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**New Jersey State Planning Commission
Minutes of the Meeting Held on March 1, 2023
Zoom Video Conference**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wright called the March 1, 2023 video conference of the New Jersey State Planning Commission (SPC) to order at 9:32 a.m.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

It was announced that notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting had been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Nick Angarone, Designee for Shawn LaTourette, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection
Danielle Esser, Director of Governance, NJ Economic Development Authority
Douglas Fisher, Secretary, Department of Agriculture (arrived 9:38 a.m.)
Frank Gaffney, Designee for President Fiordaliso, Board of Public Utilities
Keith Henderson, Designee for Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver, Commissioner, Department of Community Affairs
Edward J. McKenna, Vice Chair, Public Member
County Commissioner Director Shanel Robinson, County Member
Stephen Santola, Public Member
Julia Somers, Public Member
Elizabeth Terenik, Public Member
Susan Weber, Designee for Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, Commissioner, Department of Transportation
Melanie Willoughby, Designee for Tahesha Way, Secretary of State, Department of State
Thomas Wright, Chairman

Others Present through Video conference

See Attachment A

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Wright asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 1, 2023. Commissioner McKenna made the motion, and Commissioner Robinson seconded it. With no further discussion or questions, Chairman Wright asked for a roll call vote: Ayes: (11) Danielle Esser, Frank Gaffney, Susan Weber, Nick Angarone, Vice Chair McKenna, Keith Henderson, Shanel Robinson, Elizabeth Terenik, Melanie Willoughby, Stephen Santola, Thomas Wright. Nays: (0). Abstains: (1) Julia Somers. The February 1, 2023 minutes were approved.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chairman Wright welcomed Julia Somers to the Commission and said that anyone who has worked in public policy in New Jersey is aware of Julia and the great work that she does. I think it is also especially appropriate to have her join the State Planning Commission. When people asked me about the 2001 State Development and Redevelopment Plan, still the current plan until we do a new one, and what achievements it has made, the first thing I talk about was how in the process of creating that plan, the Commission determined that the Highlands was an area that needed special attention. It was clear that without coordinated land use planning in that portion of the State, we would lose our drinking water supply, lose vital resources, and fail to really create the communities and protect the communities that were there. The State Plan actually recognizes that area and shines a light on it. I think in many ways, kind of set the ball rolling for the Act and the legislation, and the work that has been done there. I consider that really one of the great successes of the 2001 State Plan. It is wonderful to have Julia, both as an individual but also as a representative of the Highlands joining the State Planning Commission.

Chairman Wright referred to Commissioner Julia Somers to introduce herself.

Commissioner Somers said that it is a great honor to be nominated by the Governor and expressed her delight to be here. Her background was as the executive director of the Great Swamp Watershed Association for 16 years, and now at the New Jersey Highlands Coalition, which is as a reminder, not the Council, for 16 years. She also has sitting on my shoulder, Candy Ashman, who was a great mentor for me and really believed truly in everything that the State Plan represents and in its importance for the future of our State. Those are very big shoes to fill. I also have, as a trustee, Jim Gilbert, who as many of you may remember, was the Chairman of the State Planning Commission when the State Plan was first written. Thank you very much.

Chairman Wright referred to the Director for a report.

Director Rendeiro noted to the Commission that Secretary Fisher joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recommendations to hire a planner and a project manager have been submitted to Human Resources.

Since the February 1 SPC meeting:

- Vineland passed its resolution adopting the PIA and the mapping on February 14, satisfying the SPC condition for endorsement.
- The Office received Municipal Self-Assessments from Seaside Heights and Woodstown. Both municipalities are now in the Opportunities and Constraints stage.
- The Office received official notification from Cape May Point that they are not pursuing Plan Endorsement.
- The Office received the first biennial review from Upper Township.
- Preliminary/early conversations are being held with eight municipalities (Ocean City, Atlantic Highlands, Millville, Woodstown, Dover, Netcong, and Berkeley).

Per SPC Resolution 2022-05, the Commission set an expiration date of March 31, 2023, for all remaining Center designations and/or endorsements subject to the various extensions. There are 35 including the twelve municipalities the Office is currently working on that expired after June 30, 2020 (inclusive of those expiring in 2023). Because of the upcoming expirations, Plan Endorsement reporting going forward will consist only of those municipalities that have submitted their Municipal Self-Assessments. All other municipal activities will be reported in brief. Additionally, all active files (those who submitted MSAs), will be consolidated regardless of whether or not they were subject to the extensions, have expired, or will be expiring.

