's kind of what it looks like.

And we presented the document for the amendment of the lease I guess back in December and thought that would be before the Legislature by January. We recently found out that for no apparent reason, just because there were a lot of things being considered and so forth, it didn't make on the agenda and it ended up not going to go until February, which would have put us into March. And that's takes us out of the possibility of closing our mortgage on the construction financing timely enough to get our ramp built for the season. So the reason we're asking for the Certificate of Necessity is to get us to that point where we can close, because we can't close without the signed amendment to the lease. And that's the reason why we're here speaking to you today. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Bill, you want to give just a little bit about how much the project is going to cost, what it's going to bring to the region.

**MR. MCSHANE:**

This particular project is estimated to cost about seven and a half million dollars. We anticipate adding to our current staff of 15 another 18 employees, but these will be more highly paid individuals. These will be the pilots and crew members and so forth that operate these airplanes that will be based in these hangars. Our payroll estimate is \$2.1 million for the base when it's completed. And I don't have the numbers on me fort he construction jobs, but it's a 14 month construction project. So once we get started, we'll be done and in completion in 14 months.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

Wayne, may I ask a question?

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Certainly. Legislator Vivian Viloría-Fisher.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

Hi, Bill.

**MR. MCSHANE:**

How are you?

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

Good to see you.

**MR. MCSHANE:**

Happy New Year.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

You too. I remember when you came before CEQ with another project and then there was a little glitch because of the local community opposition. Is there any of that with this project?

**MR. MCSHANE:**

No. In fact, we've already been before ACAP -- through CEQ on the revised plan, and we've gotten the endorsement of ACAP. CEQ has already issued the negative dec. The plans are before the Department of Public Works awaiting approval of the Legislature on the amendment to give us the permit on the buildings, because the building falls within the portion of the parcel that wasn't in the original leasehold. The original leasehold was 1.5 acres smaller. That's this hatched out area. And in order to -- in order to push this building back so that it was in line with the flight line, we requested that this get added into parcel, this additional one and a half acres, a little less than one and a half acres, and that's already been vetted by ACAP, CEQ, approvals are in and we're just waiting on the signed amendment.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

I know. Because the delays that happened with the other project because ACAP wasn't on board right at the outset and then we had to backtrack a great deal.

**MR. MCSHANE:**

Absolutely. And certainly what we had done is we had a project here that was larger than this; had more hangars and buildings and so forth on it, and we struck a compromise with the community on the facility to meet the needs of what we had.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

Okay. Thanks, Bill.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Legislator Stern.

**LEG. STERN:**

About how many planes can be fit into the proposed hangar?

**MR. MCSHANE:**

It varies greatly. If we have Gulf Streams, which is our ideal airplane to have out there from our company's perspective, you can fit three of them in the hangar. If you have Cessna citations or something like that, which is the smaller airplanes, you can get up to six in there. So it all depends. It's all based on square footage. A Gulf Stream comes in at close to seven and a half thousand square feet where a Cessna Citation, a small one, would be under 2000 square feet, about 2000 square feet, 2400; helicopters are about 24, 2500; mid side airplanes, about three or 4000 square feet. So it all depends on what we end up, you know, basing in the hangar.

**LEG. STERN:**

And the airplanes that are to go into the hangar, is it -- you know, the analogy was pretty good about a marina for aircraft. In the hangar, is that slated to be where planes are kept permanently or is it only for servicing and then they're turned back outside?

**MR. MCSHANE:**

No. Our intention is to have it become permanently based airplanes in the facility. Right now, people fly in year round that have no place to park their airplanes inside. So we're looking to get some of those customers that are already flying in and out of the airport to just base them there.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Let me just -- I know someone else will ask you -- is this prevailing wage?

**MR. MCSHANE:**

Yes, it is.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

There you go. Okay. Legislator Kennedy, I knew you were going to ask it.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

You are like Carnac, Wayne.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

I know my committee.

**MR. MCSHANE:**

In fact, we met with the head of the trades, and we're looking forward to working with the trades.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

And the price tag on this project will be approximately how much?

**MR. MCSHANE:**

Roughly seven and a half million dollars.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. The original board that you showed us, though, looked like it had three or four structures contemplated in this whole area.

**MR. MCSHANE:**

There's two structures and a fuel farm. This is one hangar, the FBO building. This is 20 -- roughly, with the office space, about 22,000 square feet. This one is 5000 square feet. And this is a 36,000 gallon fuel storage facility.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Naturally, I guess, you have already talked to the Health Department, you have all the approvals that you need there. I don't think we do below-grade fuel storage anymore. Is that above?

