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Minutes of
4 The City of Yonkers IDA Governance Meeting
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MR. KISCHAK: I want to start
this meeting, the Governance Committee Meeting. Roll call.

MS. LYRAS: Peter Kischak.
MR. KISCHAK: Here.
MS. LYRAS: Cecile Singer.
MS. SINGER: Here.
MS. LYRAS: Wilson Kimball.
MS. KIMBALL: Here.
MS. LYRAS: Melissa Nacerino.
MS. NACERINO: Here.
MS. LYRAS: We have a quorum.
MR. KISCHAK: Approval of the minutes for November 30th, 2016.

MS. SINGER: Can I --
MR. KISCHAK: Cecile makes a motion, $I$ can second it. Review and discussion of certain YIDA policies and procedures.

MS. MCGILL: The IDA adopted new rules to increase accountability and approve sufficiency and transparency of IDA operations, so in order to become fully compliant there

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a couple of policies that we need to adopt. So in order to become fully compliant there are a policies that we need to adopt. We have Mike Curti to go through the policies.

MR. CURTI: Michael Curti,
transaction counsel, Harris Beach PLLC. Good morning, members of the Governance Committee. As the Executive Director indicated, there was the adoption of regulations back in December of 2018 following a public comment period whereby the Authority and Budget Office amplified the statutory changes that were made about a year ago to 859A of the General Municipal Law and also 875 of the General Municipal Law by which IDAs, when they provide financial assistance to companies, provide certain mechanisms to recapture benefits and making policies uniform by way of granting that, so what these regulations do, they amplify

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the statutory language.
Quite frankly, a lot of the language contained herein is a recitation of the statutory language with a little bit of embellishment.

The four principal things to take away from this regulation is, number one, a standard application has to be adopted. We are already doing that.

We have reviewed the application that we have been using here at the IDA and compared it to the regulation, and for the most part with very few exceptions, we are following the regulation to a T.

The second thing that we have been doing for quite some time that the board will need to adopt is the Uniform Project Agreement. The Uniform Project Agreement is probably the second most important document so far as the transaction documents where the agency does provide

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financial assistance.
What the project agreement basically says is, it lays out the way the financial assistance is being provided to the applicant, and it also importantly has a provision that talks about recapture in the event that the applicant does not meet the representations that they have made so far as job requirements, so far as indemnification, insofar as insurance requirements and things of that nature.

The third thing that the regulations require is a policy by the agency to provide the cost benefit analysis. The staff of the agency has already started that process and contracting with the company to provide those services. I believe they have spoken to National Development Council which provides those services to the City of New Rochelle IDA. They are also speaking

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to Camoin which provides those services to the Suffolk County and Nassau County IDAs, just for comparison.

The cost benefit analysis is basically a requirement to analyze what are the jobs, the private sector jobs that would be created, the estimated value of any tax exemption that are provided and the amount of private sector investment generated or likely to be generated as a result of that proposed project and that's a helpful tool to the agency in making a determination as to whether to grant financial assistance or not.

The other policy that is before the Governance Committee is a policy as to suspension and recapture.

Now, suspension and recapture provisions have already been in our project agreement that we have instituted since the time that the statute was adopted.

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Our project agreement complies with the regulations, and so what the board would be doing here is just codifying a practice that the IDA has already been doing for quite some time now.

What the suspension policy and recapture policy does, it gives the agency the ability to recapture financial assistance.

In the event there is a material misrepresentation that was made so far as the project application is concerned, insofar as if someone is not meeting a job's requirement, so far as if there is an instance where the agency needs to be indemnified because something happened on the project site and there was a failure to do so, and that is an important tool because it makes the applicants accountable and insures that they continue to comply with the agency's requirements and

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providing that financial assistance.
The suspension policy and recapture policy pretty much tracks the language of the regulation and the statute. It provides maximum discretion to this board as to how to proceed forward, and one of the reasons being, you may have a situation where an applicant has not met their jobs's requirement but there may be a financial downturn, something like the great recession. If they were to come to the board, make an application, put forth evidence as to why the board should exercise its discretion and perhaps assess a different penalty or perhaps suspend financial assistance until such time as they were to go into compliance, it gives you the tools to do that going forward.

So those are basically a high level review of the regulations. The last piece, there is a requirement

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going forward for IDA staff to put forth certain information to the ABO insofar as jobs that have been generated by virtue of the project. We'll work with staff to insure that that's done. That's a requirement that will have to be performed annually going forward.

MR. KISCHAK: Has that ever
been the case before with the suspension or trying to get money back as far as the Yonkers IDA?

MR. CURTI: There is an
instance that we'll review in
executive session where we can exercise that going forward.

MS. KIMBALL: I make a motion.
MS. NACERINO: Second.
THE COURT: Motion accepted. Karly, legal updates?

MS. GROSZ: No legal updates.
MR. KISCHAK: Other business?
MS. KIMBALL: I will make a motion to adjourn.

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4 STATE OF NEW YORK hereby certify: this matter.

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I, HOWARD BRESHIN, a Notary Public for and within the State of New York, do

That the above is a correct transcription of my stenographic notes.

I further certify that $I$ am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or by marriage and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25 th day of March 2019.





