

**Tompkins County Legislature**  
Regular Meeting Notes – FINAL  
**Tuesday, January 16, 2018 5:30 PM**  
Legislature Chambers

**Call to Order**

Ms. Robertson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Members and guests participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Roll Call of Members**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Shawna Black	Member	Present
Amanda Champion	Member	Present
Deborah Dawson	Member	Present
Henry Granison	Member	Present
Rich John	Member	Present
Anna Kelles	Member	Present
Daniel Klein	Member	Present
Anne Koreman	Member	Present
Michael Lane	Member	Present
Leslyn McBean-Clairborne	Member	Present
David McKenna	Member	Present
Glenn Morey	Member	Present
Martha Robertson	Chair	Present
Michael Sigler	Member	Present

**Privilege of the Floor by the Public**

Stephanie, Tompkins County resident, read a statement and spoke about the membership of the Industrial Development Agency (IDA). She believes there needs to be an IDA member who is from the Workers' Center who represents working people. The Workers' Center is the only organization she knows of in this County whose mission is to support, advocate for, and empower all workers, including the vast majority who do not belong to a labor union.

Shari Korthuis, Ithaca resident, also spoke about the membership of the IDA and agreed with Stephanie's comments. She also believes the Workers' Center needs to be represented. She spoke of her review of the IDA's financial statements from 2009 through 2016 and said there needs to be something other than tax abatements.

Tim Willard, Town of Newfield resident, spoke about a Bill in Congress called Conceal and Carry Reciprocity Act and questioned the Legislature's opinion on whether Congress should impose this Act.

Amanda Kirchgessner, Tompkins County resident, read a statement and spoke of the history of the formation of IDA's and believes the policies should be reshaped. She also agrees that working people need representation in this process and on the IDA.

Daniel Goulden, Tompkins County resident, also spoke of his belief of having a representative from the Workers' Center on the IDA.

### **Report from a Municipal Official(s)**

Ducson Nguyen, Common Council Member, City of Ithaca, referred to comments Mr. Lillard had made under Privilege of the Floor and stated the City passed a resolution in May 2017 opposing the Conceal and Carry Reciprocity Act. He reported Common Council authorized the City Attorney to begin legal actions against the opioid manufacturers. The Downtown and Collegetown design guidelines have passed and will provide the Planning Board with more specificity with regard to design and appearance of buildings.

Mr. Nguyen explained that following the Planning and Economic Development Committee's discussion of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan there was public outcry regarding the consultant's suggestion of selling some of the smaller park properties. The City has assured the community that no such action would be taken and that it was only a suggestion from the consultant. The Committee also passed the Planned Unit Development Overlay District where a developer can propose something that does not conform to zoning that will be brought before Common Council to obtain special consideration. The Committee also reviewed the Green Building Policy that involves more energy efficiencies and reducing the construction costs to make them more affordable.

Mr. Nguyen stated the City is continuing to seek volunteers for the four advisory commissions created earlier this year.

### **Privilege of the Floor by Legislators**

Ms. Kelles congratulated and thanked Mrs. McBean-Clairborne for the work she did on the Martin Luther King, Jr. events held this past weekend.

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne thanked Ms. Kelles for her comments and said it was a collaborative effort and others were involved to help organize the event. In addition she thanked Ms. Robertson and GIAC staff for putting together postcards and statements about President Trump's comments describing people in unfortunate way. She is a proud naturalized American citizen who came from a developing country who did not have the fiscal resources the United States has. The comments made by President Trump were racist, troubling, and hurtful. GIAC is sponsoring a program to send postcards White House denouncing his statements.

Ms. Dawson agreed with the comments made by Ms. Kelles. She also referenced the comments made under Privilege of the Floor by the public concerning having a representative from the Workers' Center on the IDA and would like the Legislature to consider that appointment.

Mr. Lane spoke of the recent actions by the Federal Government where people were taken from a local restaurant through ICE; he does not believe these things should be happening. He does not support funding the Wall to be built along the Mexican border. He believes it is important to continue to let elected officials know that these actions are not acceptable and that we need leadership to accept people from all countries.

Mr. Granison spoke of the anniversary of the Woman's March and said there are a number of marches scheduled and encouraged people to attend.

Ms. Koreman said she would be participating in Seneca Falls march this Saturday. She also expressed her disappointment in the racist comments by President Trump particularly the week of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. She also spoke of her agreement regarding the IDA appointments and having someone appointed who represents the working class. In addition, she would like to see the language for contracts be reviewed and changed as appropriate to include the use of local workers and prevailing wages.

Ms. Robertson commented that the green features incentives built in to the IDA agreements are not requirements and the IDA is looking into additional affordable housing incentives.

### **Presentation – Tourism Program**

Tom Knipe, Tompkins County Tourism Program Director, introduced Peggy Coleman, Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, and provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled Tompkins County Tourism Program, Promoting Economic Development & Enhancing Quality of Life. Mr. Knipe and Ms. Coleman provided a detailed overview about the tourism industry and programs and distributed a travel guide brochure.

Ms. Coleman announced Tom Knipe will be honored at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner and he will be receiving the Howard Cogan Tourism Award. It was noted Mr. Knipe will be starting in a new position of Deputy Director of Economic Development in the City of Ithaca.

Ms. Kelles requested a copy of the investment report as referenced in the presentation; Mr. Knipe agreed to provide that information.

