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**New Jersey State Planning Commission
Minutes of the Meeting Held on January 16, 2109
State House Annex
Committee Room 10, 3rd Floor
125 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McKenna called the January 16, 2019 meeting of the New Jersey State Planning Commission (SPC) to order at 9:37 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

Danielle Esser, Deputy Chief of Staff, NJ Economic Development Authority
Joseph Fiordaliso, President, Board of Public Utilities
Shing-Fu Hsueh, Public Member
Catherine McCabe, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection
Sean Thompson, Designee for Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver, Department of Community Affairs
Chigozie Onyema, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Community Affairs
Andy Swords, Designee for Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, Commissioner, Department of Transportation
Jay Boone, Designee for Tahesha Way, Secretary of State, Department of State
Edward McKenna, Chairman, Public Member

Others Present

See Attachment A

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair McKenna asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair McKenna asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Esser made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Fiordaliso. With no further discussion or questions, Chair McKenna asked for a roll call vote: Ayes: (9) Danielle Esser, Joe Fiordaliso, Shing-Fu Hsueh, Catherine McCabe, Sean Thompson, Chigozie Onyema, Andy Swords, Jay Boone, Ed McKenna. Nays: (0). Abstains: (0). The January 10, 2018 minutes were approved.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair McKenna commented how thrilled he was that the SPC was brought back to life and looked forward to working with the new cabinet members that had been appointed. He noted that that the Governor was spot on with a number of issues that he spoke about in his State of the State regarding the future of the State and to see the Governor's interest in bringing back state planning.

ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Acting Executive Director Melanie Willoughby introduced herself as the acting executive director of the Office for Planning Advocacy (OPA). She noted that it was only part of her role and that she also serves as the executive director of the New Jersey Business Action Center the division in which the OPA is housed. She recognized three members of the team, Barry Ableman, Steve Karp and Wendy McVicker. She noted that the Governor was very supportive of state planning as indicated through many of his speeches especially through the Economic Report released in October. She explained that it is noted in the report that planning is essential in helping to develop communities, transit hubs, to live, work and play in NJ, protecting the environment and to ensuring resiliency along the shore lines and in leveraging resources in those areas and that NJ has planned accordingly. She explained that planning permeates all of the state agencies and that the OPA and the SPC plan to coordinate across all departments including those that do not have a seat on the SPC to help municipalities achieve their goals in a guided manner. In addition, the office will work to have a coordinated approach to ensure that resources are put in places that follow the State Plan.

Acting Executive Director Willoughby noted that the SPC will be approving a meeting schedule for the next six months and sees the SPC as having very robust agendas and looks forward to comments from all constituent groups. She explained that the SPC will be working with Lacey Township, Manchester Township and Eagles Nest in the near future. She also noted that she expects the municipalities that approached OPA over the last year regarding plan endorsement, but were told the office did not have the ability to work with them in an expeditious way, will circle back.

Chair McKenna also noted that he has been contacted by over 20 municipalities and that they are very excited and looking forward to working with the SPC to coordinate the Plan Endorsement. Process.

NEW BUSINESS

State Planning Commission Subcommittee Reorganization

Chair McKenna commented that with only two public members on the Commission it is very difficult to reorganize the committees. He explained that the Plan Implementation Committee (PIC) absolutely needed to be reorganized at this time. Having served on the committee before, Chair McKenna offered to chair the committee, on a short term basis, and asked Danielle Esser and Andy Swords if they would serve on the committee as they both have experience with the SPC. Both Commissioner Esser and Commissioner Swords accepted. Chair McKenna further noted that he was already contacted by Lacey and Eagles Nest and they are anxious to move forward, and that possibly as early as February there might be an opportunity to have a PIC meeting. Chair McKenna asked if anyone else would like to

serve on the committee, there were no volunteers at this time.

PIC Membership: Ed McKenna, (Committee Chair), Danielle Esser, (NEDA), Andy Swords, (DOT).

Resolution No. 2019-01 Approval of Annual Meeting Schedule of the State Planning Commission for 2019

Chair McKenna asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-01, Commissioner Fiordaliso made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Hsueh. With no further discussions or questions, Chair McKenna asked for a roll call vote: Ayes: (9) Danielle Esser, Joe Fiordaliso, Shing-Fu Hsueh, Catherine McCabe, Sean Thompson, Chigozie Onyema, Andy Swords, Jay Boone, Ed McKenna. Nays: (0). Abstains: (0). Resolution No. 2019-01 was approved.

Discussion of Regulation Amending N.J.A.C. 5:85-7.21 and Extending the Period of Certain Plan Endorsements and Center Designations

Chair McKenna noted that there would be a discussion on a proposal to extend the period of certain plan endorsements and center designations. He explained that there was a ruling by the Attorney General's office that indicated that centers that were non-Sandy centers have been extended pursuant to the Permit Extension Act through June 2019 and that Sandy impacted centers have been extended until June 2020. The discussion for the SPC is how a proposed rule change should look in the short term with possible action being taken as early as the next meeting.

Chair McKenna asked for questions or comments from the Commission members.

