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# *Commission Meeting*

of

## NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON CAPITAL BUDGETING AND PLANNING

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**LOCATION:** 33 West State Street  
Trenton, New Jersey

**DATE:** December 13, 2019  
10:00 a.m.

### **MEMBERS OF COMMISSION PRESENT:**

James M. Rutala, Chair  
Eugene Lepore, Vice Chair  
Kellie M. Reyes, Esq. (for Senator Paul A. Sarlo)  
Senator Samuel D. Thompson  
Assemblywoman Shavonda E. Sumter  
Assemblyman John DiMaio  
Catherine Z. Brennan  
JoAnn Povia  
Dennis Zeveloff



### **ALSO PRESENT:**

James Langsdorf  
*Executive Director*

Luke Wolff  
*Senate Majority Office  
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 December 13, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. Members of the Commission present via teleconference were James M. Rutala, Eugene Lepore, Senator Samuel D. Thompson, Assemblywoman Shavonda Sumter, Assemblyman John DiMaio, Catherine Z. Brennan, JoAnn Povia, Kellie M. Reyes, Esq., and Dennis Zeveloff.)**

JAMES M. RUTALA (Chair): I'd like to call the 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 and/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. LANGSDORF (Commission Executive Director): Thank you, Chairman.

Senator Sarlo. (no response)

Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Here.

MR. LANGSDORF: Assemblywoman Sumter. (no response)  
Assemblyman DiMaio.

ASSEMBLYMAN DiMAIO: Here.

MR. LANGSDORF: Ms. Catherine Brennan.

MS. BRENNAN: Here.

MR. LANGSDORF: Ms. JoAnn Povia.

MS. POVIA: Here.

MR. LANGSDORF: Mr. Zeveloff.

MR. ZEVELOFF: Here.

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

Mr. Lepore.

**EUGENE LEPORE (Vice Chair):** Here.

MR. LANGSDORF: Mr. Rutala.

MR. RUTALA: Here.

MR. LANGSDORF: Okay; it is again confirmed we have a quorum, Chairman.

MR. RUTALA: Okay, thank you.

The first action is approval of the minutes from November 22, 2019.

Do we have a motion?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Move it.

MR. RUTALA: Second?

MS. BRENNAN: Second.

MR. RUTALA: Thank you.

Any discussion? (no response)

If not, all in favor say "aye." (affirmative responses)

Any opposed? (no response)

Thank you.

MR. LANGSDORF: Okay, the motion moves.

I'd just like to note that, for those of you who are representing the agencies or others, please state your name before making any comments. The meeting is being transcribed, and we would like your name to accompany your statements.

Thanks a lot.

Chairman, you may begin.

MR. RUTALA: Okay.

I understand that there's going to be a response to some of the questions that were made at our last meeting, and that response to those questions will be distributed after this meeting.

Is that correct?

MR. LANGSDORF: That is correct, sir.

MR. RUTALA: Thank you.

Okay, the first capital request we have is from the Department of Environmental Protection.

Are there any comments or questions?

MR. LEPORE: I just have a quick question on the reason for the funding gap, the annual funding gap.

**A D R I E N N E K R E I P K E:** Would you clarify your question? On which particular project, or a group of projects, are you talking about?

MR. LEPORE: The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

MS. KREIPKE: The reason for the funding gap is that demand exceeds the available funds. We get about \$20 million a year in Federal resources, in a Federal capitalization grant. And our needs are -- to be about \$240 million in the next couple of years, each year.

MR. LEPORE: Thank you.

MR. RUTALA: Okay, any other questions?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SUMTER: I've joined the call.

MR. LANGSDORF: Okay, thank you.

MR. RUTALA: Good morning.

Okay; we'll move on to the Department of Health. (no response)

Okay; seeing no questions, we'll go on to the Department of Human Services.

Questions? (no response)

Okay; the Department of Transportation. (no response)

Public Broadcasting Authority.

MR. LANGSDORF: Agencies, just please be advised, also, if you have any comments or questions you may bring them up at any time.

MR. RUTALA: Interdepartmental accounts. (no response)

MR. LANGSDORF: In each case, if there are any questions, just please raise them if you have any.

MR. RUTALA: Hearing none, we'll move on to Higher Education.

First is Rutgers University; any comments or questions? (no response)

If there are none -- NJIT. (no response)

Thomas Edison State University, no submission.

Rowan University; any questions? (no response)

New Jersey City University. (no response)

Kean University; any comments or questions? (no response)

William Paterson University. (no response)

Montclair State University. (no response)

The College of New Jersey. (no response)

Ramapo College of New Jersey. (no response)

Stockton University. (no response)

And University Hospital. (no response)

I have just a general question about the colleges and universities. Normally, in your final recommendations -- and correct me if I'm wrong -- I don't believe the universities are usually (indiscernible) recommendations. Is that the case?

MR. LANGSDORF: Yes, that's correct.

MR. RUTALA: So what vehicle are these-- I know they come before us, but what vehicle are these funded by?

MR. LANGSDORF: I would ask Higher Education to weigh in on that, please, if you could.

**A N G E L A B E T H E A:** Are you talking about these general capital budget requests that came in?

MR. RUTALA: Yes.

MS. BETHEA: I'm not really certain how they would be funded. I would -- I thought they would come from the State, the funds would come from the State, based on this request. It wouldn't come from our agency.

MR. PATELLA (Commission Assistant Executive Director):  
Good morning.

Yes, Higher Education has several bond funds that are available to them, that go through the Secretary of Higher Education for approval, in terms of capital projects. So we tend not to provide general fund appropriations; it's more through those bond funds that the Higher Ed projects are funded.

MS. BETHEA: Well, then, that would be the State Bank programs; I do understand that. But as for the GO bond, that was a one-time bond, so I was incorrect in my statement in that case.

But the funds would not come out of the GO bonds, because that's a one-time thing.

MR. LANGSDORF: Okay, thank you.

MS. BETHEA: Thank you.

MR. RUTALA: Okay.

MR. LANGSDORF: I'd just like to--

MR. RUTALA: Is there any other business?

MR. LANGSDORF: I'm sorry, Chairman, if there were any questions that the Commission may come up with and haven't raised yet today -- those questions can be provided through the Chairman, and OMB and myself will follow up on those.

MR. RUTALA: Great; thank you.

Any other business? (no response)

Okay--

MR. LANGSDORF: Okay -- I'm sorry.

MR. RUTALA: May I have a motion to adjourn?

SENATOR THOMPSON: So moved.

ASSEMBLYMAN DiMAIO: Second.

MR. RUTALA: Thank you very much. Have a nice holiday season.

MR. LANGSDORF: Thank you very much; you do the same.

**(MEETING CONCLUDED)**