### **Budget, Capital, and Personnel Committee**

#### **Resolution No. 2018-9: Award of 2018 Strategic Tourism Implementation Grant to Historic Ithaca for Joint Heritage Tourism Program Implementation (ID #7525)**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michael Sigler, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Dawson, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Shawna Black, Amanda Champion, Deborah Dawson, Henry Granison, Rich John, Anna Kelles, Daniel Klein, Anne Koreman, Michael Lane, Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, David McKenna, Glenn Morey, Martha Robertson, Michael Sigler

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature accepted the 2020 Strategic Tourism Plan on September 18, 2012, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Strategic Tourism Planning Board (STPB) has adopted a Heritage Tourism Implementation Plan that further identifies priority actions for implementing the 2020 Strategic Tourism Plan, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has established a dedicated funding source for implementing the 2020 Strategic Tourism Plan, known as the Strategic Tourism Implementation (STI) fund, and

WHEREAS, the Joint Historic Ithaca/History Center Heritage Tourism Program is eligible for funding as Strategic Tourism Implementation project, and

WHEREAS, Historic Ithaca and the History Center have provided leadership over the past two years in implementing the STPB's vision for heritage tourism development, and the STPB voted to recommend partial funding for one-year implementation of the Joint Historic Ithaca/History Center Heritage Tourism Program in the amount of \$55,150, and

WHEREAS, funding exists within the hotel room occupancy tax-funded Tourism Program budget for 2018, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Budget, Capital, and Personnel Committee, That the following grant is awarded 2018 Strategic Tourism Implementation funding:

Applicant / Project	Award
Historic Ithaca, Inc., <i>Joint Historic Ithaca / History Center Heritage Tourism Program</i>	\$55,150

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or his designee be and hereby is authorized to sign any agreements pertaining to the aforementioned project.

**SEQR ACTION:** TYPE II - 20

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**Resolution No. 2018-10: 2018 Strategic Tourism Implementation Program Budget Adjustment (ID #7532)**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michael Sigler, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anna Kelles, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Shawna Black, Amanda Champion, Deborah Dawson, Henry Granison, Rich John, Anna Kelles, Daniel Klein, Anne Koreman, Michael Lane, Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, David McKenna, Glenn Morey, Martha Robertson, Michael Sigler

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature accepted the 2020 Strategic Tourism Plan on September 18, 2012, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has established a dedicated funding source for implementing the 2020 Strategic Tourism Plan, known as the Strategic Tourism Implementation (STI) fund, and

WHEREAS, \$268,000 was allocated but unspent from the modified 2017 budget for Strategic Tourism Implementation, and

WHEREAS the Strategic Tourism Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that these funds be reallocated to the 2018 Strategic Tourism Implementation budget, and

WHEREAS, letters of interest for Strategic Tourism Implementation funding will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis in 2018, with specific allocations to be made by the Tompkins County Legislature on recommendation of the Strategic Tourism Planning Board, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Budget, Capital, and Personnel Committee, That the Strategic Tourism Implementation program budget for 2018 is increased by \$268,000 bringing the total modified 2018 budget for this program from \$135,000 to \$403,000,

RESOLVED, further, That the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following budget adjustment for 2018:

Appropriation: 6475.54497	Strategic Tourism Plan	\$268,000
Revenue: 6475.41113	Room Tax	\$268,000

**SEQR ACTION: TYPE II - 20**

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**Resolution No. 2018-11: Allocation of 2018 Strategic Tourism Implementation Funding to the County's Tompkins Center for History and Culture Capital Project Budget (ID #7531)**

The following addition to the 6<sup>th</sup> whereas as offered by Mr. John was accepted as friendly:

“...as anticipated, so that the code improvements to the building are not completed and the Tompkins Center for History and Culture does not open, that the \$100,000...”

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michael Sigler, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anna Kelles, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Shawna Black, Amanda Champion, Deborah Dawson, Henry Granison, Rich John, Anna Kelles, Daniel Klein, Anne Koreman, Michael Lane, Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, David McKenna, Glenn Morey, Martha Robertson, Michael Sigler

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature accepted the 2020 Strategic Tourism Plan on September 18, 2012, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Strategic Tourism Planning Board (STPB) has adopted a Heritage Tourism Implementation Plan that further identifies priority actions for implementing the 2020 Strategic Tourism Plan, including the establishment of a new home for The History Center, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has established a dedicated funding source for implementing the 2020 Strategic Tourism Plan, known as the Strategic Tourism Implementation (STI) fund, and

WHEREAS, the STPB voted to recommend funding in full for the STI proposal for the Tompkins Center for History and Culture project including \$100,000 in 2018 to support a portion of the County's

\$450,000 expected contribution towards required code-related improvements, bringing the County's expected contribution from other sources towards these improvements down to \$350,000, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has established a capital project budget from which to purchase and make required capital improvements to the Tompkins Trust Building for use as the Tompkins Center for History and Culture, and

WHEREAS, the STPB has requested that were the County to sell the former Tompkins Trust Building in the future due to failure of the project to move forward as anticipated, so that the code improvements to the building are not completed and the Tompkins Center for History and Culture does not open, that the \$100,000 in room tax funds authorized by this resolution be returned to the room tax reserve account, and

WHEREAS, with the budget adjustment authorized by a separate resolution, Strategic Tourism Implementation funding for this project exists within the hotel room occupancy tax-funded Tourism Program budget for 2018, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Budget, Capital, and Personnel Committee, That \$100,000 is transferred from the room-tax funded Strategic Tourism Implementation program budget to the County's capital project budget for the Tompkins Center for History and Culture project to support renovation of the former Tompkins Trust Building,

