# NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY December 13, 2016

#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Members of the Authority present: Larry Downes, acting as Chairman; Peter Simon representing Acting State Treasurer Ford M. Scudder; Jeffrey Stoller representing Acting Commissioner Aaron Fichtner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Patrick Mullen representing Commissioner Richard Badolato of the Department of Banking and Insurance; Colleen Kokas representing Commissioner Bob Martin of the Department of Environmental Protection; Public Members: David Huber, Charles Sarlo, Fred B. Dumont, Philip Alagia, Massiel Medina Ferrara, William Layton, William J. Albanese, Sr., Second Alternate Public Member; Harold Imperatore, Third Alternate Public Member; and Rodney Sadler, Non-Voting Member.

Absent: Patrick Delle Cava, First Alternate Public Member.

Also present: Melissa Orsen, Chief Executive Officer of the Authority; Timothy Lizura, President and Chief Operating Officer; Bette Renaud, Deputy Attorney General; and staff.

An acknowledgment of Chairman Al Koeppe's service and contributions to the State of New Jersey, was led by Mr. Downes and senior staff with additional remarks by members of the public, including former CEOs Caren Franzini and Michele Brown and members of the Board.

Mr. Downes called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Ms. Orsen announced that this was a public hearing and comments are invited on any Private Activity bond projects presented today.

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Ms. Orsen announced that notice of this meeting has been sent to the *Star Ledger* and the *Trenton Times* at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, and that a meeting notice has been duly posted on the Secretary of State's bulletin board at the State House.

# MINUTES OF AUTHORITY MEETING

The next item of business was the approval of the November 17, 2016 meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mr. Huber and seconded by Mr. Imperatore and was approved by the 13 voting members present.

The next item of business was the approval of the November 17, 2016 executive session meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mr. Huber and seconded by Mr. Dumont and was approved by the 13 voting members present.

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY:** The next item was the presentation of the Chief Executive Officer's Monthly Report to the Board.

#### **AUTHORITY MATTERS**

ITEM: 2017 Strategic Business Plan

REQUEST: To review and approve the 2017 Strategic Business Plan that has been

reviewed by the Audit Committee

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Dumont SECOND: Mr. Alagia AYES: 13

RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 1

ITEM: 2017 Fiscal Year Plan

REQUEST: To review and approve the 2017 Fiscal Year Plan that has been reviewed

by the Audit Committee

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Albanese SECOND: Ms. Ferrara AYES: 13

RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 2

# **INCENTIVE PROGRAMS**

ITEM: NJEDA Economic Impact Model

**REQUEST:** Approval to revise certain assumptions and functionalities of the NJEDA's Economic Impact Model and ratify and approve as Authority policy our current practice of addressing corporate business tax.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Simon

**SECOND:** Mr. Alagia

**AYES:** 13

**RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 3** 

ITEM: Proposed Rule Amendments to the Net Positive Economic Benefit Test REQUEST: Approve rule amendments to revise the net positive economic benefit test. MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Stoller SECOND: Mr. Huber AYES: 13

**RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 4** 

# **Grow New Jersey Assistance Program**

ITEM: Advisor Group, Inc.

APPL.#43608

**REQUEST**: To approve the application of Advisor Group, Inc. for a Grow New Jersey Assistance Program Grant to encourage the applicant to make a capital investment and locate in Jersey City, NJ. Project location of Jersey City, Hudson County qualifies as an Urban Transit HUB Municipality under N.J.S.A. 34:1B-242 et seq and the program's rules, N.J.A.C. 19:31-18. The project is eligible, pursuant to the statute, for bonus increases to the tax credit award for Transit Oriented Development, Jobs with Salary in Excess of County Average and Targeted Industry (Finance). The estimated annual award is \$465,000 for a 10-year term.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Alagia SECOND: Mr. Albanese AYES: 13 RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 5

ITEM: Cascades Holding US Inc.

APPL.#43681

REQUEST: To approve the application of Cascades Holding US Inc. for a Grow New Jersey Assistance Program Grant to encourage the applicant to make a capital investment and locate in Elizabeth City, NJ. Project location of Elizabeth, Union County qualifies as an Urban Transit HUB Municipality under N.J.S.A. 34:1B-242 et seq and the program's rules, N.J.A.C. 19:31-18. The project is eligible, pursuant to the statute, for bonus increases to the tax credit award for Deep Poverty Pocket, Capital Investment in Excess of Minimum (non-Mega) and Targeted Industry (Manufacturing) The estimated annual award is \$1,820,000 for a 10-year term.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Huber **SECOND:** Mr. Alagia **AYES:** 13 RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 6

ITEM: Cyalume Specialty Products Inc.

