
Commission Meeting

of

NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON CAPITAL BUDGETING AND PLANNING

LOCATION: 33 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey

DATE: February 13, 2019
11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS OF COMMISSION PRESENT:

James M. Rutala, Chair
Eugene Lepore, Vice Chair
Senator Paul A. Sarlo
Senator Samuel D. Thompson
Justin Braz
Catherine Z. Brennan
Jo-Ann Povia
Dennis Zeveloff



ALSO PRESENT:

Guy Bocage
Executive Director

Aaron Binder
*Assembly Majority
Commission Aide*

David F. Patella
Assistant Executive Director

Daniel Nason
Brian Onda
Budget Specialists

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(The New Jersey Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning held a meeting on February 13, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. Members of the Commission present via teleconference were James M. Rutala, Eugene Lepore, Senator Paul A. Sarlo, Senator Samuel D. Thompson, Justin Braz, Catherine Z. Brennan, Jo-Ann Povia, and Dennis Zeveloff)

JAMES M. RUTALA (Chair): Good morning.

I'd like to call this meeting to order.

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

We will now take roll call.

MR. BOCAGE (Commission Executive Director): Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Present.

MR. BOCAGE: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Here.

MR. BOCAGE: Assemblywoman Sumter. (no response)

Assemblyman DiMaio. (no response)

Ms. Catherine Brennan.

MS. BRENNAN: Here.

MR. BOCAGE: Ms. Jo-Ann Povia.

MS. POVIA: Here.

MR. BOCAGE: Mr. Dennis Zeveloff.

MR. ZEVELOFF: Here.

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

Mr. Eugene Lepore.

EUGENE LEPORE (Vice Chair): Here.

MR. BOCAGE: And the Chair is on.

And we have a quorum.

MR. RUTALA: Very good.

Okay, the next item is approval of minutes for December 7,
2018.

Do I hear a motion?

MS. BRENNAN: Motion.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Second.

MR. BOCAGE: We will now take a vote on the motion to
approve the minutes of December 7.

Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. BOCAGE: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: I think I was absent, so I'll pass.

MR. BOCAGE: Okay.

Assemblywoman Sumter is not here.

Ms. Catherine Brennan.

MS. BRENNAN: Yes.

MR. BOCAGE: Ms. Jo-Ann Povia.

MS. POVIA: I was not in attendance, so I will abstain.

MR. BOCAGE: Mr. Dennis Zeveloff.

MR. ZEVELOFF: Yes.

MR. BOCAGE: Mr. Eugene Lepore.

MR. LEPORE: Yes.

And the Chair.

MR. RUTALA: Yes.

Okay; the next item is Fiscal 2020 Capital recommendations.

MS. BRENNAN: Excuse me; Justin Braz has just walked in.

MR. BRAZ: Sorry for being late.

MR. BOCAGE: Okay.

We were just taking a roll call concerning the minutes.

Are you in favor?

MR. BRAZ: Oh, yes; I'm sorry.

MR. BOCAGE: Okay.

MR. RUTALA: Okay, regarding the Fiscal 2020 capital recommendations.

I will briefly go through each of the recommendations and then we'll take a vote.

For Agricultural, there was nothing recommended.

The Department of Children and Families, \$426,000 recommended.

Corrections Department, \$3.832 million.

Education, no funds are recommended.

Environmental Protection, \$64.721 million.

Health Department, no funds are recommended.

Human Services, \$4.75 million.

Law and Public Safety, \$3.859 million.

Juvenile Justice Commission, \$3.859 million.

Military and Veterans Affairs, \$1.342 million.

Transportation -- there was a note that this number may change. Is the current number the number that we were sent -- \$1.471 billion the appropriate number?

MR. PATELLA (Assistant Executive Director): Yes, so those numbers reflect the latest debt service estimate provided to us from the Office of Public Finance. Should those numbers change by the time of the GBM, we would do a reconciliation when we public the State capital Improvement Plan. But those are the latest numbers that we have.

MR. RUTALA: Great; thank you.

Public Broadcasting Authority, \$300 million (*sic*).

Interdepartmental-- I'm sorry; Public Broadcasting is \$300,000.

Interdepartmental is \$108.802 million.

New Jersey Building Authority, \$28.819 million.

And no funds are recommended for the Judiciary.

Are there any questions?

MR. PATELLA: Just one correction, Chair Rutala.

The amount recommended for the Juvenile Justice Commission is zero.

MR. RUTALA: Yes; I'm sorry.

MR. PATELLA: Okay.

MS. BRENNAN: Dave, do you just want to highlight for folks how you prioritize these?

MR. PATELLA: Yes, sure.

So what we do is we rank the projects for each State agency, given the limited funding we tend to focus on each agency's top priorities or so. the projects are ranked on a -- or based-- The ranking is based on a set of criteria that would include categories such as asset criticality, the importance of the project to the agency's mission, available funding for the agency, the agency's actual priority order, life safety risk.

So we do this for each of the agency's top priorities, and we formulate a comprehensive list that ultimately ends up as the Commission recommendation.

MS. BRENNAN: Thank you.

MR. PATELLA: You're welcome.

MR. RUTALA: Okay.

Are there any other questions or comments? (no response)

If not, we'll take a vote on the recommendations for Fiscal 2020.

Do we have a motion?

MS. BRENNAN: Motion.

MR. RUTALA: A second?

MR. LEPORE: Second.

MR. BOCAGE: On the motion to approve the Fiscal 2020 Capital recommendations -- Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. BOCAGE: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

MR. BOCAGE: Ms. Catherine Brennan.

MS. BRENNAN: Yes.

MR. BOCAGE: Ms. Jo-Ann Povia.

MS. POVIA: Yes.

MR. BOCAGE: Mr. Dennis Zeveloff.

MR. ZEVELOFF: Yes.

MR. BOCAGE: Mr. Justin Braz.

MR. BRAZ: Yes.

MR. BOCAGE: Mr. Eugene Lepore.

MR. LEPORE: Yes.

MR. BOCAGE: And the Chair.

MR. RUTALA: Yes.

MR. BOCAGE: Okay.

Chair, the motion moves.

MR. RUTALA: Thank you.

Our next meeting is scheduled for some time in March, for a presentation of the Debt Report.

I assume we'll get a copy of the report in advance?

MR. PATELLA: Yes, we will send out an embargoed copy in advance. We don't have a date determined as of yet, but we will be in communication as soon as possible.

MR. RUTALA: Okay.

Are there any other questions or comments? (no response)

If not, the meeting is adjourned.

ALL: Thank you.

(MEETING CONCLUDED)