RESOLVED, further, That the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following budget adjustment in fiscal year 2018 from the General Fund - Room Tax Unit to the Tompkins Center for History and Culture Project Capital Account HB1617.59239.16.17:

**A FUND (GENERAL FUND)**

Decrease Appropriation:	6475.54497	Strategic Tourism Plan	(\$100,000)
Increase Appropriation:	6475.54802	Contribution to Construction	\$100,000

**HB FUND (BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS FUND)**

Increase Revenue:	HB1617.45031.16.17	Interfund (A)	\$100,000
Increase Appropriation:	HB1617.59239.16.17	Tompkins Ctr for History/Culture Project	\$100,000

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**Resolution No. 2018-12: 2018 Tourism Grant Programs Budget Adjustments (ID #7524)**

Mr. Sigler disclosed that he works in advertising and hopes to receive some of this funding and was granted permission to abstain from voting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [13 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Glenn Morey, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Dawson, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Shawna Black, Amanda Champion, Deborah Dawson, Henry Granison, Rich John, Anna Kelles, Daniel Klein, Anne Koreman, Michael Lane, Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, David McKenna, Glenn Morey, Martha Robertson
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Michael Sigler

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has a variety of grant programs through its Tourism Program using funds drawn entirely from Room Occupancy Tax, and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Tourism Planning Board (STPB) has a policy to allow these grant programs to roll allocated but unspent grant funds from a given year into the next year, and

WHEREAS, the sources for these budget adjustments include allocated but unspent funds from the previous year and funds from released encumbrances for projects for which the full amount of the original award was not required to complete the project, and

WHEREAS, these budget adjustments do not impact the expected room tax reserve balance because they are moving forward unspent and returned funds from 2017 into the into the 2018 budget, and

WHEREAS, in the case of the Tourism Capital Grant budget, \$43,480 of the recommended \$49,874 budget adjustment is to support implementation of the Cayuga Lake Blueway Trail project, which has been previously approved but requires an adjustment to the 2018 budget to move those unspent 2017 funds into the 2018 budget for this project, and

WHEREAS, in the case of the Arts & Culture Organizational Development Grant program, the need for the recommended budget adjustment to this program to allow for partners to be funded (in aggregate) at historic levels was previously reported to the Budget, Capital and Personnel Committee during process of reviewing the 2018 room tax budget, and

WHEREAS, all specific awards and allocations of grant funds for the grant programs in question will be made by the Tompkins County Legislature upon the recommendation of the STPB through the typical grant application, review, and award processes for those programs, and

WHEREAS, the STPB voted to recommend these budget adjustments at its December 20, 2017, meeting, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Budget, Capital, and Personnel Committee, That the Tourism Capital Grant Program budget for 2018 is increased by \$49,874, bringing the total 2018 budget for this program from \$213,260 to \$263,134,

RESOLVED, further, That the Tourism Marketing & Advertising Grant Program budget for 2018 is increased by \$3,135, bringing the total 2018 budget for this program from \$50,000 to \$53,135,

RESOLVED, further, That the Community Celebrations Grant Program budget for 2018 is

increased by \$1,090, bringing the total 2018 budget for this program from \$35,500 to \$36,590,

RESOLVED, further, That the New Tourism Initiative Grant Program budget for 2018 is increased by \$6,900, bringing the total 2018 budget for this program from \$74,000 to \$80,900,

RESOLVED, further, That the Tourism Project Grant Program budget for 2018 is increased by \$23,373, bringing the total 2018 budget for this program from \$84,000 to \$107,373,

RESOLVED, further, That the Arts & Culture Organizational Development Grant Program budget for 2018 is increased by \$7,523, bringing the total 2018 budget for this program from \$222,347 to \$229,870,

RESOLVED, further, That the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following budget adjustments for 2018:

Revenue:	6475.54625	Tourism Capital Grants	\$49,874
Revenue:	6475.54626	Marketing & Adv Grants	\$3,135
Revenue:	6475.54623	Community Celebrations	\$1,090
Revenue:	6475.54628	New Tourism Initiative Grants	\$6,900
Revenue:	6475.54624	Tourism Projects	\$23,373
Revenue:	6475.54619	Arts & Cultl Orgs Stabil	\$7,523
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			\$91,895
Expenditure:	6475.41113	Room Tax	\$91,895

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**Chair's Report and Chair's Appointments**

Ms. Robertson read the statement below and made the following appointments:

**Transition, Preservation, and Progress**

“In thinking about the work ahead of us in 2018, I’d like to talk tonight about transition, preservation, and progress.

“The most casual glance at Tompkins County government for 2018 would have to identify *“transition” as one of our inevitable priorities for the year.* For the first time in my 16 years on the county legislature, we’re bringing on a new county administrator, two new deputy administrators, and five new legislators, all within a few months. We all look forward to welcoming Jason Molino into the fold! Rumor has it he’s already rented an apartment and we might be seeing him around town! This is a great opportunity to think creatively about new systems and structures. However, there is no doubt that these transitions will require special attention and time, while we also work to preserve what we have and make progress on our ongoing initiatives.

***“While embracing change, a second overall goal for us in 2018 might be termed “preservation.”*** We are anxiously watching developments at the state and federal level, because their decisions about budgets, regulations, and other policies affect county government in fundamental ways. New legislators, you’re going to hear a lot about “unfunded mandates.” For example, although New York State has capped the growth in local Medicaid spending, the cost to county taxpayers is still very high. Approximately 24% of our property tax levy goes directly to pay for that one unfunded mandate, and the percentage is much larger in many counties. If the federal government cuts Medicaid, as seems very possible, we could see even more of the program’s costs passed on to us.

