Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: May 14, 2020 – 5:00 PM

LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by Dialing (646) 558-8656,

Meeting ID: 979 9711 2442

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Brian Cahill

LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Victoria Fabella, Jay Mahler, Fawn Tantillo

PRESENT: Legislators Lynn Archer, Thomas Corcoran, James Delaune

Legislator Herbert Litts, III (intermittently), Mary Beth Maio, Abe

Uchitelle and Legislative Chairman David Donaldson

ABSENT: None QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Tracey Bartels and Jonathan Heppner.

Chairman Cahill called the meeting to order at approximately 5:08.

Motion No. 1: To enter executive session for the purpose of discussing candidates for the Ulster

County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors

Motion By: Legislator Archer Motion Seconded by: Chairman Donaldson

Discussion: see transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Corcoran, Delaune, Maio, Uchitelle and Donaldson

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Committee entered executive session

Resolution for the May 19, 2020 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 177 - Appointing And Reappointing Members To The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors

Resolution Summary: This resolution will appoint and/or re-appoint members of the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors for a term from the present to December 31, 2021.

Motion No. 2: Motion to Amend Resolution No. 177

Motion By: Chairman Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion: To replace the "TBD" with the names

Faye Storms,
Rick Jones,
Mike Ham,
Orlando Reece,
Diane Enyon,
James Malcolm and
Daniel Sayona

See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Corcoran, Delaune, Maio, Uchitelle and Donaldson

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Amended

Motion No. 3: To approve Resolution No. 177 as amended.

Motion By: Chairman Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Corcoran, Delaune, Maio, Uchitelle and Donaldson

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution approved as amended.

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

Motion to Adjourn

Motion Made By: Legislator Archer Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

No. of Votes in Favor: 7 No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 6: 15 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Fawn Tantillo & Laurie Lichtenstein (transcript)

Minutes Approved: June 2, 2020

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Part 1

Chairman Cahill 00:00

ABSENT:

Special meeting of the Economic Development Committee. I think at this point, we should go back into Executive Session. Is that fair? Or do you think we can just do the discussion without going executive session?

Legislator Archer 00:15

I'll make a motion to go into Executive Session.

Chairman Donaldson 00:18

Yeah, I'd second that motion.

Chairman Cahill 00:21

Okay. And we're going to be going into Executive Session for the purposes of selecting candidates for the IDA Board. And we'll be reviewing resumes and exchanging opinions about the candidates, which will require us to be in Executive Session.

Legislator Archer 00:35

But for discussion purposes only.

Chairman Cahill 00:39

For discussion. Yeah, any voting will take place in open meeting. Right. Correct.

Legislator Archer 00:42

Great. Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson 00:44

I thought Ken Ronk was going to be at this meeting.

Chairman Cahill 00:50

Yes, he did say... he did insinuate he was going to be here, but he's not here.

Yes, Tracey. Yes.

Legislator Bartels 01:01

I just want to make sure that you're allowing other Legislators to attend the Executive Session. You're supposed to say that before you go into Executive Session.

Chairman Cahill 01:10

Oh, yeah. Well, we did we did during the original interview process, and we will today as well, of course, yes.

Yeah.

Legislator Bartels 01:16

Okay, Thank you.

Chairman Cahill 01:19

All right, Jay, I would ask you to stop recording at this point in time.

Part 2

Chairman Cahill 00:01

Okay, so we're out of Executive Session now.

So, the Committee has agreed on a slate of seven candidates to place on the Resolution 177 to be our new IDA Board. And we're going to have those names filled in by the Clerk and present them to each of our caucuses, and take it from there.

Chairman Donaldson 00:21

Could you read off the people that got ranked by, throughout the two processes, Fawn, so we can make it a... agree to a Resolution?

Legislator Archer 00:35

Let's put it in alphabetical order.

Chairman Cahill 00:38

Yes, that's a good idea. Good luck.

Fawn Tantillo 00:43

Boy, I'm not sure.

Chairman Cahill 00:46

So you know what, I don't think we necessarily...

Chairman Donaldson 00:48

You don't have them in alphabetical order right now.

Legislator Uchitelle 00:51

How about height. We'll do height.

(laughter)

Chairman Cahill 00:54

You could just read the seven names. It doesn't matter what order they are in.

Fawn Tantillo 00:58

Faye Storms, Rick Jones, Mike Ham, Orlando Reece, Diane Enyon, James Malcolm, and Dan Savona.

