

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**and**  
**ENERGY COMMITTEE**  
**of the**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

**Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Economic Development and 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, August 15, 2012.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Legislator Steve Stern - Vice-Chair  
Legislator Thomas Cilmi  
Legislator DuWayne Gregory  
Legislator Lynne Nowick

**MEMBER NOT PRESENT:**

Legislator Wayne Horsley - Excused Absence

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

George Nolan - Counsel to the Legislature  
Joe Schroeder - Budget Review Office  
Joe Muncey - Budget Review Office  
Renee Ortiz - Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature  
Ben Zwirn - County Executive's Office  
Carolyn Fahey - Economic Development  
Paul Perillie - Aide to Legislator Gregory  
JP DiMartino - Aide to Chairman Horsley  
Jason McMunn  
Grant Hendricks  
Paul Allan  
All other interested parties

**MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

Donna Catalano - Court Stenographer

(\*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:07 P.M.\*)

**VICE-CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Good afternoon, everybody. Welcome to the Committee on Economic Development and Energy. Please rise and join in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Nowick.

**SALUTATION**

Please remain standing and join in a moment of silence as we keep in our thoughts and prayers Legislator Horsley's family for the passing of his mother as well all the brave men and women fighting overseas.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Thank you. Okay. Welcome, everyone. We have several guests with us today as we have appointments on the agenda. I'm told there is a time constraint on one of them, so I'm going to make a motion to take 1836 out of order, seconded by Legislator Cilmi. All in favor? Opposed? Any abstentions?

**1836, To appoint Paul Allan as a member of the Suffolk County Citizens Advisory Board for the Arts. (Browning)** is now before us. So I'll ask Mr. Allan to join us. Welcome and thank you for being with us. Maybe start by telling us a little bit about yourself, your background and what you hope to accomplish as a member of the advisory board.

**MR. ALLAN:**

I've been involved in theatrical activities for approximately 30 years. I grew up in Bellport in Suffolk County. I was part of a family that owned Gateway Play House and actually started the Gateway Play House in the early '50s. So throughout all my childhood and into my adult life, I was surrounded by the arts and surrounded by theater.

And at a fairly age of 20 years old in 1980, I actually took over and started running Gateway Play House as the producer. And that continued all the up until two years ago when the Gateway Play House became a non-for-profit organization. I still retain the same position, but the company is structured differently now. So in my duties as producer of Gateway Play House, I'm aware and I have and a lot of contact with all our arts organizations around the Island, certainly all of the other theaters, performing arts centers, but it does branch off into other areas of the arts as well. And I certainly feel qualified to have an opinion and great knowledge for what's going on in the arts on Long Island. And I think I could make a positive contribution to this board.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Very good. Any questions? Any questions? Mr. Allan, you reside in the 3rd Legislative District, so this is an appointment by Legislator Browning.

**MR. ALLAN:**

Yes, that is my understanding.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Very good. Any questions for Mr. Allan? Okay. 1836 is before us, so I will make a motion to approve 1836, seconded by Legislator Cilmi. I'll call THE vote. All in favor? Opposed? Any abstentions? IR 1836 is **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-1; Not present - Legis. Horsley)**.

I don't believe that you need to appear before the full Legislature at our next upcoming meeting having passed out of committee with our recommendation to approve. That should be pretty good.

I think what we always say is that if anybody has any questions just make sure that we can get a hold of you come Tuesday if anyone has any important questions. But otherwise, no need to appear. Thank you. Thank you for being here. Thank you for your time. Wish you every success.

**MR. ALLAN:**

Thank you. Thank you for taking me out of order as well.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN STERN:**

**1682, Approving the appointment of Jason McMunn to the Gabreski Airport Conservation and Assessment Panel. (Co. Exec.)** Mr. McMunn is with us today. Mr. McMunn. Welcome.

Maybe you can introduce yourself and tell us a little bit about yourself and what you have been up to and what you hope to accomplish as a member of the board.

**MR. MCMUNN:**

Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Jason McMunn. I'm a resident of Southampton Town, I've been a resident for about 30 years. While a resident of Southampton Town, I've been a Reserve Member of the 106th Rescue Wing plus other Air Force Reserve Units, I've been a Police Officer on the East End of Long Island for 22 years plus. I've been part of the current ACAP Committee serving at Francis Gabreski, and I'd like to continue to serve as a member on that to represent the aviation community and to make sure that the committee keeps the best interest of aviation, the County and the community first and foremost.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Questions? Legislator Cilmi.

**LEG. CILMI:**

Just quickly. You mentioned you've been a member of that committee, so is this a reappointment or?

**MR. NOLAN:**

It was a board that was established previously by Executive Order. Legislator Schneiderman wanted to codify it permanently. So it is technically a new board.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Madam Clerk, do we have a motion before us? No? Good.

**LEG. CILMI:**

Motion to approve.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Motion to approve by Legislator Cilmi, I'll second 1682. Any other comments? No? Okay. I'll call the vote. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-1; Not present - Legis. Horsley).**

Mr. McMunn, thank you for being with us today. Same thing, I don't anticipate that there would be a need to come before the full Legislature at our upcoming General Session, but it's good to keep the cell phone close by in case anyone has any questions. Thank you.