“But we can’t just hold tight to what we have; ***we must move forward and make progress*** on many fronts where our path is already clear, but we still have much work to do. You will do that work in our committees. That’s where the rubber meets the road, so as I describe the work of our committees for the year, I’ll highlight some of those areas.

#### **“2018 LEGISLATURE COMMITTEES:**

“My thanks to our Vice Chair, Anna Kelles, for joining my meetings with each of you and collaborating on this list with me, in all its detail.

**“I’m making the following appointments, effective February 1, 2018.** If you don’t hear something on this list that we’ve talked about, it’s because many of the appointments go through the oversight committees or follow another process.

**“A word about Vice Chairs:** You’ll notice that new legislators are named as vice chairs, with one exception. I hope that this will be an opportunity for mentorship, as you who are chairs work closely with your vice chairs to develop your committee’s priorities for the year and your monthly agendas.

**“Schedules:** Cathy Covert has drafted a preliminary committee schedule; it’s in your red folders. When we take a break in a little while, I’ll ask you to get together in your committees and see if these dates will work. Cathy needs to finalize the schedule by Friday, so we don’t have to finish this tonight, but we should start.

#### **Budget, Capital, and Personnel - Mike Lane (Chair), McBean-Clairborne (Vice Chair), Morey, Klein, Sigler**

The diversity of the County’s workforce has been a concern for many years; there’s been progress, but we can do better. I will ask Budget, Capital, and Personnel to make that a priority this year. A welcoming and inclusive workplace will help us recruit and retain quality talent that represents our entire community, and to better serve all our residents.

#### **Facilities and Infrastructure - McKenna (Chair), Koreman (Vice Chair), Klein, Morey, Granison**

In addition to the ongoing work of F&I, I’ve asked Dave to take a careful look at the space needs for the downtown departments, especially Administration and Human Resources. We’re bringing new staff into Administration - the Criminal Justice Coordinator as well as a second Deputy Administrator - and at the moment they would have nowhere to sit. Human Resources is particularly stressed for space and that should be addressed this year.

#### **Government Operations - Klein (Chair), Dawson (Vice Chair), John, Lane, Champion**

Dan has told Anna and me that he’s committed to continuing the review of our administrative policies that Deputy Administrator Paula Younger had led for several years - and the committee may even finish the job this year! In addition, Dan is interested in considering a few new policies,

including such ideas as getting a Legislature sign on the outside of this building to the third rail of employee parking. Dan is a brave person, indeed.

**Health and Human Services - Black (Chair), Kelles (Vice Chair), McBean-Clairborne, Granison, Champion**

HHS is the exception to the idea of new legislators being vice chairs, as I mentioned before. In this case, Shawna will be chair with the strong support of Anna, last year's HHS Chair. Shawna's professional involvement with the human services community and demonstrated deep commitment to the issues in HHS will serve her well to lead this year.

This committee will need to closely follow state and federal decisions that will impact us and our residents, and keep the rest of us well-informed and prepared to advocate, if necessary. In addition, I hope you'll collaborate with Public Safety on cross-cutting issues and programs. Specifically, the opioid crisis is a very high priority this year, with relevance to both committees. You may want to hold joint meetings from time to time as the need arises.

**Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality - Kelles (Chair), Champion (Vice Chair), McKenna, Dawson, Koreman**

Among PDEQ's many issues, energy will always be a top priority. This year will be pivotal in working with NYSEG and the PSC on the development of non-pipeline alternatives to our energy needs. This initiative could be transformative if it proceeds with a full commitment to providing energy for our growing community while reducing our greenhouse gas emissions at the same time. The timing is terrific to get our Business Energy Navigator program up and running.

In a change from recent years, oversight of the Tourism program moves back to PDEQ from Budget.

**Public Safety - John (Chair), Granison (Vice Chair), Kelles, McKenna, Black**

Beyond staving off damage from state and federal decisions, we're under continued pressure from the State Commission of Correction regarding our jail variance. Therefore an immediate priority for Public Safety is to make sure we implement the new and enhanced programs that we've budgeted for, to keep our jail population low, to lower the population even further, and - most importantly - to give people the best possible opportunities for success.

It will be important for Public Safety to track changes at the state level, e.g., bail reform and implementation of Raise the Age. I also hope we'll see collaboration on issues with the City of Ithaca, such as Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion, or LEAD, and possible co-location. Finally, succession planning in key departments should be on this committee's agenda.

**Workforce Diversion and Inclusion - McBean-Clairborne (Chair)**

I know Leslyn has great plans for WDIC this year, including updating the Climate Survey. I hope there will be a strong emphasis on our work with county departments to improve success in hiring and retention of diverse employees. If it would be helpful to report directly to the program committees on the demographics of their respective departments, I hope that can be done in collaboration with Human Resources.

**“SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Jail Study** - folds into Public Safety (possible extra meetings in some months)

**Old Library** - finished

**Transportation Committee - Lane (Chair), Morey (Vice Chair), Sigler, Black, Dawson**

We would like the Transportation Committee to continue this year, to provide input and direction in the development of specific projects and serve as a point of entry into the County legislative process. Projects to consider include:

- possible Rt. 13 Corridor Study;
- Airport Renovation/Expansion;
- communication with TCAT about its plans for relocation;
- county-wide problem spots; and
- multi-modal initiatives, such as infrastructure for pedestrians and bicyclists.