- Four PIAs and recommendation reports are in process (Bedminster, Delanco, Burlington City, Burlington Township).
- One municipality is in the Consistency Review Stage (Little Egg Harbor)
- Nine Opportunities and Constraints Reports are in the process (Stone Harbor, Wildwood Crest, City of Wildwood, North Wildwood, Ocean Township, Barnegat, Middle Township, Seaside Heights, Woodstown).

On today's agenda, two of the four proposed endorsements are Florence and Edgewater Park. They will be the eighth and ninth municipalities within Burlington County. Burlington City and Burlington Township are not far behind. We are not sure about Delanco, but once 11 of the 12 municipalities are endorsed, we will be looking toward the regional endorsement for Burlington County.

We are starting the conversations on what a regional PIA should look like because we do believe it will it should look a little differently from the municipal PIA. And we do believe that it should be more of a coordinated effort, what could be what can be looked at regionally, whether it's resilience planning or other items, and how we want to start wording that so that we're going to start working on very shortly.

OPA facilitated the second and on-site visit with Dover officials and NJ Transit. The Township identified areas of importance to them and will follow up with written documentation to NJ Transit to review. While NJ Transit seems a willing partner, some items will be easier than others to implement. Once they review the written documentation, the group will discuss which items are feasible to implement in the short term and which are longer-term items.

The second workshop for the second cohort of FEMA's Resilience Accelerator has been scheduled for March 23. The final Rutgers presentations on the vulnerability studies for Maurice River, Commercial, and Pennsville were presented to those communities. OPA is committed to following up with the riverine communities.

The eleventh warehouse presentation was held on February 8 hosted by the New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers. The presentation was well received. The draft model ordinance was sent for legal review to both our DAG and a prominent land use attorney in NJ. We continue to work with our stakeholder group on the mapping project. Staff continues to work on the mapping project.

The Office participated in a call with DEP regarding the Extreme Heat Resilience Action Plan. DEP is in the preliminary process currently and still has to define extreme heat. Primary areas identified for the Department include including extreme heat reviews in the Plan Endorsement process and what role the BAC can play in educating small businesses regarding the impacts and mitigation of extreme heat.

Staff presented at the Bloustein Climate Resilience Studio Panel and the Sustainable Jersey Cape/Atlantic Hub.

Chairman Wright asked for questions or comments from the Commission members.

Nick Angarone, Designee for Shawn LaTourette, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection said that Donna referenced the Interagency Council on climate resilience working on the extreme heat resilience action plan. I will note that tomorrow evening at 6 pm, there is a public webinar to gather public comment on what should state agencies do and what should be included in that action plan.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2023-04 – Endorsement of the Township of Florence

Director Rendeiro referred the presentation to Lisa Avichal.

Lisa Avichal proceeded to present the Township of Florence.

This presentation can be found at:

<https://nj.gov/state/planning/assets/docs/meeting-materials/spc/materials/2023-0301/spc-material-Florence-SPC-presentation.pdf>

Craig Wilkie, Mayor, Township of Florence, said that she want to thank you. This has been a great process with some reminiscing, because I was a citizen, or maybe I was a councilman back in the 90s. When we first went through the process with Mark Remsa. Just reiterating the good work that continues in the state, and trying to manage everything, and we actually brought Mark Remsa back, you folks know he had retired. He is now our township planner and works to make things happen. So very much appreciate everything you have done.

Mark Remsa, Planner, Township of Florence said that he knows that Florence Township is looking forward to continuing working with the State Planning Commission and all the agencies. There is still a lot to do and we are looking forward to working with you and as well as Tom at the county.

Tom Stanuikynas, Regional Planning Manager, Burlington County Bridge Commission said that this has been a great opportunity to work with OPA with Donna, Meghan, and Lisa on this project, as well as working with Florence Township. I was a resident of Florence Township for 12 years. I know they are doing great work. They are moving forward on many of their planning initiatives. I look forward to continuing the relationship with all 12 municipalities along the corridor.

Secretary Fisher said that as it relates to agriculture, many farms are still unpreserved and categorized as a high priority for preservation. Within the presentation, the PIA has no mention of agriculture other than there is no sewer service area. I guess I just want to make sure that the township was fully aware and wants to go forward in this matter because the preservation elements in the PIA are restricted to recreation and open space and nothing there about agriculture.

