



Tuesday, November 29, 2016
Governance & Nominating Committee Meeting – GCEDC
Andrews Conference Room
4:30 pm

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members: J. Rizzo, C. Yunker, P. Battaglia, M. Wiater
GCEDC/GGLDC Board Members:
Staff: L. Farrell, M. Masse, E. Richardson, P. Kennett, R. Tabelski
Guests:
Absent:

1. CALL TO ORDER / ENTER PUBLIC SESSION

J. Rizzo called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Andrews Conference Room.

2. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT & ACTIVITIES

2a. Agenda Additions / Other Business – No additions to the agenda were made.

2b. Minutes: June 30, 2016 – C. Yunker suggested changing “He” in section 3g. to “J. Rizzo” feels that the Committee will end up in a stale mate. This clarifies who is making the statement.

C. Yunker made a motion to approve the June 30, 2016 Minutes with one revision as suggested; the motion was seconded by P. Battaglia. Roll call resulted as follows:

M. Wiater -	Yes
J. Rizzo -	Yes
C. Yunker -	Yes
P. Battaglia -	Yes

The item was approved as presented.

3. DISCUSSIONS / OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD

3a. GGLDC Board Member – J. Rizzo shared that the Committee is still looking for potential candidates for a GGLDC Board Member. He encouraged the members to try and come up with some potential candidates to discuss at the next meeting.

3b. Code of Ethics – J. Rizzo shared that since the Committee’s last meeting, Harris Beach reviewed the County’s code of ethics and made changes/additions necessary for it to qualify minimally as the Agency’s code. That code is still on the table for discussion. The original draft code of ethics that was brought forward to the Committee which

was Harris Beach's "model", or most stringent code, is on the table for discussion as well. J. Rizzo feels that the Committee is still unable to make a recommendation to the full Board as the Committee is divided between the two draft policies. J. Rizzo suggests bringing the draft policies to the next board meeting to discuss as a whole Board.

3c. Government Relations – R. Tabelaški shared that she was filling in for S. Hyde as he is away today at a NYSEDC meeting. S. Hyde is recommending that the Agency use its 30-day notice provision with our government relations firm, Park Strategies, to cancel their contract. Cancellation of this contract would help offset the cut by the County Legislature in the Agency's funding for 2017. It was a concern of some board members that cancelling our government relations coverage could risk loss of the \$33M earmarked for the STAMP project. R. Tabelaški does not feel as if there would be a risk of any repercussions from cancelling this contract. The Grant Disbursement Agreement has been signed for the \$33M. S. Hyde is seeking approval to terminate the contract with Park Strategies and seek government relations services only on an as needed basis.

J. Rizzo shared that in addition to the concern over the \$33M, P. Zeff had some concern over the turmoil in Albany and thinks it might be premature to terminate the government relations contract at this time. J. Rizzo's first tendency is to go along with S. Hyde's recommendation, however, he doesn't feel that the Agency would lose much if they were to wait another 30 days and allow for S. Hyde to provide the Board with further amplification of his feelings on this at the Board meeting on Thursday.

P. Battaglia wondered if S. Hyde was looking for cuts to fund something else or to recover from the County's cutbacks. He agrees that they need S. Hyde to share his feelings about this in order to get a better sense of what is being asked of the Board.

J. Rizzo asked to discuss this more in depth with S. Hyde at the Board Meeting Thursday.

4. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, C. Yunker made a motion to adjourn at 4:50 p.m., seconded by M. Wiater, and passed unanimously.