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NEW JERSEY URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY

Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2023
2:00 P.M.

Microsoft Teams or call in (audio only)
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Phone Conference ID: 578 877 439#

MINUTES

Notice of Public Meeting: Read by Chairwoman Kimberly Holmes: In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, notice of this meeting has been sent to the Bergen Record and the Trenton Times at least 48 hours prior to this meeting and a meeting notice has been posted on the Secretary of State's bulletin board at the Department of State.

The following recusal process will be followed at all UEZ Board meetings:

To the extent feasible, meeting materials involving a matter from which a Board member must recuse himself or herself will not be distributed to the Board member

At the subject Board meeting, the Board member must place his or her recusal and the reason therefore on the record prior to any discussion of the matter and shall not participate in any discussion or comment leading up to the vote nor shall the member participate in the vote. The recusal shall be noted in the minutes of the Board meeting.

In the event the matter in question shall be discussed at any non-public portion or executory session of the meeting, the Board member shall leave the meeting room and not return until the meeting has returned to public session.

Roll Call

Kimberly Holmes, Department of Community Affairs Chair Designee

Julie Diaz, The Department of Labor & Workforce Development Designee

Aaron Binder, The Department of the Treasury Designee

Darryl Godfrey, New Jersey Redevelopment Authority Designee

Jennell Johnson, New Jersey Economic Development Authority

William Gruccio, Public-at-Large

Carmen Mendiola, Public-at-Large

Approval of March 8, 2023, UEZ Authority meeting minutes:

Motions:

Approve: Daryl Godfrey

Second: William Guccio

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (6/0/0/0).

NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Director's Report.

We are currently preparing an application guide for Zone Assistance Funding (ZAF) which will outline regulations and provide conditions for approval. The goal is to have this document ready for distribution by the end of the month. Once it's prepared and it's gone through the necessary checks, we will hold a Microsoft Teams Training session with all the Program Coordinators to ask questions and to give them information about the process.

We have had several Program Coordinators come on board in March and April, so we are scheduling an in-person class in May 2023 to introduce and assist the Program Coordinators in learning UEZ Regulations and Sage Training which is necessary for funding applications.

The Executive Director has been working with Human Resources fulfilling vacancies within the Department. Our goal is to have these individuals on board by the middle of next month. Currently we are scheduling meetings with UEZ Municipal staff to meet the new Executive Director and conduct Q & A sessions.

With the UEZ disbursements for the projects which started May 2022, we are starting the audit process and as each of the projects are completed, we will be in position to do so.

2. Request to approve Bayonne UEZ Façade & Signage Program - \$140,000.

Motions:

Approve: Darryl Godfrey

Second: William Guccio

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (5/0/0/0).

Bayonne's UEZ Coordinator Jacqueline Farber was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

3. Request to approve Gloucester City's Welcome to Gloucester City UEZ Project - \$129,973

Motions:

Approve: Jenell Johnson

Second: William Gruccio

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (6/0/0/0).

Gloucester City UEZ Coordinator Lori Ryan was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

4. Request to approve New Brunswick UEZ Business Training - \$100,000

Motions:

Approve: William Gruccio

Second: Julie Diaz

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (6/0/0/0).

New Brunswick UEZ Representative Dan Dominguez was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

6. Request to approve North Wildwood Urban Enterprise Zone North Wildwood FY23 – Boardwalk - \$342,434

Motions:

Approve: Darryl Godfrey

Second: Aaron Binder

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 1 – William Gruccio

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (6/0/0/0).

North Wildwood's UEZ Coordinator Steve Booy was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

7. Request to approve Paterson's Commercial Corridor Quality of Life Off Duty Police Safety - \$1,697,200

Motions:

Approve: Aaron Binder

Second: Julie Diaz

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (7/0/0/0).

Paterson's Director of Economic Development Mike Powell was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board on the two proposed projects.

8. Request to approve Paterson UEZ Solar Powered Trash Receptacles Project - \$700,000

Motions:

Approve: Jenell Johnson

Second: Carmen Mendiola

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (7/0/0/0).

Paterson's Director of Economic Development Mike Powell was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board on the two proposed projects.

9. Request to approve Paterson's UEZ Admin Budget FY23: 03-01-23 to 06-30-23 - \$88,441

Motions:

Approve: Darryl Godfrey

Second: William Gruccio

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (7/0/0/0).

Paterson's Director of Economic Development Mike Powell was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board on the two proposed projects.

**10. Request to approve Perth Amboy's UEZ Admin Budget FY23: 07-01-22 to 06-30-23
\$180,331**

Motions:

Approve: Julie Diaz

Second: Aaron Binder

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (7/0/0/0).

Perth Amboy's UEZ Coordinator Noelia Colon was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board on the two proposed projects.

11. Request to approve Roselle UEZ Admin Budget FY23: 04-12-23 to 06-30-23 - \$10,175

Motions:

Approve: Jenell Johnson

Second: Darryl Godfrey

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (7/0/0/0).

Roselle's UEZ Coordinator Shanel Robinson was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

**12. Request to approve Wildwood UEZ Boardwalk Security Camera Replacement Project
\$116,908**

Motions:

Approve: Carmen Mendiola

Second: Darryl Godfrey

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 1 – William Gruccio

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (6/0/0/0).

Wildwood's UEZ Coordinator Steve Booy was present during the meeting to address any questions and concerns raised by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Other

None

Open to the public

None

Adjournment: 2:35 p.m.

Motions:

Adjourn: Darryl Godfrey

Second: Carmen Mendiola

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (7/0/0/0).

James Slaughter

I, James Slaughter, have taken minutes at the April 12, 2023

Urban Enterprise Zone Authority Meeting