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RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZATION OF PLAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND OFFICE OF PLANNING ADVOCACY STAFF TO UNDERTAKE ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF STATE PLANNING COMMISSION DURING THE NEGOTIATION PHASE FOR CROSS-ACCEPTANCE

WHEREAS, the State Planning Commission, in revising the State Development and Redevelopment Plan, is required, pursuant to the State Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-202, to undertake a cross-acceptance process with the State's counties and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, in order to carry out this statutory responsibility, the State Planning Commission has, pursuant to its rulemaking authority under the State Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-203, promulgated regulations set forth at N.J.A.C. 15:30 which govern the manner in which the cross-acceptance process shall be conducted; and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Commission may authorize an appropriate committee to undertake certain activities on its behalf during the negotiation phase of the cross-acceptance process pursuant to N.J.A.C. 15:30-4.2(a); and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Commission has previously established a Plan Development Committee which has been authorized to review various matters relating to the preparation of the State Development and Redevelopment Plan and to prepare recommendations for the Commission's consideration and action in this regard; and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Commission has concluded that the Plan Development Committee and Office of Planning Advocacy Staff members should be authorized to meet on the Commission's behalf with regional, county, and municipal representatives during the negotiation phase of cross-acceptance, and to discuss agreements and negotiate unresolved issues with such regional, county, and municipal representatives as provided in N.J.A.C. 15:30-4.5; and

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WHEREAS, the State Planning Commission has accordingly determined to authorize the Plan Development Committee and Office of Planning Advocacy Staff members to undertake such activities on behalf of the Commission subject to the condition that any and all actions taken by the Committee and Office of Planning Advocacy Staff members pursuant to such authorization shall be subject to review, consideration, and approval by the State Planning Commission as a whole; and

WHEREAS, in authorizing the Plan Development Committee and Office of Planning Advocacy Staff members to undertake such activities, the State Planning Commission further directs that the Plan Development Committee be governed by the same legislative standards as govern the activities of the State Planning Commission as a whole in preparing and revising the State Development and Redevelopment Plan pursuant to the State Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-199, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-200, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-202, and N.J.S.A. 52:18A-202.1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Planning Commission hereby authorizes members of its Plan Development Committee and the staff of the Office of Planning Advocacy to meet with regional, county, and municipal representatives during the negotiation phase of the cross-acceptance process and to negotiate with such regional, county, and municipal representatives on the Commission's behalf regarding the resolution of issues which are identified during the comparison phase of cross-acceptance and in regional, county, and municipal responses, to the extent that resolution of such issues can be achieved, as provided in N.J.A.C. 15:30-4.5; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at least one of the members of the Plan Development Committee attending each meeting must be a representative of county or municipal government or a public member of the State Planning Commission appointed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:18A-197(c) or (d) respectively; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any and all actions taken by the Plan Development Committee and the Office of Planning Advocacy Staff on behalf of the Commission pursuant to this resolution shall be subject to review, consideration, and approval by the State Planning Commission as a whole; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in carrying out these activities on behalf of the State Planning Commission pursuant to this resolution, the Plan Development Committee and Office of Planning Advocacy Staff members shall be governed by the same legislative standards as govern the activities of the State Planning Commission as a whole in preparing and revising the State Development and Redevelopment Plan pursuant to the State Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-199, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-200, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-202, and N.J.S.A. 52:18A-202.1.

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the State Planning Commission at its meeting on June 4, 2025

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Walter C. Lane, Acting Secretary State Planning Commission Date: June 4, 2025