Mayor Wilkie responded that two large areas right along Florence Columbus Road were recently purchased by NFI, who is a warehouse developer. They were denied at the zoning board level to put their warehouses in and in the past year, Florence Township rezoned that from what was then special manufacturing to Ag. So now, our

agricultural zone stretches from the turnpike extension, south to reiterate that we want Ag. We have designated working with the county farmland preservation everything in those areas. Obviously, you need cooperation from landowners, and we have not been successful. We actually had one person apply to the state but he walked away from the state. Now he is supposed to be dealing with the county. We are trying to motivate the landowners to go in that direction. We have also rezoned from one house per three acres to one house per 10 acres to encourage farming because one of the comments was to make even a small farm economical that needed more acreage. So we definitely want farmland, unfortunately, right now, the landowners that we have do not seem to be motivated in preserving.

Secretary Fisher said that he just want to make sure that you gave it every consideration and that he appreciates the effort.

Director Rendeiro said that we would work with the town to do whatever we can to help.

Mark Remsa said that the town just adopted a new master plan, and it has an Ag preservation component to it. We have continually worked with the State and Burlington County on farmland preservation, so it is not for lack of effort.

Without any questions or comments from the commission members, Chairman Wright referred to Director Rendeiro to read the resolution.

Director Rendeiro read the resolution.

The Resolution can be found at:

<https://nj.gov/state/planning/assets/docs/meeting-materials/spc/resolutions/certified-resolution-2023-04.pdf>

With no further discussion or questions, Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2023-04. The motion was made by Vice Chair McKenna and seconded by Danielle Esser. Chairman Wright asked for a roll call vote. Ayes: (11) Danielle Esser, Frank Gaffney, Secretary Fisher, Susan Weber, Nick Angarone, Vice Chair McKenna, Keith Henderson, Elizabeth Terenik, Melanie Willoughby, Stephen Santola, Chairman Wright. Nays: (0). Abstains: (1) Julia Somers. Resolution 2023-04 was approved.

Director Rendeiro expressed congratulations; the certificate will be forwarded to the municipality.

Mayor Wilkie said that he should share that Florence acquired some land through open space. We still have the farmers that were farming, and maintaining it. So we are committed to agriculture. Thank you.

Chairman Wright and Director Rendeiro congratulated the Town.

RESOLUTION 2023-05 – Endorsement of the Township of Edgewater Park

Director Rendeiro referred the presentation to Lisa Avichal.

Lisa Avichal proceeded to present the Township of Edgewater Park.

This presentation can be found at:

<https://nj.gov/state/planning/assets/docs/meeting-materials/spc/materials/2023-0301/spc-material-Edgewater-Park-SPC-presentation.pdf>

Chairman Wright thanked Lisa for the presentation.

Tom Pullion, BA, Township of Edgewater Park said that he echoes the sentiment of the mayor. It has been a pleasure working with everybody. He thanked Lisa and Tom in particular. They kept on pushing us and helping us along the way holding our hands. He appreciates that very much. I have learned that the benefit of going through a

process like this is very beneficial to the community, especially giving the community access to state agencies, and he is looking forward to working through a lot of those. Edgewater Park right now is going through a great period, he believes. Like the mayor, he spent 15 years on the Township Committee, was Mayor several times, and had the opportunity of working with Mr. Remsa, whom he cannot say enough about. He really helped us considerably over those years. Tom stepped up and has been a godsend, especially to me. We are in the process of building a police facility and a court facility in one. Currently, our police department has been at the bottom of our township building and has been there for approximately 50 years. We are excited about that facility being built. The community center is actually going to serve as an emergency center and a nutrition site for the county. We are very excited about those two facilities. We were successful in getting not only federal grants but also some HUD money to help us fund those projects. We cannot wait to see those brought on board. Once again, this was a tremendous process. It was a great learning experience for me, and I cannot thank everybody enough.

Tom Stanuikynas said that other than Lisa and he has been working with Tom Pullion on this from the beginning. Edgewater Park is a great town. He worked on their land use plan and got a chance to get around town and really see the town and all the great things that are going on as far as development, open space, and their park system. This is great not only for the Township but for the County to have this corridor endorsed. Great work and he appreciates the coordination between the State, the County, and the municipalities. Thanks again.

