

**NEW JERSEY URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2012**  
**EDA BOARDROOM, 2:00 P.M.**  
**36 WEST STATE STREET**  
**TRENTON, NEW JERSEY**  
**MINUTES**

**Notice of Public Meeting:** Read by Executive Director Peter Lijoi: In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, at least 48 hours notice of this meeting was sent by way of the Secretary of State to the following newspapers: The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Trentonian, The Courier Post, The Atlantic City Press, The Asbury Park Press, and the Bergen Record.

**Roll Call:** Maureen Hassett, Chair, Ana Montero, DCA Designee, Tiffany Smith, DOL Designee, Denise Lambert-Harding, Treasury Designee, Lewis Hurd, Eric Jaso, Public Member, and Patricia Roach, DAG.

Note: Lewis Hurd, Eric Jaso and Ana Montero participated via teleconference

Regina Egea and Nicole Crifo from the Governor's Authorities Unit, were present at the meeting.

**Approval of August 10, 2011 minutes:** First motion by Denise Lambert-Harding, and Second Maureen Hassett. Ayes: Denise Lambert-Harding. Abstentions: Maureen Hassett, Eric Jaso, Lewis Hurd, Ana Montero, and Tiffany Smith. Motion Carried  
**AYES: 1    NAYES: 0    ABSTENTIONS: 5**

**New Business:**

**PROJECT:** 2010 and 2011 UEZ Mercadien Audit

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** Eric Jaso    **SECOND:** D. Lambert-Harding

**AYES:** 6

**AUTHORITY DISCUSSION:** Peter Lijoi explained that Chuck Richman was the Chairman of the Audit Committee and he asked Peter to advise the Board that the Audits were found to be clean and without any adverse findings. Both the Audit Committee and the Auditors met to discuss the 2010 and 2011 Audit financial statements and found them to be satisfactory. As required, a private meeting with the auditors and Committee was held without staff with no recommendations being made. Once the minutes pass the Governor's Veto Period, the Audits will be posted on the UEZ Website.

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**PROJECT:** Revised 2012 UEZ Authority Meeting Calendar

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** Maureen Hassett **SECOND:** D. Lambert-Harding **AYES:** 6

**AUTHORITY DISCUSSION:** Let the minutes reflect the year was corrected on the previously circulated calendar to October 10, 2012 from October 10, 2011. The calendar has been posted with the Secretary of State's Office and the News Papers to reflect corrected date.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**OTHER**

P. Lijoi gave an update from minutes of the August 10, 2011 meeting regarding the Jersey City's Zone Development Plan stating that staff has reviewed the plan and forwarded comments to Jersey City requesting a response. Once they have been addressed, staff will report back at our next meeting.

M. Hassett wanted to thank Peter for his On-Line UEZ Presentation he and staff presented to EDA and others at EDA a few weeks earlier. She said the results were very visible and she was thankful that DCA/UEZ was the guinea pigs for the Business Portal.

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Roberta Farber, Jersey City Coordinator, asked when the next Authority meeting would be held and if it would be before June 30<sup>th</sup> as she fears there will be no funding for UEZ staff for next fiscal year. P. Lijoi said the next scheduled meeting of the Authority is July 11, 2012. R. Farber asked if there was any word on Senator Van Drews Bill. P. Lijoi replied he didn't have anything new to report and he was following it. R. Farber asked if former Commissioner Grifa's letter still the only thing that still stands at the moment to instruct UEZ's how UEZ monies should be spent. P. Lijoi

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replied “yes” and if you have any comments you can send them to him. Also, Local Government Services (LGS) has oversight over the municipalities and the UEZ transition aid towns should be doing the following; (1) report to LGS projects they are committed to fund, and (2) how they are going to spend their money. R. Farber asked what the status of Record’s Retention issue was. P. Lijoi explained that a meeting was in the process of being set up with the Division of Archives and Record’s Management to discuss the current UEZ Record Schedule formed in 2005 (which requires 20 yrs. on site and 7 yrs. in warehouse) under the Commerce Commission which exceeds the requirements of DCA policies.

Chris Mobley, Orange Coordinator, asked if Treasury still kept track of how much money is being collected from the municipalities and going into the State Treasury. P. Lijoi replied yes.

Anthony Palazzo, West New York Coordinator, addressed the Board regarding the November 1, 2011 letter that was sent out to the Mayors of the municipalities advising them about the unspent monies being released to the zones. He felt the letter was vague and hard for most to understand. P. Lijoi replied that Tom Neff, Director of Local Government Services was available for advice.

Lou Ferrara, Wildwoods Coordinator addressed the Board to state that he was opposed to the bulk of the UEZ funds being spent on municipal projects and referenced the fact that there are no guidelines regarding the use of the monies released to the UEZ’s for municipal services given the language in the UEZ Act that curtails the annual (based upon receipt) expenditure of UEZ funds for this purpose. Mr. Ferrara was thanked for his comment.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm  
**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Lewis Hurd **SECOND:** Eric Jaso **AYES:** 6

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I, Lisa Migliaccio certify that the above are true and correct minutes taken at the April 11, 2012 Urban Enterprise Zone Authority Meeting