

**Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment,
Arts and Agriculture Committee
Special Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: April 8, 2022 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 84843292055,
By phone Dialing (646) 558-8656
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Brian Cahill
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Fawn Tantillo
PRESENT: Legislators Herbert Litts, III, Thomas Corcoran, Peter Criswell, Joseph Maloney,
and Megan Sperry, Chair Tracey Bartels
ABSENT: Chris Hewitt
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Michael Ham, Rick Jones, James Michael, IDA Board Candidates

Chair Cahill called the meeting to order at 5:09 and asked Legislator Litts to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Cahill told the committee that an additional application for the IDA Board was received this week and opened a discussion about accepting additional applications after the deadline. Chair Bartels noted that other applications had also been received via Acella after the deadline.

Motion No. 1: Moved to go into Executive Session to conduct interviews for IDA Board allowing all legislators, committee clerk Tantillo and IDA Board candidates one at a time into Executive Session for scheduled interviews.

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Maloney, Sperry and Bartels
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 8
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Motion APPROVED

Committee entered Executive Session at approximately 4:14 and interviewed

- Michael Ham
- Rick Jones
- James Michael

Motion No. 2: Moved to exit Executive Session at approximately 6:39 PM

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Maloney, Sperry and Bartels

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 8

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Motion APPROVED

Chairman Cahill asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 6:41 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Fawn Tantillo

Minutes Approved: May 3, 2022

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Chair Brian Cahill

Okay, so let's call this meeting to order. And again, I have neglected to put the agenda in front of my face. Let me just do that real quick here.

Legislator Joseph Maloney

Do we still have that rule that you have to have somebody from a union?

Chair Brian Cahill

I think that I don't think it says union. I think it says "labor".

Legislator Joseph Maloney

Tracey, Tracey says yes. So I think...

Chair Tracey Bartels

It says "labor".

Legislator Joseph Maloney

... these are only, he is our only union option. So he's basically in but yeah, I think I think that

Chair Brian Cahill

I think the fellow that emailed us today is actually also works for the Union.

Legislator Brian Cahill

All right, I don't know. Might be a deciding factor letting him in. So at least there's a choice, but

Legislator Herbert Litts, III

Well, the current chairman is also in the union.

Legislator Joseph Maloney

He's pulled back his application, I believe.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Yeah, he's not resigned. He's not resigning. He is retiring. Mr. Malcolm is retiring. Alright, so here's the agenda for today. Okay, so let's call the meeting to order we'll have a pledge of flag and then we'll pick up okay.

Legislator Herbert Litts, III

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States. And to the republic for which it stands. One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Chair Brian Cahill

Thank you.

Legislator Brian Cahill

So, you know, before we go into Executive Session, on that late application, so, let's let me reach out to our counsel and get a ruling from him. Whether it's neutral, whether it's negative or positive, and then, you know, depending on what he says, I guess we can discuss this again, or if you just want to make a determination now and then say yes or no. And if the council says no, then we say we cancel that, but we won't let him know let the applicant know yet.

Fawn Tantillo

Mr. Ham is in the waiting room.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Okay, great. What you guys think? Do we do we let him in? Or let him in or not? And, and then pending counsels' opinion. We go forward with him. What do you think? We got one? Yes. Well, yeah. Okay, so, so, we'll pending counsels' opinion. We will. Go ahead, Tracy, we have comment? Well,

Chair Bartels

I just want to say I, again, I just looked back at the chairs, email. And I feel pretty confident if you let them in, you're going to be letting in several other people. Like it's it's there's definitely other people who sent questions, you know, sent there are people just so you know, there are people who send applications. And they'll say, like, I'm interested in, they'll put in three or four boards, you know, but there's also they're also definite ones that came in for Ida, I believe. Yeah. So so I feel like if you do open it up, it may be for more than one. I don't mean that to to to color the decision. I'm just saying it.

Chair Brian Cahill

Tom and then Herb.

Legislator Thomas Corcoran

Yeah, I'll be a no, I had, you know, deadlines a deadline. And again, I like Tracy said, I'm not one for opening the door for you let him in. You're gonna let me in. So I'll be a no and Herb.

Legislator Herbert Litts, III

Well, I I raised my hand before, to comment not not to vote.

Chair Brian Cahill

Right. Right. All right.

Legislator Herbert Litts, III

So my comment is, in my personal opinion, if you sit on the planning board for Ulster County, you sit on the IDA, I think that's a conflict. And in my mind, that is a conflict. And I will be voting no.

Chair Brian Cahill

Yeah. So ,anybody else have any comments before I weigh in, on my opinion?

Legislator Joseph Maloney

I'll go ahead. You know, I have concerns about attendance, as well with a couple of people. And maybe this is a sign of some attendance issues, if the people that aren't on top of it anyways, especially with the planning board thing. I'll go ahead and change to it. No, and just move on. We got a lot of applicants.

Chair Brian Cahill

Tracy, go ahead.

Chair Tracey Bartels

Yeah, I mean, since it sends it looks like it's heading No, I would just maybe offer this suggestion that we get through the interview process. And when we discussed where we're at, if we feel like we need to open it back up for any reason, whether the previous stated reason or others than we open it back up at that point.

Legislator Brian Cahill

I think that's a good, good idea. You know, if we if we feel like we don't have or we can't come to terms with the candidates that we have, after your interview process, we may end up doing that that's probably a good way to approach it at this point.

Legislator Peter Criswell

I agree with that as well.

Legislator Joseph Maloney

Are we sure they go through the county planning board and not the local planning board? I always thought was the local planning board, not the county planning board ?

Chair Brian Cahill

They go through both.

Legislator Joseph Maloney

Are you sure? Can we get clarity on that? I never knew.

Fawn Tantillo

They go through both.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Yeah. Yeah. The problem. The differences is that the county Planning Board is doesn't have a binding opinion. It's it's an advisory opinion on everything. The Town Planning Board is the one that counts. I think Tom could probably answer that best.

Legislator Thomas Corcoran

I wouldn't be correct.

Chair Brian Cahill

All right. So let's get going here. We have three interviews today. And I at this go ahead Herb.

Legislator Herbert Litts, III

I'll make a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of interview.

Legislator Thomas Corcoran

Second,

Chair Brian Cahill

All those in favor?. Oh, we're going to be inviting in Fawn Tantillo. And Tracy as chair of the legislature will also be there. All those in favor?

Committee Members

Aye.

Executive Session

Chair Brian Cahill

Thank you all right. You can make your motion Mr. Corcoran,

Legislator Thomas Corcoran

I move to come by of Executive Session.

Legislator Herbert Litts, III

I'll second.

Chair Brian Cahill

Okay. All those in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chair Brian Cahill

Opposed? And let's wait for Mr. Michael to leave the meeting. Fawn please. Oh, I'm sorry. Hang on. Okay. I mean, he can stay now we're out of executive session. How much care so. So tomorrow is a busy day, folks, I think Fawn sent out the calendar. We did a good job today. I appreciate it. Because, again, you know, another day of good questions being asked by people who are, you know, obviously, we had a couple of folks who have gave us some very important answers that we needed to hear today. So, again, thank you very much, and we'll see all bright and early tomorrow morning. Okay. Thank you. Do we have a motion to adjourn?

Legislator Herbert Litts, III

I'll make a motion to adjourn.

Legislator Thomas Corcoran

Second.

Chair Brian Cahill

Okay. All those in favor? Good night and thank you.