Chairman Cahill 01:07

Okay.

Chairman Donaldson 01:09

I make a motion to accept those for resolution, and fill it in for Resolution No. 177. Is it 177?

Committee members 01:17

Yes. Yeah. Yes.

Chairman Cahill 01:19

Second.

Legislator Archer 01:20

I'll second.

Chairman Cahill 01:22

Thank you. All in favor?

Committee members 01:24

Aye. Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Cahill 01:25

Mary Beth disappeared. Hold on a second.

Legislator Uchitelle 01:28

She had a hard stop at six. I think I can see her lovely furniture.

Fawn Tantillo 01:34

And then you need to move to accept that amendment. You just amended Resolution 177, right?

Chairman Cahill 01:40

Yes. Do we have to wait for Mary Beth? I mean, I just want to make sure she's in agreement.

Chairman Donaldson 01:49

She did agree earlier. So, Fawn can call her. If you... due to the circumstances, and Zooming, and all that, I think it's an acceptable that she could call her to make sure that was okay with her, the vote... and she was.

Chairman Cahill 02:03

Yeah, and they I know the Republicans have caucus in one and a half minutes. So.

Legislator Archer 02:08

That's probably where she went. Oh, there she is.

Chairman Cahill 02:10

Oh, there she is. One second.

Legislator Archer 02:13

One minute. She's on the phone.

Chairman Cahill 02:15

Yeah. Okay.

Fawn Tantillo 02:16

Caucus is at 6:30.

Legislator Corcoran 02:17

6:30. They moved it. Yeah. We've got time.

Chairman Cahill 02:20

Okay, let's take our time.

Legislator Corcoran 02:23

Here. Sorry. 6:05.

Chairman Donaldson 02:26

Mary Beth?

Chairman Cahill 02:29

So did you hear? Did you hear what we proposed, Mary Beth?

Legislator Maio 02:32

You're going to do it in alphabetical order. And you're going to vote.

Chairman Cahill 02:35

Actually, we just listed the seven candidates that the committee agreed on, and they will be placed on the resolution, and then we'll present it to our caucuses, you know, each, you know, each member. And will hopefully, come out of it with an agreement.

I just think that it's important that when we do go to our caucuses, that we go as, as Lynn said, united. And in an agreement that, you know, this is the slate of candidates that we labored over. And we did, there was a lot of compromise there was back and forth. And we agreed that this is the slate that we would hope to go forward right. To avoid, you know, somebody trying to say, well, I want this last guy on and not this one, right? Because I can foresee that coming. So I just hope that we advocate for our committee work, is really what I'm trying to say here, right.

Legislator Archer 03:26

Yeah. And thank you. Well, you've been patient through a process that you've never been through. And I think you handled it admirably. And thank you for allowing input from all of us. So, good job, Brian.

Chairman Cahill 03:38

Thank you. Anybody. All right. Anybody have anything? Tracey, do you have any closing comments?

Fawn Tantillo 03:43

You still have to move. You amended the resolution. Now you have to, just vote on it, real quick.

Legislator Archer 03:48

Oh, okay.

Chairman Cahill 03:49

All in favor?

Chairman Donaldson 03:50

I move the resolution.

Legislator Archer 03:52

I'll second it.

Chairman Cahill 03:54

All in favor?

Committee members 03:55

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Cahill 03:57

All opposed. Unanimous. Beautiful.

Chairman Cahill 04:01

Tracey.

Legislator Bartels 04:06

Great, job I think this is a diverse board. And I'm glad that you were able to make compromises to get to something you could all agree with.

Chairman Cahill 04:15

Right? Thank you.

And so again. So, Mary Beth and Tom, please just get with Herb, if you get an opportunity. I talked to him for a long, long time last night. And I think he's going to be in agreement with what we did here, quite honestly. But I just want to make sure.

Legislator Maio 04:28

He'll be fine.

Legislator Corcoran 04:29

He'll be fine. I have his list. So he's, he's pretty good.

Chairman Cahill 04:32

Yeah, I know. Yeah. Right. Okay.

Legislator Archer 04:35

All right.

Chairman Cahill 04:36

Thank you.

Legislator Archer 04:37

All right, guys.

Motion to adjourn.

Legislator Uchitelle 04:41

Second.

Chairman Cahill 04:42

All in favor?

Committee members 04:43

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Cahill 04:44

Adios.

Legislator Corcoran 04:45

All right.

Legislator Uchitelle 04:46

Thank you so much.