

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 February 25, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. William Lindsay III, Chairperson
Leg. Steven H. Stern, Vice Chair
Leg. Kara Hahn
Leg. John M. Kennedy, Jr.
Leg. Kevin J. McCaffrey
Leg. Jay H. Schneiderman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

George M. Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature
Sarah Simpson, Assistant Counsel/Legislature
Jason Richberg, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature
Laura Halloran, Budget Review Office
William Shilling, Aide to Leg. Calarco
Alyssa Turano, Aide to Leg. Hahn
Christina Delisi, Aide to Leg. Schneiderman
Carolyn Fahey, Economic Development
And all other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:04 PM

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Good afternoon. Thank you for coming to the Economic Development Committee meeting. If we could all please rise as Legislator McCaffrey's going to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SALUTATION

Okay. Good afternoon. Moving into the agenda here, we don't have any comment cards. Is there anybody that would like to make public comment here? Not seeing anyone, we'll move onto the agenda.

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

We don't have any presentations this morning so we're going to start with **Resolution 1038, To study the feasibility of developing a convention and exposition center in Suffolk County. (Schneiderman)** To the sponsor of the bill.

D.P.O. SCHNEIDERMAN:

This was amended -- just so everybody knows -- so it's really a -- it's called an RFEI, a Request For Expressions of Interest. There's no cost attached. The County Department of Economic Development would send out a letter, see who's out there, who could do this type of study, what it might cost. And the idea really is to see if there -- if this is something that makes sense, the number of groups, like the equestrian community has been looking to do some indoor horse shows somewhere on Long Island. Long Island Convention Visitors Bureau has been saying that there's a lot of business potentially that could come here, if we had such a facility. So this really just looks at sending out a letter, getting some responses and then deciding whether we should do an RFP formally and how much that might cost, which is kind of a first step in this concept. And I'll make a motion to approve.

LEG. McCAFFREY:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Okay, I got a motion to approve; seconded by Legislator McCaffrey. Any more comment on the bill? All those favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1046, Appointing member of the Suffolk County Citizens Advisory Board of the Arts, Lori Devlin. (Calarco) Is Lori here today? I don't see her here so I'm going to make a motion to table.

LEG. STERN:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Second by Legislator Stern. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion's tabled. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1047, To reappoint Corrieann M. Young as a member of the Suffolk County Citizens Advisory Board for the Arts. (Stern)

LEG. STERN:

Motion to approve.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Motion to approve by Legislator Stern. I'll second that. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion's approved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1048, To reappoint Lynda A. Moran as a member of the Suffolk County Citizens Advisory Board for the Arts. (Cilmi) I'll make a motion to approve.

D.P.O. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Second by Legislator Schneiderman. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1049, To reappoint Maria Figalora as a member of the Suffolk County Citizens Advisory Board for the Arts. (Barraga)

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: 5-0-0-0)**

That's the end of our agenda. Does anybody have any comments or issues to discuss? Not seeing any, we are -- motion to adjourn.

D.P.O. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Second.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 2:08 PM
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