**MR. MCSHANE:**

This is already -- we have already received permit to construct for the fuel farm from the Suffolk County Department of Health.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. And do you anticipate the construction for all three of these facilities to go simultaneously, or are you going to do them in sequence?

**MR. MCSHANE:**

Well, we have to phase them. We need the ramp for the season. The building we're operating in right now is going to have to be demolished. There is one other building on the site that will have to be demolished. So we're operating out of this building now. We're going to build the FBO building while we continue to operate here. As soon as this is open, we'll demolish the FBO building we're in today and build a new hangar.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

The ramp area that pointed to, is that going to be -- that's an asphalt or concrete ramp?

**MR. MCSHANE:**

That's right.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. And do you have a contract? Do you have a GC selected yet?

**MR. MCSHANE:**

We're in the bidding process.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

You are now?

**MR. MCSHANE:**

Yes.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay.

**MR. MCSHANE:**

We expect to make decisions within the next two weeks.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Thank you very much, Ms. Kennedy. Ms. Fisher.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

Bill, I have a question about something that wasn't clear. Earlier you said that you would add 15 employees, about a \$2.1 million payroll. And you mentioned --

**MR. MCSHANE:**

Including our existing. We'll have 33 all together.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

Okay. But you mentioned pilots and a couple -- a couple of other -- can you explain to me why you are employing pilots? I thought that --

**MR. MCSHANE:**

We don't actually employ them. What we're talking about is the economic benefit from the project.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

Okay. That's what was not clear.

**MR. MCSHANE:**

Our direct employment may change by a couple here or there depending on our operational needs. But it's the folks that are going to be employed by the people we're building our facilities for.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

So in that 15, that's the economic impact and not people that you are actually employing.

**MR. MCSHANE:**

That's correct.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

Okay. All right. That confused me a little bit, because I thought you said the payroll would be growing by 2.1 million.

**MR. MCSHANE:**

The total -- the total estimated payroll based upon what we know; the corporate flight departments we're doing business with today and our payroll comes in at roughly \$2.1 million.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

All right. That's not your own payroll. All right. I just wanted to clarify that. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

And again, the reason why you're coming in under a CN is because of the timeframe in which you have to close on your mortgage.

**MR. MCSHANE:**

Right. Well, we won't be able to get the project started on time if we can't close on the mortgage timely. So we're kind of --

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

So this is your shot.

**MR. MCSHANE:**

This is it. Right. If we don't -- if we don't get the opportunity to try to close by March, we won't be able to start the project timely, and that will lead us into next year.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Thank you, Bill. Tony -- Tony Ceglio, our airport manager, as far as your end of the world, any comments? Is this -- what does it do for the airport; prospects, future and how does the community feel about it?

**MR. CEGLIO:**

Well, as Mr. McShane mentioned, the Airport Conservation Assessment Panel, ACAP, reviewed the project. They support it, they recommended a negative declaration, and unlisted action for CEQ. We certainly feel the project is a good one for the airport. It adds about an acre to the existing leasehold which will add about \$10,000 a year to the lease initially.

The lease is a 40 year lease. And it makes good sense for a number of reasons; safety of the aircraft that are traveling on the ramp, security, because you can see the entire ramp whereas, before the hangar was jutting out onto the ramp -- Bill, you can correct me -- probably about 70 feet, which would have created some blind spots, also would have created a tower line of sight issue. So it makes a lot of sense for a number of reasons. So we support it. Due to the timeliness of the financing issue, we have requested that it be put before the February meeting with a CN. So we're just out here to ask your support for it also.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Very good. Anything else you'd like to add, Mr. McShane?

**MR. MCSHANE:**

Thank you very much for the time.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

It is always a pleasure. Any further questions? Mr. Lindsay, I'm sorry, I didn't realize you wanted to talk.

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

Will this newly added infrastructure help to attract more planes to our facility, make it more financially viable?

**MR. CEGLIO:**

I don't know that it would attract more airplanes. Actually, I don't think it will attract more airplanes. We're getting -- the airplanes that are coming there now, it would just give them better facilities to use. As Bill mentioned, there are no hangars at the airport for large airplanes to park, and this will be the first and only one for a while.

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

Okay. All right. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Thank you very much. And we're sending in a request -- for anyone from the County Exec's Office here, we'll be sending in a request -- all ready done? Okay -- by memo asking for the CN to be forthcoming to the Legislature on Tuesday.