Juanita Scott, Councilwoman, Edgewater Park Township said that Tom is awesome. He keeps moving us forward. The Councilwoman thank him for all the work he has done with working with you all. Thank you.

Without any questions or comments from the commission members, Chairman Wright referred to Director Rendeiro to read the resolution.

Director Rendeiro read the resolution.

The Resolution can be found at:

<https://nj.gov/state/planning/assets/docs/meeting-materials/spc/resolutions/certified-resolution-2023-05.pdf>

With no further discussion or questions, Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2023-05. The motion was made by Melanie Willoughby and seconded by Vice Chair McKenna. Chairman Wright asked for a roll call vote. Ayes: (12) Danielle Esser, Frank Gaffney, Secretary Fisher, Susan Weber, Nick Angarone, Vice Chair McKenna, Keith Henderson, Shanel Robinson, Elizabeth Terenik, Melanie Willoughby, Stephen Santola, Chairman Wright. Nays: (0). Abstains: (1) Julia Somers. Resolution 2023-05 was approved.

Director Rendeiro expressed congratulations; the certificate will be forwarded to the municipality.

RESOLUTION 2023-06 – Endorsement of the Borough of Bound Brook

Director Rendeiro said that for the record Commissioner Robinson would have to recuse herself given her position in the County. We certainly would look forward to any comments you may have.

Director Rendeiro referred the presentation to Barry Ableman.

Barry Ableman proceeded to present the Borough of Bound Brook.

This presentation can be found at:

<https://nj.gov/state/planning/assets/docs/meeting-materials/spc/materials/2023-0301/spc-material-Bound-Brook-Recommendation-Report-SPC.pdf>

Hector Herrera, BA, Borough of Bound Brook said that he wanted to thank Barry; he has just been terrific to work with helping us through this process. He also wanted to mention that in many of our planning efforts, we coordinate with Somerset County, Walter Lane, and his group. Thank you for that. As you saw, as we went through

the presentation, we do have a very ambitious planning agenda. We have accomplished a lot and there is still a lot of work that we want to be done. We certainly are going to be looking for assistance from State agencies to make our visions a reality. It was really a great presentation. He expressed his excitement about what he talked about. He thanked everyone for that.

Carlos Rodrigues, PP, AICP, Crowded Planet, LLC said that this was his first incursion into Plan Endorsement territory. In all likelihood, it will be his last. Not because the experience was unpleasant, but because that is not really the kind of work that he is doing anymore. It was relatively painless, in part because he was dealing with planning documents that he had created himself over the years. He has been working for the borough for 12 or 13 years now, so he knew where all the bodies were buried and it was easy to bring them to light. This process took maybe 15 months altogether between the beginning and end. He reiterated what Hector said, that the Borough does have a very ambitious planning agenda, not in terms of new development, which is market-driven, and is taking care of itself, but on the conservation, habitat restoration, and open space front. There is a lot of work to be done. Some very expensive infrastructure needs to be put in place. There are some difficult people that we have to interface with, i.e., CSX Conrail. We hope to get some real estate from them for the riverfront greenway. The Borough cannot accomplish these things by itself. We need help. He is hoping that this whole process will facilitate that agenda and that we can move it along in a timely manner. Thank you.

Chairman Wright thanked Mr. Rodrigues and said that he thought just as he was ending on that, that is exactly the idea that the State gets on board with these plans, it should bring more resources and coordination to them.

Walter Lane from Somerset County said that he wants to thank Barry for the presentation and is great to work with him. I will also reinforce that the Borough has a very aggressive planning vision. They have been awesome partners to work with. We have worked with them on many things over the last 10 years or so; we have gotten grants from the NJTPA to help them advance their studies. We have been able to work with them. It is highly consistent with the County's plans, including our master planning and our newly adopted preservation plan. We are showing that they are consistent with our plans. That has been helpful to them receiving grants and other technical assistance, and we were very excited to work with them because they are helping to implement our plans. From the County's perspective. They have been a great planning partner. If I had more towns that were as aggressive as they are, I need more staff because they have many great ideas. I think this is good planning. They are a good example of that. The County is fully supportive of their efforts.

Chairman Wright thank Mr. Lane for his comments.

Chairman Wright asked for questions or comments from the Commission members.

