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**New Jersey State Planning Commission
Minutes of the Meeting Held on January 20, 2016
State House Annex
Committee Room 1
125 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McKenna called the January 20, 2016 meeting of the New Jersey State Planning Commission (SPC) to order at 9:38 a.m.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Deputy Attorney General Valentina DiPippo 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

John Eskilson, Public Member
Roberta Lang, Designee for Douglas Fisher, Secretary, Department of Agriculture
Dennis Robinson, Designee for Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno, Department of State
Jim Lewis, Designee for Richard Hammer, Acting Commissioner, Department of Transportation
Shing-Fu Hsueh, Mayor, West Windsor, Public Member
Dan Kennedy, Designee for Bob Martin, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection
Ray Martinez, Chief Administrator, Motor Vehicle Commission
Thomas Michnewicz, Public Member (via phone)
Don Palombi, Designee for Charles Richman, Commissioner, Department of Community Affairs
Charles McKenna, Chief Executive Officer, Schools Development Authority
Edward McKenna, Chairman, Public Member (via phone)

Members Not Present

None

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 December 2, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Lang made the motion and it was seconded by Vice-Chair Eskilson. With no further discussion, Chair McKenna, asked for a roll call vote. Ayes: (11) John Eskilson, Roberta Lang, Dennis Robinson, Jim Lewis, Shing-Fu Hsueh, Dan Kennedy, Ray Martinez, Charles McKenna, Tom Michnewicz, Don Palombi, Ed McKenna. Nays: (0). Abstains: (0). The December 2, 2015 minutes were approved.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair McKenna wished everyone a happy New Year. Secondly, he encouraged OPA staff to stay the course noting that OPA did great work last year, specifically, in the area of map amendments and working on the plan endorsement issues coming up. He acknowledged that everyone in the office was doing great work and hoped there might be a serious discussion about the State Plan this year.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Scharfenberger thanked Chair McKenna for his kind words and noted that he would defer his full report until the next meeting noting that due to the holidays little had changed from his December report. Director Scharfenberger announced that Alan Miller from OPA staff would be leaving the office to take a position with DEP which is an enormous loss for OPA and a gain for DEP. He acknowledged the tremendous amount of work that Mr. Miller has done over the years. He noted that at least Mr. Miller would still be in the family somewhat just moving .7 miles down the road.

Chair McKenna extended deepest thanks on behalf of the entire commission, stating that Mr. Miller has done incredible work over the years and everyone has tremendous respect for him. Chair McKenna noted that he would be missed very badly within the office, god speed and good luck to him as far as the future is concerned.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Vice-Chair

Chair McKenna made a motion to nominate John Eskilson as Vice-Chair; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hsueh. Vice Chair Eskilson accepted the nomination. With no further discussion, Chair McKenna, asked for a roll call vote. Ayes: (11) John Eskilson, Roberta Lang, Dennis Robinson, Jim Lewis, Shing-Fu Hsueh, Dan Kennedy, Ray Martinez, Charles McKenna, Tom Michnewicz, Don Palombi, Ed McKenna. Nays: (0). Abstains: (0). The motion for Vice-Chair was approved.

Chair McKenna thanked Vice-Chair Eskilson for everything that he has done and all that he will do in the future.

State Planning Commission Subcommittee Reorganization

Chair McKenna asked the current subcommittee members if there was anyone who wanted to step down. He acknowledged that the current composition was very strong. Director Scharfenberger indicated that he was not aware of any requests for changes to the membership however, now would be the time to make changes.

Chair McKenna moved to maintain the current membership for both the Plan Implementation Committee (PIC) and the Plan Development Committee (PDC), the motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Eskilson. With no further discussion, Chair McKenna, asked for a roll call vote. Ayes: (11) John Eskilson, Roberta Lang, Dennis Robinson, Jim Lewis, Shing-Fu Hsueh, Dan Kennedy, Ray Martinez, Charles McKenna, Tom Michnewicz, Don Palombi, Ed McKenna. Nays: (0). Abstains: (0). The motion to approve the subcommittee membership was approved.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS continued

Chair McKenna offered his apologies for not personally being in attendance at the last two meetings. He noted that he does plan attending future meetings in person and that it was highly unusual that scheduling issues occur.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

There were no Commissioner Reports.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments from the SPC or the public, Chair McKenna asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Vice-Chair Eskilson and seconded by Commissioner Lang. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gerry Scharfenberger, Ph.D.
Secretary, State Planning Commission

Dated: February 2, 2016

NEW JERSEY STATE PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE: JANUARY 20, 2016

TIME: 9:30 AM

LOCATION: STATE HOUSE ANNEX, COMMITTEE ROOM 1

NAME	AFFILIATION
Susan Weber	NJDOT