**MR. MCSHANE:**

Thank you very much.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Yeah.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

I'd like to make a request. We have two people in the audience who are here to be interviewed for two different boards, and I was wondering if we could take those two resolutions out of order.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

We sure can.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

2214 and 2236.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Great. Okay. Is that motion by you, Legislator?

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

I don't know if I can do them both at once. George, can I?

**MR. NOLAN:**

You may.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

I'd like to make a motion to take 2214 and 2236 out of order.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? So moved.

**2214. To appoint Lynda A. Moran as a member of the Suffolk County Citizens Advisory Board of the Arts (ALDEN).**

Lynda. Welcome. You want to have a seat? I don't think this will take long, but, you know, we'd like you to be comfortable though. Then we put you to work. Lynda, why don't you just tell us a little bit about yourself and why you would like to be on the Council for the Arts. And I know for this large amount of money, you know, we always want to hear from you.

**MS. MORAN:**

Okay. I'm Lynda Moran. I'm the Executive Director of the Islip Arts Council. I have been in that position for over a year now since Lillian Barbash officially retired. I come to the Legislature with a very long background in the arts. I was formally the Chairman of the Board of Directors for splashes of Hope, another 501(C)3 foundation where I managed to grow that organization to an international organization. And primarily we did painting of murals in hospitals or health care institutions. I also hold a law degree from Touro College. And I was with Moran Publishing Company -- that name familiar? Moran? Lynda Moran? My husband and I publish the New York Jury Verdict Reporter and several other publications. So what else would you like to know?

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

I think you've told us a lot. By the way, I see it's noted here that you have been endorsed by Ms. Barbash as an appointee. I have a great deal of respect for her. She's always a true patriot of the arts. And I remember -- I used to deal with her down at Heckscher State Park when we used to do the philharmonic. She was always -- she was always a good person.

**MS. MORAN:**

She is a wonderful person. She just called me, by the way, before I left to make sure that I was going to be here, because she wanted to be sure that you all approved of this.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

There you go. Are there any questions of Ms. Moran.

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

She sounds awfully qualified.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

Thank you for your willingness to serve.

**MS. MORAN:**

Thank you very much.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

We all good? Again, thank you very much. And you don't have to come down on Tuesday when the appointment is made. This is your screening.

**MS. MORAN:**

Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you all.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

We have to vote on this. Ms. Fisher, you would like to make a motion?

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

Sure. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Seconded by Legislator Kennedy. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. You've been **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Alden).**

**2236. To appoint Margarita Espasa-Santos as a member of the Suffolk County Citizens Advisory Board for the Arts (MONTANO).**

Welcome. Why don't you tell us a little bit about yourself and why you'd like to be on the Arts Council.

**MS. ESPADA-SANTOS:**

My name is Margarita Espada-Santos. I'm a founder and artistic director of Teatro Experimental Yerbabruja, a theater company. The mission is to use art to promote social changes in our community. We're based in Central Islip and Brentwood. I hold a Masters of Fine Art in Dramaturgy for Stony Brook University. And also, I'm a panelist for New York Council for the Arts and a theater panelist for NYSCA in Manhattan. That's it.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

That's great. Okay. Tell me, what's a Master in Dramaturgy? Is that how you pronounce that?

**MS. ESPADA-SANTOS:**

It's more of the research part when you do a play.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Oh, it's the research part of it. Oh, okay.

**MS. ESPADA-SANTOS:**

I'm a scholar too. I do publication and also I'm a professional artist. I have a lot of experience working internationally from Brazil, Europe and Latin America and a school here in Manhattan.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Very cool.

**MS. ESPADA-SANTOS:**

I'm very excited to be part of this committee and try to really enhance the arts in Suffolk County.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Love it. Very good. Dramaturgy, I learned something today too, that's the research end of drama.

**MS. ESPADA-SANTOS:**

Basically it's a critique inside a theater company.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

That's great.

**MS. ESPADA-SANTOS:**

There are few programs. Stony Brook is one of the lucky departments to have a dramaturgy. It's a big one. The other one is in Yale University.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Wow. Okay. Very good. Would anyone like to ask any questions?

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

Well, I just have to say that I'm familiar with Margarita's work and the work you had done as a graduate student at Stony Brook. And she's very dedicated and really is a great asset to have here as part of our Cultural Arts Commission.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

I'll bet.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

So I'd like to make the motion to approve.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Sure. First, anyone else like to ask any questions? Good. The motion is made by Legislator Fisher and seconded by Legislator Stern. All those in favor? Opposed? So moved. **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Alden)**. Good luck to you you. And again, you don't have to be here on Tuesday when the final vote will be taken. Okay? Thank you very much.

