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**New Jersey State Planning Commission
Plan Implementation Committee
Minutes of the Meeting Held on July 21, 2021
Zoom Video Conference**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Robinson called the July 21, 2021 meeting of the New Jersey Plan Implementation Committee (PIC) order at 9:34 a.m.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

It was announced that notice of the date, time and place of the meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

County Commissioner Director Shanel Robinson, Chair, County Member
Danielle Esser, Director of Governance, NJ Economic Development Authority
Nick Angarone, Designee for Shawn LaTourette, Department of Environmental Protection
Sean Thompson, Designee for Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver, Department of State
Susan Weber, Designee for Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, Department of Transportation

Others Present through Video conference

See Attachment A

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairwoman Robinson asked everyone to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairwoman Robinson asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2021 meeting. Danielle Esser made the motion; seconded by Susan Weber. The June 16, 2021 minutes were approved.

CHAIRWOMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairwoman Robinson welcomed everyone to the PIC meeting. She thanked everyone for their commitment and dedication to this committee.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Rendeiro commented that it is anticipated that a full, 5 day a week schedule may be in place by September. That the office do not have information regarding when the Statehouse will open for public meetings to determine when the Commission can get back to in person meetings. The office will continue to keep Commission members updated.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Proposed Rule Language

Director Rendeiro commented that the office will be waiting until the end of this month for any comments from the agency partners and that at this moment comments from BPU are on their way.

The Director commented that there is nothing controversial and that for the most part there is an update of the process and procedures including adding an opportunity to submit things electronically. The schedule will be updated to go out for public comments as part of the rule process. The Director referred the presentation to Matt Blake.

This materials can be found in the following links:

<https://nj.gov/state/planning/assets/docs/meeting-materials/pic/materials/state-planning-rules-clean-copy.pdf>

<https://nj.gov/state/planning/assets/docs/meeting-materials/pic/materials/track-changes-state-planning-rules.pdf>

Commissioner Esser asked if the SPC bylaws allow the creation of subcommittees. The Director responded that the bylaws do allow for the SPC to develop and create subcommittees but in general reference.

Commissioner Esser suggested to also update the bylaws to make sure it is consistent with the rule update. Director Rendeiro agreed to review the bylaws and commented that they have not been updated since 1988.

Director Rendeiro commented that it's important to have a state definition of "smart growth area" by the SPC to ensure consistency. Director Rendeiro also commented about how beneficial having virtual meetings could be and that it will give more flexibility and opportunity for the public to participate.

Commissioner Esser asked if there were any changes on the requirements for a prepetition meeting. Matt responded that previously there were several requirements that are not necessary for the prepetition meeting and were more properly moved to the Municipal Self-Assessment Report; those changes are presented further along in the document in the MSA requirements section.

Commissioner Esser suggested that OPA to provide a letter notifying municipalities 12 months prior to expiration of plan endorsement. Director Rendeiro agreed to look into it.

Nick Angarone asked, in terms of endorsement and re-endorsement, what is insufficient and when is too late for municipalities to be able to understand their eligibility for renewal process. Director Rendeiro agreed to add a more clear understanding of the datelines. Nick Angarone expressed his concerns about the requirement that if an individual or a private entity initiates a map amendment, the appropriate municipality is required to hold a public hearing. The Director responded with her concern that if the public hearing was to be held by the private entity, appropriate procedure may not be complied with. She recommended that the municipality hold it at the expense of the petitioner. The Office will look at whether that is legally acceptable.

Britta Forsberg, Executive Director of Save Barnegat Bay, asked for a general idea of the process of today's discussion in terms of the next step, timeline and how comments or feedback can be submitted. Director Rendeiro responded that internal comments by the state agencies are to be received by the end of the month if the office is able to incorporate the comments from today and any additional comments before the next SPC meeting, there will be a similar presentation to the SPC. Once it is presented to the SPC it will go through the normal public rule update process. It will go to the NJ Register where comments will be accepted under the normal public comment process for the rule updates. The timing will depend on when all the comments are received and presented to and approved by the Commission. The schedule for the rule update process will be updated, based on when the language is approved.

Andrew Herrera from NJ Economic Authority asked if the requirements for a climate resilience plan and environmental justice are incorporated as they are now required of a municipality that wants their master plan endorse by the SPC. Director Rendeiro responded that the climate change and climate resilience plan are required even if they are not going through plan endorsement because the municipal land use has been updated to include that as a mandatory requirement.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments from the Commission or the public, Chairwoman Robinson asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Nick Angarone and seconded by Danielle Esser. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Rendeiro, Secretary
State Planning Commission

Dated: August 18, 2021

ATTACHMENT A

**NEW JERSEY STATE PLANNING COMMISSION
PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

ATTENDEES

DATE: JULY 21, 2021

Walter Lane – Planning Director, Somerset County

Matt Baumgardner – NJDEP

Jelena Lasko - NJDOT

Meg Cavanagh - NJDEP

Dave DuMont - NJDEP

Ruth Foster - NJDEP

Frank Gaffney - NJBPU

Jason Kasler - AICP/PP - Kasler Associates, PA

Britta Forsberg - Exec. Director; Save Barnegat Bay

Karen Argenti - Board Member, Save Barnegat Bay

Tori Kemp - Ocean County

Mark Villinger - Supervising Planner; County of Ocean

Andrew Herrera - Interm; NJ Economic Authority