**MR. MCMUNN:**

I will. Thank you. Thank you for letting me serve. Thank you.

**VICE-CHAIR STERN:**

**1809, Appointing Grant Hendricks as a member of the Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency (IDA). (Horsley)** Welcome.

**MR. HENDRICKS:**

Thank you very much and good afternoon. I'd like to thank Legislators Horsley, Gregory and Stern for sponsoring the resolution to nominate me to the Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency. I'd like to thank the Economic Development and Energy Subcommittee for inviting me here today.

My name is Grant Hendricks, and I'm a lifelong resident of Suffolk County. I live in Bay Shore with my wife and four children. We are all very active in our community. I'm the President of BIMASCO. BIMASO is a family-owned business incorporated in 1952 and serves the heavy and highway construction market. We employ between 30 and 50 hardworking men and women dedicated to improving our aging infrastructure.

When the infrastructure spending was cut a few years ago, we added synthetic turf installation and maintenance to our list of services and formed a company called G9. G9 has grown very fast in the past three years to the point where my partners serve on the NFL Committee regarding minimal game day standards for playing surfaces.

I'm member a Long Island Regional Planning Council, and I'm proud to have played a role in the development of the sustainable strategies for Long Island 2035 document. This document, which also received bi-County support, serves as the blueprint for a successful future. I'm a board member of the Long Island Contractors Association working cooperatively with State and local governments to ensure that Long Islanders prosper and enjoy a high quality of life.

As a trustee of Laborer's Union Local 1298, I've gained valuable experience in asset allocation for pension and welfare funds for over 2000 working men and women. As a member of the United Way Board of Long Island, I have seen the benefits of Project Warmth and helping people with heating emergencies, as well as Youth Build, which facilitate education and green construction training skills for at-risk youth.

The Suffolk County IDA plays a critical role in the economic sustainability of our region, whether it's the high-profile large-employer projects like Computer Associates of the past or Canon of the present or the new Boost Program to help smaller scale projects necessary, because 90% of our businesses on Long Island have fewer than 10 employees, it's a critical, critical conduit. I believe my experience in the local business community makes me a strong candidate to serve on the Suffolk County IDA, and I'm grateful for this opportunity.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Legislator Gregory.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Just a comment. Grant, I think you will be an excellent addition to the IDA. I thank you for your service. I know that you are very active in the community, and I appreciate you volunteering your time to commit to the Suffolk IDA and all the work that it does. So thank you.

**MR. HENDRICKS:**

Thank you, Legislator.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Let me just say, Grant, pleasure having you with you us today. I know you have been doing an awful lot of research, an awful lot of homework, you're ready to start. But really your background is

quite impressive and really exactly the kind of mix that we need, particularly in this kind of position; with a transportation background, infrastructure background, private business development and working with levels of government. You will bring an outstanding perspective and do some great things with our IDA. So it's a pleasure to support this nomination. No other comments? Motion by Legislator Cilmi, I will second the motion. All in favor? Opposed? Any abstention? IR 1809 is **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-1; Not present - Legis. Horsley)**.

**MR. HENDRICKS:**

I thank you. I appreciate your vote of confidence.

**VICE-CHAIR STERN:**

I would say then same thing, very important appointment; however, with the approval of this committee, there is no requirement that you would appear at the General Session coming up on Tuesday. But as I always say, if there are some compelling questions that come up, keep the cell phone close to make sure that your available to answer questions that might come from members, but there is no requirement that you attend.

**MR. HENDRICKS:**

Thank you.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Wish you the very best of luck. Okay.

**IR 1820, Authorizing a lease agreement with ELRAC, LLC d/b/a Enterprise Rent-A-Car for use of property at Francis S. Gabreski Airport. (Co. Exec.)**

Carolyn, is this you?

**MS. FAHEY:**

Only if there's questions, Mr. Chair. Enterprise has been a tenant at Gabreski for about seven years. They lease about 88 square feet of counter space in our terminal, and then the lease approximately ten parking spots out for their vehicles.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Okay. So this is simply a renewal. All right. So 1820, I make a motion to approve, seconded by Legislator Gregory. All in favor? Opposed? Any abstention? IR 1820 is **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-1; Not present - Legis. Horsley)**.

**1821, Amending the 2012 Adopted Capital Budget and Program; accepting and appropriating 100% FEMA and SEMO funds in connection with tower renovations at Francis S. Gabreski Airport (CP 5709). (Co. Exec.)**

This is 100% funding, so we can make a motion and place on the Consent Calendar or no? We're amending the Capital Budget Program, so this would not automatically go on the Consent Calendar. But this is 100% funding, correct?

**MR. NOLAN:**

It is.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Motion to approve, seconded by Legislator Gregory. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? IR 1821 is **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-1; Not present - Legis. Horsley)**.

Seeing no other business on the agenda, anybody else? Anybody else? Let's please note that Legislator Horsley is not with us today, he has an excused absence. Very good. Thank you.

**(\*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:23 P.M.\*)**