Commissioner McCabe expressed her agreement with Chair McKenna that it is a fine thing that the SPC is back. She noted that the SPC has a vital role to play in achieving the Governor's objective of making this a stronger and fairer New Jersey for everyone. There are great opportunities for the SPC to plan and carry out the Governor's economic development plan, the Energy Master Plan and the Coastal Resiliency Plan, which is important to DEP. She emphasized that from DEP's perspective the department is most focused on environmental concerns such as the resiliency of the coastal environmental areas and hopes that there is an opportunity to look at ways to build better resiliency and adaptation plans.

Chair McKenna added that DEP has been a key part of the SPC for a long time and the department's input and participation is of crucial importance.

Acting Executive Director Willoughby commented that when she was reviewing the State Plan, she was struck by all the municipal requirements for plan endorsement such as, how the municipality's plans need to address agriculture, coastal resources, accounting for the dramatic change likely to occur as a consequence of natural geological forces, sea level rise and increasing coastal hazards due to the effects of global warming. All of these issues are written into the overview of the State Plan. She noted that there was an obvious foresight from the individuals who wrote the plan and take into consideration so much of what the State is now facing. Design and a more sustainable built environment are issues the Governor is interested in addressing with his plans to live, work, play, and climate change. Encouraging land use changes in the State's predominant settlement pattern and the transformation of the State's transportation system need to be addressed so that we are not increasing greenhouse gas emissions and strive to reduce by rejoining RGGI. All of these are consistent with the vision and goals of the State Plan. Lastly, she noted that there are many things municipalities must do to continue their center, but fundamentally the extension is about giving them time to come in and revise plans and meet all the necessary requirements.

Chair McKenna commented that it is interesting that issues that the SPC discussed 10 years ago in many ways, without a regulatory arm encouraged them to do good planning. Different patterns of

behavior were predicted as far as municipal governments were concerned. Through the Plan Endorsement process with their center designation and with great staff advice, a number of municipalities have addressed zoning, infrastructure and public works issues. This has impacted how our state has evolved. He also noted that it was heartwarming to see people embracing the principles that were spoken about 10-15 years ago. He hopes that through the SPC, staff and working together with all the cabinet and departments that the SPC will be able to further the mission of state planning.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comments at this time.

Chair McKenna asked for any further comments from the Commission.

Commissioner McCabe commented that during this time in front of us, the SPC really needs to take into account and focus on the issue of coastal resiliency. This means to look at what changes have taken place, our knowledge of the physical conditions of climate change that need to be addressed and what issues are being addressed right now with many municipalities. She explained that the department's Resiliency Plan will bring information together from various sources, international, national and on the State level. The information will tell them what to expect in terms of the timing and nature of climate change events and be able to take a careful look at planning for the near future, not just the long term future, to build up resiliency planning and adaptation planning so that it is recognized that the next storm is coming.

She further noted that the DEP will try to help inform, but asked that the SPC staff take a careful look at how resiliency and adaptation planning needs to be incorporated sooner in the process, so that the vulnerable populations are kept out of harm's way along with property, buildings and investment dollars. We want to encourage build in not only smart places, near transportation but take into consideration where the water is coming from, where is that storm coming from and what do we need to do to be ready for it. She stressed the need for SPC staff to take a close look at and to work closely with DEP staff to do something in the near term and not with an extension of a few years, but work to come up with a way to build more resiliency over the next year.

Acting Executive Director Willoughby thanked Commissioner McCabe for her comments and noted that it was a very good point. She noted that even with the administrative extension provided to the towns the office doesn't want to let the six months lapse without any work being done and wants to make sure towns are starting immediately. She explained that even though a letter of intent is required from the municipalities to go through plan endorsement, staff will reach out to municipalities now to discuss getting them started in the process and not wait until after the actual extension was permitted.

Chair McKenna asked for any additional comments from Commission members.

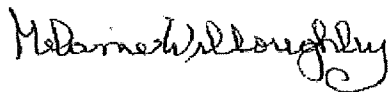
Commissioner Esser commented that, on behalf of EDA and as a planner herself, she is happy that the SPC is taking this matter up and looking at planning in those communities across the coastline and across the State that have been part of the process before and want to continue to do it again. She feels that the extension is timely and that the SPC be able to work individually with each municipality to determine how their needs can be met and address any concerns that the State agencies might have to ensure that the municipalities are planning appropriately for the future, protecting their coastlines, natural resources, etc.

Commissioner Swords commented that, on behalf of DOT, they are very happy to be part of the partnership. He also, specifically acknowledged members of his staff Jim Lewis and Susan Weber who have for over 25 years worked tirelessly in support of the State Plan and their knowledge and dedication is critical to the SPC's work.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments from the Commission or the public, Chair McKenna asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Fiordaliso and seconded by Commissioner McCabe. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie Willoughby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

Melanie Willoughby, Acting Secretary
State Planning Commission

Dated: January 24, 2019

NEW JERSEY STATE PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE: JANUARY 16, 2019

TIME: 9:30 AM

LOCATION: STATE HOUSE ANNEX, COMMITTEE RM 10, 3RD FLR

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