
Commission Meeting

of

NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON CAPITAL BUDGETING AND PLANNING

LOCATION: Conference Call

DATE: December 11, 2020
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS OF COMMISSION PRESENT:

James M. Rutala, Chair
Luke E. Wolff, Vice Chair
Senator Samuel D. Thompson
Assemblywoman Shavonda E. Sumter
Assemblyman Harold 'Hal' J. Wirths
Catherine Z. Brennan
Jo Ann Povia
Dennis Zeveloff



ALSO PRESENT:

James Langsdorf
Executive Director

Debbie DePiano
*Assembly Republican
Commission Aide*

David F. Patella
Assistant Executive Director

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Brian Onda
Budget Specialists

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Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Open Public Meeting Act Notice
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Minutes of November 20, 2020 (**Action**)
5. Fiscal 2022 Capital Requests
 - State Capitol Joint Management Commission
 - Department of Environmental Protection
 - Department of Health
 - Department of Human Services
 - Department of Transportation
 - Office of Information Technology
 - Public Broadcasting Authority
 - Interdepartmental
 - Higher Education
6. Other Business (**Action may be taken**)
7. Adjournment

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(The New Jersey Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning held a meeting on December 11, 2020, at 10 a.m. Members of the Commission present via teleconference were James M. Rutala, Senator Samuel D. Thompson, Assemblywoman Shavonda E. Sumter, Assemblyman Harold 'Hal' J. Wirths, Catherine Z. Brennan, Jo Ann Povia, Luke E. Wolff, and Dennis Zeveloff)

JAMES M. RUTALA (Chair): Okay, let's begin.

I'd like to call the meeting of December 11, 2020, of the State Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning to order.

In accordance with the Public Meetings Act, the Commission has provided adequate notice of this meeting by giving written notice of the time, date, and location. This notice of the meeting has been filed at least 48 hours in advance by mail or by fax to the Trenton *Times* and the Newark *Star-Ledger*, and filed with the Secretary of State.

We will now take roll call.

MR. LANGSDORF (Executive Director): Thank you, Chairman.

Senator Sarlo. (no response)

Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes, here.

MR. LANGSDORF: Assemblywoman Sumter.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SUMTER: Here; thank you.

MR. LANGSDORF: Thank you.

Assemblyman Wirths.

ASSEMBLYMAN WIRTHS: Here.

MR. LANGSDORF: Ms. Catherine Brennan.

MS. BRENNAN: Here.

MR. LANGSDORF: Ms. Jo Ann Povia.

MS. POVIA: Here.

MR. LANGSDORF: Mr. Dennis Zeveloff.

MR. ZEVELOFF: Here.

MR. LANGSDORF: Mr. Justin Braz. (no response)

Mr. Luke Wolff.

LUKE E. WOLFF (Vice Chair): Here.

MR. LANGSDORF: Mr. James Rutala.

MR. RUTALA: Here.

MR. LANGSDORF: Chairman, we have a quorum.

MR. RUTALA: Thank you.

I'd like to hear a motion for approval of the minutes of November 20, 2020.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SUMTER: So moved.

MR. RUTALA: Do we have any questions or comments? (no response)

MR. LANGSDORF: I'm sorry; did we get a second?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Second.

MR. LANGSDORF: Thank you very much.

If we don't have any questions--

MR. RUTALA: No comments; you can take a roll call.

MR. LANGSDORF: On the motion to approve the minutes from November 20, 2020; Senator Sarlo. (no response)

Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: Assemblywoman Sumter.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SUMTER: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: Assemblyman Wirths.

ASSEMBLYMAN WIRTHS: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: Ms. Catherine Brennan.

MS. BRENNAN: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: Ms. Jo Ann Povia.

MS. POVIA: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: Mr. Dennis Zeveloff.

MR. ZEVELOFF: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: Mr. Justin Braz. (no response)

Mr. Luke Wolff.

MR. WOLFF: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: Mr. James Rutala.

MR. RUTALA: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: The motion moves.

I'd like to just make a statement, just to be helpful.

For those of you who are representing your agencies, and for all others, please state your name before making your comments. This meeting is being transcribed, and we would like your name to accompany your statements.

Also, to assist with any potential background noise -- if you're not speaking, please mute your phones.

Thank you very much.

Chairman, you may begin.

MR. RUTALA: Thank you.

And now the Fiscal 2022 capital requests.

We'll start with the State Capital Joint Management Commission, which has made 18 requests totaling \$16,938,000 for FY 2022.

Any questions? (no response)

I have one regarding priority No. 4, which is for emergency generator replacement. Is that -- has alternative funding been explored for that, for example, through FEMA?

STEVEN R. PIETRZAK: I am the Building Manager at the State House, representing the Joint Management Commission.

That has not been requested through FEMA; that is just normal operating wear and tear on that device. If there's a need for us to look into alternative funding, I'll pursue that, sir.

MR. RUTALA: Thank you.

Any other questions? (no response)

Hearing none, we'll move on to the Department of Environmental Protection. They have a total of 129 requests, totaling \$581,014,000 in FY 2022.

The lion's share, or a large portion of the request, is for Shore protection; I think it's about \$152 million. Is that typical?

ADRIENNE KREIPKE: Our Shore protection needs have increased over time. As we did the Shore Protection project, post-Superstorm Sandy, all along the coast, the requirements for maintenance of those projects now increases, and the costs are going up.

