

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**  
**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Economic Development Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on November 19, 2014.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Leg. William Lindsay III, Chairman  
Leg. Steven H. Stern, Vice Chair  
Leg. Kara Hahn (not present)  
Leg. John M. Kennedy, Jr.  
Leg. Kevin J. McCaffrey  
Leg. Jay H. Schneiderman (excused absence)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Sarah Simpson, Assistant Counsel to the Legislature  
Jason Richberg, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature  
Laura Halloran, Budget Review Office  
Tom Vaughn, County Executive's Office  
Michael Pitcher, Communications Director  
Brian Sapp, Aide to Leg. Lindsay  
William Shilling, Aide to Leg. Calarco  
Robert Braun, County Attorney's Office  
Carolyn Fahey, Economic Development  
Rick Brand, Newsday  
Jason Hann, Aide to Leg. Schneiderman  
Ali Nazir, Aide to Leg. Kennedy  
And all other interested parties

**MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer

**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:17 AM**

**CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**

If all Legislators could come to the horseshoe. If we could all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator McCaffrey.

**SALUTATION**

If we could just remain standing for a moment of silence just remembering all our service men and women as their in harm's way, keep them in our thoughts and prayers, both them and their families.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED**

Okay. Good morning everyone. Thank you for coming this morning to our Economic Development Committee meeting. We don't have any public comment cards. Not seeing any here, is there anyone that would like to speak, please come forward. Not seeing anyone, we'll move on with the agenda. We don't have any -- we don't have any presentations this morning so we'll move onto our Tabled Resolutions.

**TABLED RESOLUTIONS**

**1953, Appropriating funds in connection with Jumpstart Suffolk for the Town of Smithtown (CP 6424) (Co. Exec).**

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Make a motion to table.

**CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**

I'll second that motion. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion's tabled. **(VOTE: 4-0-0-2. LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN AND LEG. HAHN NOT PRESENT)**

**INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS**

Onto Introductory Resolutions, **2026, Appropriating funds in connection with renovation and construction of facilities at Frances S. Gabreski Airport (CP 5702) (Co. Exec.)**. Maybe we could have Carolyn, if you could come forward, maybe give us a brief description on this.

**MS. FAHEY:**

Good morning. The resolution before you is to appropriate \$200,000 into Capital Project 5702. The 200,000 is in the 2014 Adopted Capital Plan. This money will go to help replace the roof on the Administrative building at Gabreski Airport. In that building, which is about 60,000 square feet, it houses the Airport Administration; it houses a tenancy in communications; and it also houses US Customs now that we have them on-site.

The roof was damaged during Hurricane Irene, and then further damaged during Superstorm Sandy. We've been, you know, patching it here and there, but it's 35-years old and it needs to be replaced.

**CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**

Any questions for Carolyn? Carolyn, since it was damaged from the storm, is there any insurance that would have covered it or could have --

**MS. FAHEY:**

We tried for FEMA claims and everything else. We got -- it wasn't eligible.

**CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**

Okay. Not seeing any questions, I'll make a motion to approve.

**LEG. McCAFFREY:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**

Second by Legislator McCaffrey. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries.

**(VOTE: 4-0-0-2. LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN AND LEG. HAHN NOT PRESENT)**

Before we continue, I should also make note for the record that Legislator Schneiderman has an excused absence today.

**Introductory Resolution 2031, Amending the 2014 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with Master Plan for Aviation and Economic Development at Francis S. Gabreski Airport (CP 5738) (Co. Exec.).** Carolyn, you want to give us a -- on that as well?

**MS. FAHEY:**

The Committee members might recall that two committees ago you had a resolution in front of you which extended the Probable Period of Usefulness, the PPU for this project. And we were using those funds to help fund the consultant that's going to do the financial component of our Master Plan. That resolution was withdrawn because of some technicalities with the bonding -- the initial bonding of that.

So what you have before you is an offset to fund that program. Again, the funding will be used for a consultant that we will -- that we have engaged through an RFP process. And this consultant will assist us with the financial component of the Master Plan as well as assisting the County in using the remaining aviation land at Gabreski at its best use. They'll be giving us some financial support and expertise on that matter.

**CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**

Okay. Any questions for Carolyn in that regards? Seeing none --

**LEG. STERN:**

Motion.

**CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**

Motion by Legislator Stern. I'll second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? That motion carries. **(VOTE: 4-0-0-2. LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN AND LEG. HAHN NOT PRESENT)**

**IR 2037, Amending Resolution No. 517-2014, authorizing Film Promotion funding for 2014 (Co. Exec.).** Maybe Tom or -- Carolyn, I'm sure if you would have information on that as well?

**MS. FAHEY:**

The original resolution adopted by the Legislature 5/17 of '04 incorrectly listed the Plaza Cinema and Media Art Center as an awardee of the film funding. That was incorrect. It should have been Eastern African American Museum and Center. So what this resolution does is it amends that resolution appropriating the award correctly.

**CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**

Okay. Thank you.

**LEG. STERN:**

Motion.

**CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**

Motion by Legislator Stern.

**LEG. McCAFFREY:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**

Second by Legislator McCaffrey. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries.

**(VOTE: 4-0-0-2. LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN AND LEG. HAHN NOT PRESENT)**

**IR 2041, To extend the deadline directing the Department of Economic Development and Planning, in partnership with State and County Institutions of Higher Education, to study the feasibility of constructing affordable housing for young college graduates. (Anker) I'll make a motion to approve.**

**LEG. STERN:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**

Second by Legislator Stern. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? I guess the Clerk can put me as a cosponsor on that as well.

**(When committee concluded, Leg. Lindsay asked the Clerk, Jason Richberg, to withdraw him as cosponsor)**

**IR 2069, To appoint Eileen M. Kretz McCarthy as a member of the Suffolk County Citizens Advisory Board for the Arts (PO) Is Miss Kretz McCarthy here?**

**LEG. STERN:**

It's a first time appointment.

**CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**

It is. So we're going to have to table this for our next committee cycle.

**LEG. STERN:**

Motion to table.

**LEG. McCAFFREY:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**

Seconded by -- motion by Legislator Stern; second by Legislator McCaffrey. All those in favor?

Opposed? Abstentions? Motion's tabled. **(VOTE: 4-0-0-2. LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN AND LEG. HAHN NOT PRESENT)**

There are no procedural motions. Not seeing any other business before us, we're adjourned.

11/19/2014 Economic Development Committee

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:23 AM  
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