All righty. Let's move along back to the Tabled Resolution which is **1934, establishing an Energy Conservation Policy for the Suffolk County Electrical Agency (HORSLEY)**, which is mine. I'll make a motion to table it.

**LEG. STERN:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Alden)**.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

I'm sorry. Don't hit me, but I have a question about this.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Okay.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

May I ask Joe Schroeder?

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

You may. Joe Schroeder.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

Hi, Joe.

**MR. SCHROEDER:**

Hi.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

I attended a meeting the other day of the Long Island Interfaith Energy Alliance, Neighborhood Network hosts it at Malloy College. And someone made a presentation there from LI Green. And he said he was part of the Suffolk County Energy Alliance or SCEA, and that's the same acronym as the Suffolk County Electrical Agency. So you know anything about the Suffolk County Energy alliance? It's referred to here as a County-supported nonprofit organization that is creating a groundbreaking program to significantly reduce energy use throughout our County. Have you ever heard of them?

**MR. SCHROEDER:**

I have not heard of that organization, no.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

Okay. Maybe I can share this with you and perhaps you can help me find out about this, because he did ask us to bring this information to all of congregations. And, you know, what it does is this alliance is doing energy audits and then -- in people's homes for a limit -- you know, a limited amount -- a number of fees, and then trying to get just a low hanging fruits like installation and other remediation that isn't thousands and thousands of dollars and trying to work with Bethpage State -- State Bank is one of the -- Bethpage Federal Credit Union and I think Stony Brook University Advanced Energy Research Center. But I had never heard of this in the County.

**MR. SCHROEDER:**

There are new organizations cropping up in the recent economic crisis, and this may be one of them. I'm not sure how long they've been around.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

And it has nothing to do with our Electrical Agency.

**MR. SCHROEDER:**

Not that I'm aware of. I'll be happy to be look into it for you.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

Okay. I'll give this to you, we'll make a copy so you can let me know if it's legit and give me some information. Thank you.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Yes.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

I know we're moving to table, but as I'm looking over the resolution again, I'm just curious. Does this agency vend these five megawatts of electricity right now?

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Yes.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. Do we know who, in fact, actually is the recipient of what I assume is substantially reduced cost for electricity?

**MR. SCHROEDER:**

I'm sorry. Can you repeat the question?

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

When I'm looking at the resolution, Joe, it's talking about the fact that NYPA makes five megawatts available which the Suffolk County Electrical Agency, I guess, then parses out to entities here in

Suffolk County.

**MR. SCHROEDER:**

It's through the Powers for Jobs Program. That was the Powers for Jobs Program where there was low cost energy that was wheeled through the Electrical Agency.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Do we have a list of who those recipients are?

**MR. SCHROEDER:**

Who the current recipients are?

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

I don't have it here today, but is Rick Brand still here? Newsday.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Is that right?

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Yeah.

**MR. SCHROEDER:**

Newsday is one of them.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

I remember that being on the list. I don't -- was Grumman?

**MR. SCHROEDER:**

There were -- actually, as the contracts were coming up for renewal a couple of years ago, there was going to be an upward adjustment in the rates. And it wasn't clear as to whether or not the current -- at that time current subscribers to the program were still going to be maintained on the program. NYPA, like all other wheeling companies is subject to the pitfalls of deregulation, and that was influencing their Power for Jobs Program also.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. Well, I would just ask through the Chair --

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Sure. I'll be glad to get it. Brendan, do you have -- do you know offhand who was the recipients of the NYPA Energy?

**MR. STANTON:**

No.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

No. Okay. I've seen the list, but I don't recall who's on it other than I remember Newsday and going, "Hmm, that's interesting." But it goes back, and it is a jobs-related program.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

So should I just contact NYPA then, or do we have --

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

No. I think we can find out. We'll get it for you.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. That would be great. Thank you very much. It will be interesting to see. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Yeah. Mitch Pally, I believe, is the Chair of it.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

And who appoints these board members? Is this a County Executive appointment?

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

Don't we have some? I think we do have some.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

I don't know. I haven't seen any up for a long time. They don't meet often. It's not something that, you know, they meet on a regular basis.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

Peter Quinn.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

That makes sense.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Okay. But we'll get you that information. We'll be happy to do that for you, John.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

All righty.