Frank Gaffney, Designee for President Fiordaliso, Board of Public Utilities said that many great things are happening and just the presentation was excellent. The flood control projects are really going to help that area. The train to New York City is outstanding. The arts district, I love hearing that. There are many great restaurants in Bound Brook and the climate resilience planning is excellent. There are many great things going on there. I want to say congratulations to them and great job. I know that the mayor is not on but please pass along our appreciation and Hector, great job.

Commissioner Santola said that he would echo Frank's comments. He remembered a meeting with some municipal folks in Bound Brook years ago; they were working on the flood control and the downtown revival and they have done some great things with the downtown in the face of some real headwinds with their flooding history. It is important particularly for transit-oriented municipalities to be on the move and looking to grow and rehabilitate the downtown so he really gives them a ton of credit.

Commissioner Somers said that Bound Brook could not fix its flooding problems by itself. Upstream is what where it is all at. Its neighbors upstream are flooding Bound Brook. That's number one. Number two, a startling statistic is

the number of women over men living in Bound Brook. She hopes the town has a different approach to planning because its needs may be different from a more typical community.

Keith Henderson, designee for Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver, Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, said that he is looking at the PIA and the economic development section. Local Planning Services at DCA also runs the State's Main Street New Jersey program. He offered to reach out to Bound Brook if they are interested in learning more about participating in that program. The FY24 application process has not yet begun but we are in the process of developing a capacity-building program so that smaller business groups or chambers of commerce that are maybe slightly organized but not fully would be able to work with us to build their capacity so that they could participate in full in the national Mainstream Program. I think it could be a tremendous benefit to the Economic Development Initiative. We are happy to help in any way we can.

Chairman Wright said that I kind of like the tenor of the comments. Many of us really enjoy the main street, small town feel of retail and other attractions of Bound Brook. He has very, very vivid memories of those flooding events and has seen what has happened in the community over the decades. In some ways, this one really is at the crux of critical issues.

Hector Herrera said that there is just one thing that was not mentioned, and it is very exciting because it is finally coming to fruition just a few blocks from here. Our historic eastbound train station is actually being rehabbed back to its historical characteristics. We expect that project to be complete before September 1. That is a very big thing that is happening. It is something that the borough took on and just we have talked about our aggressive agenda. We took that on as opposed to waiting for New Jersey Transit to do it. It shows the spirit that the borough has as to where we want to go. In about six months, if you are in the area, you should really stop in and see the wonderful structure that it is going to be, exactly as it was 70-plus years ago.

Without any questions or comments from the commission members, Chairman Wright referred to Director Rendeiro to read the resolution.

Director Rendeiro said that in the interest of time, the language is the same as the previous two resolutions.

Chairman Wright agreed to move along unless any objections from the commission members.

The Resolution can be found at:

<https://nj.gov/state/planning/assets/docs/meeting-materials/spc/resolutions/certified-resolution-2023-06.pdf>

With no further discussion or questions, Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2023-06. The motion was made by Secretary Fisher and seconded by Danielle Esser. Chairman Wright asked for a roll call vote. Ayes: (11) Danielle Esser, Frank Gaffney, Secretary Fisher, Susan Weber, Nick Angarone, Vice Chair McKenna, Keith Henderson, Elizabeth Terenik, Melanie Willoughby, Stephen Santola, Chairman Wright. Nays: (0). Abstains: (2) Shanel Robinson, Julia Somers. Resolution 2023-06 was approved.

Director Rendeiro expressed congratulations; the certificate will be forwarded to the municipality.

RESOLUTION 2023-07 – Endorsement of Maurice River Township

Director Rendeiro referred the presentation to Meghan Wren.

Meghan Wren proceeded to present Maurice River Township.

This presentation can be found at:

<https://nj.gov/state/planning/assets/docs/meeting-materials/spc/materials/2023-0301/spc-material-Maurice-River-Twp-Recomendation-Report-SPC-2-24-23.pdf>

Chairman Wright and Director Rendeiro thanked Meghan for the presentation.