**Housing Committee - Robertson (Chair), Sigler (Vice Chair), Kelles, Koreman, Dawson**

Housing is a perennial problem that impacts all sectors of our community and economy, and we can't take our feet off the gas in looking for solutions. With a new senior planner joining our staff to focus on housing, appointing this committee is an effort to give additional attention and accelerate progress. In addition to implementation of the Housing Strategy and oversight of our ongoing housing programs, this committee will consider new initiatives, such as the possible Housing Capital Reserve Fund.

**“For 2018, these are Chair’s appointments that are made annually, as follows:**

**Tompkins County Area Development Board of Directors**

Martha Robertson  
Anna Kelles (as Chair of PDEQ)

**Chamber of Commerce**

Martha Robertson (Legislature Chair has designated seat, per Chamber bylaws)  
Anna Kelles, Alternate

**Extension Service - One liaison, second liaison optional**

Dave McKenna

**Local Advisory Board on Assessment Review**

Caroline/Danby - Dan Klein  
Newfield/Enfield - Dave McKenna  
Groton - Glenn Morey  
Dryden - Mike Lane, Martha Robertson  
Town of Ithaca - Amanda Champion, Shawna Black, Deborah Dawson  
Lansing - Mike Sigler, Deborah Dawson  
Ulysses - Anne Koreman  
City of Ithaca - Henry Granison, Anna Kelles, Richard John, Leslyn McBean-Clairborne

**Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Committee**

Leslyn McBean-Clairborne - Chair

**Ethics Advisory Board**

To be determined

**Ithaca Metropolitan Planning Organization (ITCTC Policy Committee)**

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Michael Lane

**Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance**

Michael Stamm

**Tompkins Center for History and Culture**

Rich John - Liaison. This is a new role. Rich has played a major part in the negotiations that led to our purchasing the Tompkins Trust building and establishment of the Tompkins Center for History and Culture, and he will be our point person going forward.

**“Additional appointments** - The formal process for many of the other appointments we’ve discussed in the past week - such as the IDA and the Community Housing Development Fund - actually go through committees, so I won’t be announcing those tonight. There are also a few additional slots to be determined, so I may be calling you!

**“What else will we be working on this year, as we pursue transition, preservation, and progress?”**

“All the work that you’ll do in committees will be supplemented by our outreach efforts with New York State and our state delegation. Many of us are going to the NYSAC Legislative Conference in a few weeks, where we’ll continue the conversation we started last month with the Governor’s representatives, on several crucial issues. Jason Molino will be joining us at NYSAC and for our lobbying meetings in the Capitol.

“I will also reach out to our federal representatives to share our positions on issues that reach us at the county level. Please stay tuned for opportunities to directly meet with them and their representatives; it’s always more persuasive when more Legislators show up.

“We look forward to strengthened intermunicipal collaborations this year, on law enforcement, the opioid crisis and other human services, housing, and energy, and I’m sure other issues will arise through TCCOG. And we’re excited about a stronger relationship with Ithaca College, with our long-term Deputy County Administrator Paula Younger’s move “up the hill.” We also hope to strengthen the support for TC3 that we jointly provide with Cortland County, and continue our strong working relationship with Cornell University.

“As you know, I was chair of this body before, for four years. Among you only Leslyn, Dave, and Mike Lane were here then. I am grateful for the opportunity to lead this body again. I don’t know about you, but I’m glad we have four-year terms, so that we can all settle in for the work ahead. As we do, I would like to reflect on Joe Mareane’s nine years of leadership here, and what we can take from his example. Nobody can “be” Joe, a point I’ve already expressed to Jason Molino. But we can learn from the impact he had on all of us.

“In my opinion, Joe’s success teaches us to share credit widely for our successes, while we also accept responsibility directly for our mistakes. Be proud of what we’re doing well but know that we can do better, and commit to it. Be humble, and always maintain a sense of humor. Respect experience but welcome the new. Embrace change and look for the opportunities it represents.

“Spring is usually the time of renewal. Tonight, it feels like spring is a long way away, but as I look out at you, the 2018 Tompkins County Legislature, I feel that renewal is right around the corner. Let’s get to work!”

**Report from the County Administrator**

Mr. Wood, Interim County Administrator, thanked Paula Younger, former Deputy County Administrator, for doing a good job as the Interim County Administrator. He also thanked the municipal employees for their hard work this past weekend during the recent snow storm and ice jams.

**Report from the County Attorney**

Mr. Wood had no report.

**Resolutions Added to and Withdrawn from the Agenda**

It was MOVED by Mr. Klein, seconded by Ms. Kelles, and unanimously adopted by voice vote, to add to the agenda the appointments of Don Trotter and Thompson Terry to the Library Board of Trustees.

Ms. Robertson granted Mr. McKenna permission to withdraw from the agenda the resolution entitled Authorization to Execute an Agreement with the Town of Dryden, Adjust the Budget to Transfer from the Highway Fund Balance, and Amend the Capital Program - Freese Road Bridge over Fall Creek (BIN 3209800) and South George Road Bridge over Virgil Creek (BIN 3209830), Reconstruction and Future Maintenance.