**2229. Accepting and appropriating a grant award from the State University of New York for a Community College Workforce Development Training Grants Program for Nana's House, Inc. 90% reimbursed by State funds at Suffolk County Community College (COUNTY EXEC).**

Motion on this, Legislator Stern?

**LEG. STERN:**

I'll make a motion to approve.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

I'll second.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Seconded by Legislator Fisher. I don't think we can put it on the Consent Calendar.

**LEG. STERN:**

Just a quick question. I mean, obviously we'll take the money, but who is Nana?

**MR. STEIN:**

Chuck Stein, Suffolk Community College.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Good afternoon, Chuck. Thanks for being here.

**MR. STEIN:**

Hi. Nana's House, Incorporated is a non-for-profit organization founded in 1999 as a grassroots response to problems of homelessness and underemployment among growing families in Suffolk County. They're centered in the Shirley, Mastic and Center Moriches communities. They provide temporary housing, short-term solutions. And this program sends their case managers for training.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

All right. I'll ask the question. George, why is that through the college? What is your relationship to it?

**MR. STEIN:**

This is actually through SUNY to the college to provide the training for Nana's House. As part of the backup, there's a -- there's correspondence with Dennis Golloday, Vice-Chancellor of Community Colleges, Paula Gilroy, who's the Assistant Operations Manager at Nana's House talking about the program and stating, among other things, that the corporate training center of Suffolk Community College has agreed to supply training to this organization. So that's how we got involved, through the corporate training program.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Through corporate training. Legislator Stern.

**LEG. STERN:**

So am I reading it correctly here? We're really just acting as a conduit here, there is no County funding here. The funding comes from the State and then there's an additional smaller amount directly from the organizations for their cost. There is no County funding here.

**MR. STEIN:**

Correct. The same would be for the next item that you are going to be looking at.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

All right. We have a second on that; is that correct? I don't think we took a vote. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. **APPROVED.**  
**(VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Alden) .**

**2230. Accepting and appropriating a grant award from the State University of New York for a Community College Workforce Development Training Grants Program for AFCO Systems, Inc. 90% reimbursed by State funds at Suffolk County Community College (COUNTY EXEC).**

Do you want to tell us now what that is?

**MR. STEIN:**

AFCO Systems designs and builds data center and closures for data center computer equipment in Farmingdale. Their goal is to design highly efficient or green server cooling solutions for data centers resulting in reduced costs for data center operators. Current demand at the centers is to achieve faster service at lower cost. This program will provide training in developing a virtual testing method utilizing computational fluid dynamics to test cooling designs for potential customers.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

It makes perfect sense. Okay. Are there any questions of Mr. Stein on this matter? Motion to approve by Legislator Stern, seconded by Legislator Fisher. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Alden) .**

**2231. Accepting and appropriating an amendment to the college Budget for a grant award from the State Education Department, the university of the State of New York, for an Adult Basic Education and Literacy Services Program, 100%reimbursed by state funds at Suffolk County Community college (COUNTY EXEC).**

I think that says it all. Motion by Legislator Stern to put it -- and also to put it on the Consent Calendar.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

I'll second, but on the motion.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Second by Legislator Kennedy. We have the first and second. Legislator Kennedy.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Chuck, do you have any idea how many students or adults actually get serviced under this training?

**MR. STEIN:**

I don't have that information with me. I can find out.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. Campuses, is this available at all three campuses? What kind of -- I'll be happy to go ahead and vote for it, but if you can just furnish me with some information as far as numbers of individuals that are served and locations.

**MR. STEIN:**

And locations.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

That would be helpful.

**MR. STEIN:**

I will get you that information. The total program is 98,900. This resolution adds 8900 dollars.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

We have a first and second on that motion. All in favor? Opposed? So moved, it is passed.

**APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Alden).**

**1002. To reappoint Frederic DeFeis as a member oft he Suffolk County citizens Advisory Board for the Arts (D'AMARO).**

Is this is a reappointment? Okay. So he is not here, is he? No.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

I just have a question for Counsel.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

Sure.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

George, is there any record of his attendance or anything on his performance as a member of the council?

**MR. NOLAN:**

I don't have that, no. I don't know.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

Okay. Maybe we could ask for that information before the General Meeting, okay, just so we know what kind of attendance there is.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

I guess we'd have to get it from Michelle.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**

From Michelle Stark I would assume.

**CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:**

All righty. We can do that. I'll make the motion to approve, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Alden).**

Okay. I'll accept a motion by Legislator Stern to close the meeting, seconded by Legislator Kennedy. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. The meeting is adjourned.

(\*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:52 P.M.\*)

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