Tiffany Morrissey, Planner, Maurice River Township said that our planning board Chair Ben Stowman on and our Deputy Mayor Bill Ashton was on. Thank you, Meghan. This has been a very enduring process, you have hung on and kept us all together here, and at Maurice River, and we appreciate it and all the efforts you put into this. I think it is important to state that Maurice River despite its size and number of people in the population we are actually one of the first municipalities to go through center designation back in 2000 as I understand it. We continue on that positive planning process. We are excited about the nodes that we are able to incorporate and recognize our working waterfront and what it can contribute to the municipality. We do have concerns as you heard from Meghan about some of the loss of our centers because there is only so much space, but we do recognize that there is a balance between the conditions in Maurice River that we are used to, versus trying to balance for resiliency. We hope we can work forward and find additional opportunities for some economic development in the community. We are very excited about what we have. We may be back before you if we can come up with some creative solutions to reinvigorate some of the centers that were losing. As it is now, this has been a good process for the township, an eye-opening process, and we look forward to getting through the PIA agenda.

Ben Stowman thanked everyone in the chat.

Secretary Fisher recognized the amazing contrast, when you look at a State like New Jersey, going from Maurice River to Bound Brook and talking about these plans and this process. You could not find two communities that were distinctly different, not from the historical perspective, but just from the land use and population density. I think it is a tribute to everyone that is working on this in planning, that we could come up with something that is workable for all. I know the population in Maurice River has not grown all those years, but I will say that it is an historic and national treasure from an ecological standpoint. I know that as time goes on, people will marvel more and more about what a township like Maurice River has to offer, just as we know, in Bound Brook and the other communities that we've talked about each incredibly unique, each representing so much that's extraordinary about New Jersey. As I said, it is it should be to all of you working in this process.

Chairman Wright said that was well said. The Chairman is reminded of the great John McKee who has written about the wonderful ecological and geological diversity of the State. I think that is exactly right. Coming up with a policy framework that's applicable to that many different conditions is really, I think, one of the great achievements of the people who came before us.

Chairman Wright asked for questions or comments from the Commission members.

Chairman Wright said that we would, again, dispense with the actual reading of the resolutions just knowing that they are identical to the prior ones.

The Resolution can be found at:

<https://nj.gov/state/planning/assets/docs/meeting-materials/spc/resolutions/certified-resolution-2023-07.pdf>

With no further discussion or questions, Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2023-07. The motion was made by Vice Chair McKenna and seconded by Melanie Willoughby. Chairman Wright asked for a roll call vote. Ayes: (12) Danielle Esser, Frank Gaffney, Secretary Fisher, Susan Weber, Nick Angarone, Vice Chair McKenna, Keith Henderson, Shanel Robinson, Elizabeth Terenik, Melanie Willoughby, Stephen Santola, Chairman Wright. Nays: (0). Abstains: (1) Julia Somers. Resolution 2023-07 was approved.

Director Rendeiro expressed congratulations; the certificate will be forwarded to the municipality.

Chairman Wright asked for questions or comments from the Commission members.

Commissioner Esser said that without being repetitive, she wants to congratulate the communities who have been involved with this process and the staff, for all their hard work to bring these communities to the Commission for endorsement today. She is proud of this work and the spirit that is embodied here. Thank you.

Director Rendeiro thanked Commissioner Danielle for her words.

Chairman Wright said that he agrees with Commissioner Esser. It is a longer-than-usual meeting, but endorsing four communities is terrific. This is an achievement.

Commissioner Somers said that for her first meeting, this was exciting. Commissioner Somers thanked everyone very much for welcoming me, and I look forward to working with you.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments from the Committee or the public, Chairman Wright asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Melanie Willoughby and seconded by Danielle Esser. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

ATTACHMENT A
NEW JERSEY STATE PLANNING COMMISSION ATTENDEES
DATE: MARCH 1, 2023 TIME: 9:32 AM

Walter Lane - PP, AICP Director, Policy and Economic Development Somerset County
Mark Villinger – Planner, Ocean County
Meg Cavanagh – NJDEP
David DuMont – NJDEP
Ruth Foster – NJDEP
Anthony Soriano – Morris County
Ben Stowman – Deputy Mayor, Maurice River
Mark Remsa –
Carlos Rodriguez – PP, FAICP, Crowded Planet, LLC.
Juanita Scott – Councilwoman, Edgewater Park Twp.
Tom Stanuikynas - Regional Planning Manager, Burlington County Bridge Commission
Levi Kingler-Christiansen – DAG
Tom Churchelow –
Tiffany Morrisey – Planner, Maurice River
Hector Herrera –
Jasmin Mathis – Bound Brook
Craig Wilkie – Mayor, Florence
Tom Pullion – BA, Edgewater Park
Dom Longo
Michele Frias