MR. RUTALA: Okay. And these are just a small portion of the costs, right? The lion's share of these costs is paid for by the Army Corps?

MS. KREIPKE: Correct. The Army Corps typically pays for 75 percent.

MR. RUTALA: Okay, thank you.

Any other questions?

MS. BRENNAN: Adrienne, would it be possible for you to accompany these submissions -- if you haven't already -- to OMB, with which projects have Federal support or have other supporting funding sources?

MS. KREIPKE: We have details in our requests -- in our planning document submission -- a specific request for these funds. And we have detailed the projects which are in line for next year.

MS. BRENNAN: Okay.

ASSEMBLYMAN WIRTHS: Chairman, I just have one question.

Is the 75 percent required in order to get that required State matching, or is that regardless of the State funding?

MS. KREIPKE: We have to provide a non-Federal match in order to secure the Federal funding.

ASSEMBLYMAN WIRTHS: Okay, thanks.

MR. RUTALA: Any other questions? (no response)

If not, we'll move on to the Department of Health. They have 20 requests totaling \$57,678,000.

Any questions?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes, I do have one.

Their priority No. 17 -- they're going to build -- connect to Morris Township for wastewater treatment. The question is, what happens to the treatment facility that they have constructed before?

C H R I S T I A N C A S T E E L: I'm from the Department of Human Services, representing the Department of Health.

Those costs also include demolition costs for the existing wastewater treatment plant.

SENATOR THOMPSON: So they're going to knock it down.

MR. CASTEEL: That's correct.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Okay; that was my question.

Thank you.

MR. CASTEEL: You're welcome.

MR. RUTALA: Thank you.

Any other questions? (no response)

If not, next we have the Department of Human Services. They have a total of 20 requests, totaling \$79,168,000.

Any questions? (no response)

Okay, next we have the Department of Transportation. They have revised their request, to rescind their request for priority No. 2. So they have a single request for the Transportation Trust Fund for a total of \$1.5 billion to \$1.6 billion.

Any questions? (no response)

Okay; next is the Office of Information Technology. They have one request totaling a little over \$1.3 million.

Moving on, the next is the Public Broadcasting Authority. They have rescinded their request.

Next is the Interdepartmental requests for 26 projects, totaling \$217,505,000.

Any questions? (no response)

Okay; we'll go on to Higher Education.

First we have--

MR. LANGSDORF: Chairman--

MR. RUTALA: Do we have any questions?

MR. LANGSDORF: I'm sorry; excuse me, Chairman.

MR. RUTALA: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: And I didn't mean to interrupt you.

Before we get into the requests from higher education institutions, we have received a summary of the *Building Our Future* general obligation bonds.

Could the representative from the Office of Higher Education please go over the chart and provide some insight into the bond funds?

A N G E L A B E T H E A: As you can see from the chart for Fiscal Year 2014, we have spent a majority of the funding, with a remaining balance of what is reflected here of \$435.9 million.

I do want to clarify that that number should actually not include the (indiscernible); that those funds have been unencumbered, because they have dropped their litigation against the State. So we're now at about \$25 million that hasn't been spent.

For the Fiscal Year 2017 allocation, as you can see the remaining balance there is about \$4.6 million. Many of the institutions are making progress on their programs.

MR. LANGSDORF: Okay, thank you very much.

You may proceed, Chairman. I'm sorry to interrupt.

MR. RUTALA: No problem; thank you.

First is Rutgers; they have requests for 93 projects totaling a little over \$2.6 billion.

Any questions? (no response)

Next we have the New Jersey Institute of Technology. They have six requests totaling \$32,750,000.

Next we have Rowan University, 21 requests totaling \$58 million.

Any questions? (no response)

Next is New Jersey City University, 17 requests totaling a little less than \$50 million.

Next is Kean University, 16 requests, \$17,150,000.

Next is William Paterson University, 22 requests, \$28,271,000.

Next is Montclair State University, 26 requests totaling \$46,225,000

Any question? (no response)

Next is the College of New Jersey, 13 requests, \$74,663,000.

Next is Ramapo College of New Jersey, (indiscernible) requests totaling \$14,122,000 in FY 2022.

Next is Stockton University, 20 requests totaling \$34,508,000.

And University Hospital, 16 requests totaling \$9,643,000.

Are there any questions on any of this? (no response)

Okay; Mr. Langsdorf, is there any new business? (no response)

Is there any other business? (no response)

Hello?

UNIDENTIFIED MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE: We're here.

MR. LANGSDORF: I'm sorry; I've had that muted, and I apologize; my apologies. I was talking to a red light on my phone. (laughter)

My apologies, everyone.

I don't believe there's any new business that I'm aware of. But if anybody has any other additional comments or issues to discuss, please let me know.

Otherwise, I'd just like to let everyone know that the next meeting will be Friday, February 5, at 10 a.m.; and this will be confirmed.

And unless there are any other questions, comments, or other business to discuss, can someone put forward a motion to adjourn?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SUMTER: So moved.

MR. LANGSDORF: And can I get a second?

ASSEMBLYMAN WIRTHS: Second.

MR. LANGSDORF: Okay, thank you all.

Have a wonderful holiday.

ALL: Thank you.

(MEETING CONCLUDED)

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