**Consent Agenda**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Deborah Dawson, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anna Kelles, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Black, Champion, Dawson, Granison, John, Kelles, Klein, Koreman, Lane, McBean-Clairborne, McKenna, Morey, Robertson, Sigler

**Advisory Board Appointment (ID # 7473)**

Water Resources Council - terms expire December 31, 2020  
Kristen Hychka - At-large representative  
Linda P. Wagenet - At-large representative  
Sharon Anderson - Cooperative Extension representative  
Michelle Henry - Environmental Management Council representative

Public Information Advisory Board

Pat Pryor - term expires December 31, 2019

Library Board of Trustees

James Loehr - term expires December 31, 2020  
Kristine Altucher - term expires December 31, 2020  
Martha Hardesty - term expires December 31, 2020  
Sunn Shelley Wong - term expires December 31, 2019  
Don Trotter - term expires December 31, 2020  
Thompson Terry - term expires December 31, 2020

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Strategic Tourism Planning Board

Terms expire December 31, 2018

Scott Wiggins - At-large representative

Terms expire December 31, 2019

Baruch J. Whitehead - Arts/Culture representative

Andrew Zepp - Recreation representative

Terms expire December 31, 2020:

Kelli Cartmill - Lodging representative

Joshua Friedman - Arts/Culture representative

**Resolution No. 2018-13: Authorization to Participate in State Septic System Replacement Fund – Health Department (ID #7553)**

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017 established the “State Septic System Replacement Fund” and the Tompkins County Health has the opportunity to participate, and

WHEREAS, the Fund is being targeted to priority geographic areas within participating counties that contain drinking water supplies where septic systems and cesspools are known or suspected to be impacting the water body, and

WHEREAS, the Health Department wishes to participate in the program by providing grants from the Fund to reimburse selected property owners for a portion of the cost of replacing failing septic systems and installing more environmentally effective systems, and

WHEREAS, property owners can be reimbursed for up to 50% of eligible costs incurred for septic system projects up to \$10,000, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee, That the Health Department is authorized to participate in said program,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or designee be and hereby is authorized to execute all agreements necessary to complete the requirements of the program.

**SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20**

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**Resolution No. 2018-14: Authorization to Accept Funds, Execute Contract, and Budget Adjustment – Community Health – Health Department (ID #7552)**

WHEREAS, the Excellus Health Plan, Inc., has awarded three years of grant funding for the Health Department to initiate collaboration with area primary care providers for point-of-care blood-lead level testing, making on-site lead testing available in more primary care settings, thereby increasing compliance with mandated screening requirements among children aged one and two years old, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee, That the Health

Department is authorized to accept said funds,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or designee be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all agreements necessary to complete the requirements of the grant,

RESOLVED, further, That the Finance Director be and hereby is authorized to make the following budget adjustment for 2018 on his books for the Tompkins Lead Testing Improvement Project grant:

REVENUE:	4016.42770	Other Misc. Revenue	\$ 14,038
APPROPRIATION:	4016.52220	Departmental Equipment	\$ 6,600
	4016.54354	Medical Supplies	\$ 3,438
	4016.54333	Education and Promotion	\$ 500
	4016.54442	Professional Svc Fees	\$ 3,500

**SEQR ACTION:** TYPE II-20

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**Resolution No. 2018-15: Audit of Final Payment - Bouley Associates, Inc. - Tompkins County Recycling and Solid Waste Center Construction Upgrades (ID #7559)**

WHEREAS, Bouley Associates Inc., General Contractor, of Auburn, New York, has completed their contract to our satisfaction with all closeout documents submitted and satisfactory for the Tompkins County 2017 Recycling and Solid Waste Center Construction Upgrades, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, That the following final claim against the County of Tompkins be and hereby is audited by the Legislature:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Payment Request</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bouley Associates, Inc.	6 (Final)	HH8101.59239	\$28,644.80

RESOLVED, further, That the Finance Director be and hereby is authorized and directed to pay said claim from Account No. HH8101.59239.

**SEQR ACTION:** TYPE II - 20

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**Resolution No. 2018-16: Acceptance of Grant from Clean Energy Communities Program of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) for Greening the County Fleet and for Developing a Business Energy Navigator Program (ID #7471)**

WHEREAS, Tompkins County was the applicant to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Clean Energy Communities (CEC) grant program for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and providing cost-effective energy solutions for County government operations, and

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded grant funds from NYSERDA over a three-year implementation period for two purposes: (1) greening the County's fleet and (2) developing a Business Energy Navigator program, and

WHEREAS, greening of the County's fleet will advance conversion to plug-in electric vehicles (PEV) by matching County and potentially New York State incentive funds to cover the approximately \$10,000/PEV cost differential between a gasoline vehicle and a PEV, providing funds for materials required to install level one charging stations for each PEV, and supporting creation of a long-term schedule for conversion and rightsizing of the County fleet, and

WHEREAS, the Business Energy Navigator program will work with businesses in their earliest stages of design and conceptualization of new construction or major renovation projects to help set energy goals and understand energy options, and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature, in anticipation of the award of this grant, included in its 2018 adopted budget a portion of the grant funds and a portion of the matching funds, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County Area Development (TCAD) has committed three years of funding contributions for 2018, 2019, and 2020 to support the Business Energy Navigator program, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality and the Budget, Capital, and Personnel Committees, That the County hereby accepts Clean Energy Communities Grant funds in the amount of \$250,000 to be received over a three-year period,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or his designee be authorized to execute any contracts related to this project,

RESOLVED, further, That the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized and directed to make the following adjustments to the 2018 Budget,

<u>Revenues</u>		
8020.43959	State Aid Planning	\$ -27,658
8027.43959	State Aid Planning	\$ 31,250
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	TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 3,592
 <u>Expenditures</u>		
8020.51000049	Project Assistant	\$ 4,500
8020.58800	Fringes	\$ -6,871
8027.52125	Mechanical Equipment	\$ 3,600
8027.52231	Vehicles	\$ 10,000
8027.54444	Professional Services	\$ 7,199
8020.510000609	Sr. Planner	\$ -14,836
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	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,592

