

NJ MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 16, 2025
(via conference call)

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Chairman Michael Uslan; Vice Chairman David Smith, Commissioner Shelley Adler, Commissioner Tom Bernard, Commissioner Daniel Bryan, Emma Corrado representing Commissioner Tim Sullivan, Commissioner Carol Cuddy, Dr. Thomas Haveron, Mayor Janice Kovach, Kevin O'Brien representing Commissioner Felicia Grant, Commissioner Michael Vezza, Keith White representing Commissioner Robert Asaro-Angelo, and Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Tahesha Way.

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Commissioner Karen Kessler.

COMMISSION STAFF IN ATTENDANCE VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Jon Crowley, Executive Director; John Baldasare, Director; Charles Ricciardi, Senior Project Officer; Elizabeth Parchment, Team Lead, Marketing/Strategic Initiatives; David Schoner, Sr, Advisor; and Joseph Marra, MP/TV Officer.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Jamera Sirmans, Associate Counsel; NJEDA staff: Kathleen Coviello, David Ramsey, Luke Brunskill, Danielle Esser, Hector Serrano, Fabiola Saturne, and Muneerah Sanders.

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 10:30am and read the Open Public Meetings announcement. Commissioner Adler took the roll call.

**APPROVAL OF NEW JERSEY FILM READY PROGRAM -
NEW REQUIREMENTS**

Item: Recommendation to Approve Film Ready New Jersey Program – New Requirements

Request: Members of the Commission are requested to approve Film Ready Program updates.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Comm. Kovach **SECOND:** Comm. Haveron **AYES:** 13

Lt. Governor Way suggested that perhaps Ms. Parchment or someone can reach out to localities and make certain that the same offices or divisions are handling the Film Ready processing and paperwork. She added that she wanted to ensure that there was consistency in how the program was applied.

Ms. Parchment stated that with over 500 municipalities in the State of New Jersey with varying ordinances and filming guidelines, the new program brings those ordinances and guidelines into greater consistency to have a standard template as it relates to fees, reporting, compliance, filming guidelines and public safety.

Mr. Crowley added that there is also consistency built into the requirements for each municipality, with each locality having a point person. Also, we now have three staff members who will mentor and guide each of the towns that are applying for certification so they have a person that they can go to within the Commission with any questions that they might have.

Lt. Governor Way thanked them for the clarification.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Vice Chairman Smith called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Michael Uslan, and seconded by Commissioner Tom Bernard, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12am.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Crowley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jon Crowley, Executive Director, NJ MPTVC