**SEQR ACTION:** TYPE II - 7 (for greening fleet); TYPE II-21 (for Business Energy Navigator)

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**Resolution No. 2018-17: Acceptance of Disability Employment Initiative Funding - Tompkins County Workforce Development Board (ID #7542)**

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Labor has received a United States Department of Labor Round VIII Disability Employment Initiative Grant, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Workforce Development Board collaborated with the New York State Department of Labor in the grant application and will be a grant subrecipient, and

WHEREAS, this funding is the first year of a three-year grant and will provide support to youth (ages 14-24) with visible/non-visible/significant disabilities (including those who have chronic health conditions) in order to improve employment outcomes by increasing their participation in existing career pathways/programs, and

WHEREAS, no local funding is requested for this initiative, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature hereby accepts the funding in the amount of \$18,785,

RESOLVED, further, That the Finance Director is authorized to make the following adjustment to the 2018 budget:

REVENUE:	CD6290.44790	Federal Aid Job Training	\$ 18,785
APPROPRIATION:	CD6290.54412	Travel/Training	\$ 2,000
	CD6290.54414	Local Mileage	\$ 1,500
	CD6290-54400	Program Expenses	\$ 9,335
	CD6290-52214	Office Furnishings	\$ 500
	CD6290-52206	Computer Equipment	\$ 1,000
	CD6290-54330	Printing	\$ 3,000
	CD6290-54472	Telephone	\$ 400
	CD6290-54452	Postage	\$ 500
	CD6290-54303	Office Supplies	\$ 550

**SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20**

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**Resolution No. 2018-18: Acceptance of Disability Employment Initiative Funding - Tompkins County Office of Employment and Training (ID #7543)**

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Labor has received a United States Department of Labor Round VIII Disability Employment Initiative Grant, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Workforce Development Board collaborated with the New York State Department of Labor in the grant application and will be a grant subrecipient and desires to pass a portion of the funding to the Office of Employment and Training, and

WHEREAS, this funding is the first year of a three-year grant and will provide support to youth

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(ages 14-24) with visible/non-visible/significant disabilities (including those who have chronic health conditions) in order to improve employment outcomes by increasing their participation in existing career pathways/programs, and

WHEREAS, no local funding is requested for this initiative, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature hereby accepts the funding in the amount of \$179,815,

RESOLVED, further, That the Finance Director be and hereby is authorized to make the following adjustment to the 2018 budget:

REVENUE:	CD6292.44790	Federal Aid Job Training	\$ 179,815
APPROPRIATION:	CD6292.51000761	Workforce Development Specialist	\$ 52,437
	CD6292.58800	Fringe	\$ 25,878
	CD6292.54412	Travel/Training	\$ 3,000
	CD6292.54414	Local Mileage	\$ 1,000
	CD6292-54400	Program Expenses	\$ 96,000
	CD6292-52206	Computer Equipment	\$ 1,500

**SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20**

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**Resolution No. 2018-19: Authorization of New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Federal Transit Assistance Agreement with Tompkins County (C005634), Job Access, Reverse Commute, and New Freedom Programs (ID #7560)**

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) authorized a Federal Transit Assistance Agreement (C005634) to Tompkins County, pursuant to the Job Access and Reverse Commute and New Freedom Program for 2016-2017, and

WHEREAS, NYSDOT awarded a total of \$153,000 in Federal Transit Assistance to Tompkins County for the Way2Go Mobility Management Project operated by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County, under contract with the County, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature authorizes the County Administrator or designee to execute the Federal Transit Assistance Agreement (C005634) awarded by NYSDOT,

RESOLVED, further, That a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement.

**SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20**

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### **Report from the Finance Director**

#### **Sales Tax - November 2017 (ID#7562)**

Mr. Snyder reviewed the November Sales Tax Distribution Summary report and stated November 2017 was the best November on record. He noted that November is up 5.32% and that year over year is up 5%.

Mr. Snyder announced that this Thursday he will be having a telephone conference with Moody concerning the County's rating on bond issues. He believes Jason Molino, newly appointed County Administrator, will be participating in the conference call.

### **Recess**

Ms. Robertson declared recess at 7:28 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

### **Health and Human Services Committee**

Ms. Kelles, Chair, stated the Committee will meet on January 22nd and will continue the discussion about Supervised Injection Facilities (SIFs). She invited Legislators to attend the meeting.

Mr. Lane asked if the Committee is looking into Narcan being available in County Buildings: Ms. Kelles said those discussions are happening in some departments. She will look into it further.

### **Facilities and Infrastructure Committee**

Mr. McKenna, Chair, reported the Committee met on January 9<sup>th</sup> and had a presentation on Non-pipe Alternatives. In addition to the Committee approving resolutions there was discussion with Mr. LeMaro, Facilities Director, regarding various projects the Department is working on. The Department is looking at software that would evaluate future costs and equipment replacement plans and will be looking at space planning needs for various departments.

### **Transportation Committee**

Mr. Lane, Chair, reported the Committee will meet in February and hopes to have representatives present from the City to discuss traffic plans for Route 13 through the City.

### **Government Operations Committee**

Mr. Klein, Chair, said the Committee met just prior to the Legislature meeting and considered a resolution to correct the spelling of the name of Six Mile Creek through USGS. A resident attended the meeting and asked the Committee to consider also using the Indigenous Cayuga name of Teegastoweas; the Committee agreed to look into having dual names.

### **Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee**

Ms. Robertson, Chair, said the Committee met January 4<sup>th</sup> and heard a report from Scot Vanderpool, General Manager, and Matt Yarrow, Service Development Manager, Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit (TCAT), on operational issues and early facility relocation plans. The Committee also had a presentation on Non-pipe Alternatives.

**Resolution No. 2018-20: Authorizing the County Administrator to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Ithaca Regarding Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit (TCAT) Facility (ID #7458)**

Mr. Wood provided a brief history of the original terms for ownership, construction, and operation of Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit (TCAT) and explained the need for the County to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City. This agreement preserves the County's financial interest in the facility and property.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Martha Robertson, Michael Sigler
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Lane, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Shawna Black, Amanda Champion, Deborah Dawson, Henry Granison, Rich John, Anna Kelles, Daniel Klein, Anne Koreman, Michael Lane, Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, David McKenna, Glenn Morey, Martha Robertson, Michael Sigler

WHEREAS, on October 9, 1991, the County entered into a Regional Transit Facility Construction and Operation Agreement to establish terms for ownership, construction, and operation of the Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit (TCAT) facility, and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the County's financial contribution to the project, the City agreed to convey one-half of its right, title, and interest in the facility and defined surrounding lands, and

WHEREAS, the transfer has not taken place but the parties agree to protect the County's interest through a memorandum of understanding which provides that the County will receive half of the proceeds of any future sale or income derived from the property, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the County Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Ithaca securing the County's interest in future proceeds derived from the facility and accompanying lands.

**SEQR ACTION:** TYPE II-20

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**Resolution No. 2018-21: Amending Section 224 of New York State County Law to Permit Counties to Appropriate Funds Towards the Development, Maintenance, or Management of Affordable Housing (ID #7527)**

Mr. Wood explained this resolution requests an amendment to New York State Law to permit Counties to appropriate funds for development, maintenance, or management of affordable housing

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michael Sigler, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anna Kelles, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Shawna Black, Amanda Champion, Deborah Dawson, Henry Granison, Rich John, Anna Kelles, Daniel Klein, Anne Koreman, Michael Lane, Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, David McKenna, Glenn Morey, Martha Robertson, Michael Sigler

WHEREAS, Section 224 of the New York State County Law provides the option for a county board of supervisors to appropriate and contract for public benefit services, and specifically to contract with non-profit organizations and other corporations, associations, and agencies within the county for the purposes listed in Section 224, and

WHEREAS, the list of objects and purposes for these optional appropriations and contracts for public benefit services does not include the development, maintenance, or management of affordable housing, and

WHEREAS, an inadequate supply of affordable housing that is well maintained and managed is a long-standing challenge that significantly impacts the health, safety, and well-being of many individuals and families in Tompkins County and throughout the state of New York, and

WHEREAS, this inadequate supply of affordable housing, together with the older housing stock common throughout Tompkins County and the state of New York, compromises the health and safety of community members who may be forced to live in unsafe housing conditions and/or use precious resources that might pay for adequate food, medicine, and clothing in order to secure housing for themselves and their families, and

WHEREAS, counties in the state of New York are permitted to spend Federal and New York State funds provided to them for the purposes of developing, maintaining, or managing affordable housing and to contract with other organizations to carry out these purposes, and

WHEREAS, although counties cannot address affordable housing challenges alone, counties in the state of New York have no mechanism under the current County Law to use any local funds to assist in the development, maintenance, or management of affordable housing and are therefore largely powerless absent the award of Federal or New York State funds for these affordable housing efforts, and

WHEREAS, without the authority to spend local resources on affordable housing, counties in the state of New York are facing a crisis in affordable housing development, as Federal and State funding for this urgent and critical need may be significantly cut in the near future, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature urges the New York State Legislature to amend Section 224 of the New York State County Law as follows:

(29) Development, maintenance, or management of affordable housing.

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**Budget, Capital, and Personnel Committee**

Mr. Sigler, Vice Chair, stated the next meeting will be in February.

**Jail Study Committee**

Mr. John, Chair, thanked his colleagues for their work on the Committee and said work will continue on Jail space needs through the Public Safety Committee. The next steps will be to hear from community agencies and departments to see what their needs are to do their services better.

Mr. Sigler asked if there will be something in place for tracking the programs that have been funded in 2018. Mr. John said the Criminal Justice Coordinator will be tracking data in and outside of the Jail and agrees that this needs to be monitored closely.

Mr. Sigler inquired about the Governor's statement to eliminate bail for misdemeanor charges. Mr. John said this will be discussed at the Public Safety Committee meeting on Thursday.

Ms. Robertson commented that a decision is expected on January 17<sup>th</sup> concerning the Jail variance.

**Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Committee**

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, Chair, said the Committee will next meet on January 24th.

**Public Safety Committee**

Mr. John, Chair, said the Committee will meet this Thursday and will have two reports. The first report will be from Bill Rusen of CARS (Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services) concerning opiate use and substance abuse treatments and the status of the 25 bed addition. The second report will be from Lance Salisbury on the Assigned Counsel Program.

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Rich John, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Black, Champion, Dawson, Granison, John, Kelles, Klein, Koreman, Lane, McBean-Clairborne, McKenna, Morey, Robertson, Sigler

**Recess**

Ms. Robertson declared recess at 8:03 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

**Executive Session**

It was MOVED by Ms. Koreman, seconded by Ms. Dawson, and unanimously adopted by voice vote, to discuss two personnel matters about particular employees and with respect to disciplinary action

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with one employee. An executive session was held at 8:10 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:32 p.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.