APPL.#43367

**REQUEST:** To approve the finding of jobs at risk.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Dumont SECOND: Mr. Huber

**AYES:** 13

RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 7

ITEM: Cyalume Specialty Products Inc.

APPL.#43367

**REQUEST**: To approve the application of Cyalume Specialty Products Inc. for a Grow New Jersey Assistance Program Grant to encourage the applicant to make a capital investment and locate in Franklin Township, NJ. Project location of Franklin Township, Somerset County qualifies as a Priority Area under N.J.S.A. 34:1B-242 et seq and the program's rules, N.J.A.C. 19:31-18. The project is eligible, pursuant to the statute, for bonus increases to the tax credit award for Capital Investment in Excess of Minimum (non-Mega) and Targeted Industry (Manufacturing). The estimated annual award is \$152,750 for a 10-year term.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Huber SECOND: Mr. Alagia **AYES:** 13 RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 8

ITEM: Noven Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

APPL.#43639

REQUEST: To approve the application of Noven Pharmaceuticals, Inc. LLC. for a Grow New Jersey Assistance Program Grant to encourage the applicant to make a capital investment and locate in Jersey City, NJ. Project location of Jersey City, Hudson County qualifies as an Urban Transit HUB Municipality under N.J.S.A. 34:1B-242 et seq and the program's rules, N.J.A.C. 19:31-18. The project is eligible, pursuant to the statute, for bonus increases to the tax credit award for Transit Oriented Development, Jobs with Salary in Excess of County Average and Targeted Industry (Life Sciences). The estimated annual award is \$270,000 for a 10-year term.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Simon **SECOND:** Mr. Huber **AYES:** 13 RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 9

ITEM: Vitaquest International LLC.

APPL.#43651

**REQUEST:** To approve the finding of jobs at risk.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Albanese SECOND: Mr. Huber **AYES:** 13

RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 10

ITEM: Vitaquest International LLC.

APPL.#43651

REQUEST: To approve the application of Vitaquest International LLC. for a Grow New Jersey Assistance Program Grant to encourage the applicant to make a capital investment and locate in Paterson City, NJ. Project location of Paterson City, Passaic County qualifies as a Garden State Growth Zone under N.J.S.A. 34:1B-242 et seq and the program's rules, N.J.A.C. 19:31-18. The project is eligible, pursuant to the statute, for bonus increases to the tax credit award for Deep Poverty Pocket, Transit Oriented Development, Targeted Industry (Manufacturing) and GSGZ Industry Project with Capital Investment in Excess of Minimum. The estimated annual award is \$2,940,000 for a 10-year term.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Stoller SECOND: Ms. Ferrara AYES: 13

RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 11

# **Grow New Jersey Assistance Program - Modifications**

ITEM: EMR Eastern LLC and Affiliates

APPL.#41233

**REQUEST**: To approve the modification request to expand and change its approved

QBF

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Stoller

SECOND: Mr. Imperatore AYES: 13

RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 12

ITEM: Mane USA Inc.

APPL.#42299

**REQUEST**: To approve the modification request to change its approved QBF and

reduce the total number of Grow jobs

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Alagia

**SECOND:** Mr. Mullen

**AYES:** 13

RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 13

# **BOND PROJECTS**

#### **Bond Resolutions**

ITEM: Health/Agriculture and Treasury Taxation Buildings (Trenton)

**REQUEST**: To approve a bond reimbursement resolution for an amount not to exceed \$4 million

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Dumont SECOND: Mr. Simon AYES: 13

RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 14

ITEM: NJEDA/Transportation Project Sublease Revenue Bonds and Revenue Refunding Bonds (New Jersey Transit Corporation Projects) 2017 Series

**REQUEST**: To approve the issuance of one or more series of the 2017

Transportation Project Sublease Revenue and Revenue Refunding Bonds

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Simon SECOND: Mr. Huber AYES: 13

RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 15

ITEM: Yeshiva Gedola Na'os Yaakov Inc

APPL.#43332

LOCATION: Lakewood Township, Ocean County

PROCEEDS FOR: Refinancing

FINANCING: \$3,000,000 Tax-Exempt Bond

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Stoller **SECOND:** Mr. Simon **AYES: 13** 

RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 16

# **Amended Bond Resolutions**

ITEM: The Peddie School

APPL.#43635

LOCATION: Hightstown Borough, Mercer County

PROCEEDS FOR: Refunding

FINANCING: \$15,300,000 Tax-Exempt Bond

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Albanese SECOND: Mr. Huber

**AYES: 13** 

RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 17

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Yes **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

# **Combination Preliminary and Bond Resolutions**

**ITEM:** Uncommon CP Properties III. LLC

APPL.#43822

LOCATION: Camden City, Camden County

PROCEEDS FOR: Renovation of existing building

FINANCING: \$7,876,000 Taxable Qualified Zone Academy Bond

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Stoller SECOND: Mr. Simon

**AYES:** 13

RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 18

# LOANS/GRANTS/GUARANTEES

# Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Program

ITEM: Summary of NJDEP Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Program projects approved by the Department of Environmental Protection.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Huber

**SECOND:** Mr. Stoller

**AYES: 13** 

APPL.#42863

RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 19

**PROJECT:** Borough of Freehold (Colaner Property) LOCATION: Freehold Borough, Monmouth County

PROCEEDS FOR: Remedial Action and Investigation **FINANCING:** \$144.059

PROJECT: Camden Redevelopment Agency (N Camden Waterfront)

APPL.#43778

LOCATION: Camden, Camden County PROCEEDS FOR: Remedial Action

FINANCING: \$1,800,791

**PROJECT:** City of Newark (Rise Field Project) LOCATION: Newark City, Essex County

APPL.#43508

PROCEEDS FOR: Remedial Action

**FINANCING:** \$643,201

**PROJECT:** City of Perth Amboy (Second Street Park)

APPL.#43881

**LOCATION:** Perth Amboy City, Middlesex County

PROCEEDS FOR: Remedial Action

FINANCING: \$1,799,986

**PROJECT:** Township of Berkeley (S. Brunswick Asphalt Comp.)

APPL.#43580

**LOCATION:** Berkley Township, Ocean County **PROCEEDS FOR:** Remedial Investigation

**FINANCING:** \$712,380

PROJECT: Township of Scotch Plains (Raritan Rd Recreation Facility) APPL.#42345

LOCATION: Scotch Plains Township, Union County

PROCEEDS FOR: Remedial Action

**FINANCING:** \$32,528

PROJECT: Township of West Windsor (West Windsor Sanitary Landfill) APPL.#42511

LOCATION: West Windsor Township, Mercer County

PROCEEDS FOR: Remedial Investigation

**FINANCING:** \$299,383

# **EDISON INNOVATION FUND**

ITEM: Wylei, Inc.

**REQUEST:** Approve a \$650,000 loan from the Edison Innovation VC Growth Fund MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Stoller SECOND: Ms. Ferrara AYES: 13

**RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 20** 

# REAL ESTATE

ITEM: Real Estate Impact Fund Revisions

REQUEST: Approval of expansions and revisions to the Real Estate Impact Fund MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Huber SECOND: Mr. Mullen AYES: 13

RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 21

ITEM: Former Riverfront State Prison Site, Camden, NJ

**REQUEST:** Approval of a Memorandum between the EDA, Department of Treasury, Department of Property Management and Construction and the City of Camden regarding construction, maintenance, and operation of the site prior to sale

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Huber SECOND: Mr. Stoller AYES: 13

RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 22

ITEM: NJ Unmanned Aircraft Systems Test Sites Consortium

REQUEST: Approval of the funding and budget for the NJ UASTS as required by the

grant Agreement between the NJ Innovation Institute and the Authority

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Dumont SECOND: Mr. Alagia AYES: 13

**RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 23** 

# **BOARD MEMORANDUMS**

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Projects approved under Delegated Authority

**Small Business Fund Program:** Bossen Real Estate Holdings, LLC (P43345)

**Premier Lender Program:** Crystalware Limited Liability Company (P43527), Snack Innovations, Inc. or Nominee (P43522).

Camden ERB: Tyrone Miles (P38996)

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

# There were no public comments.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Dumont, and seconded by Ms. Ferrara, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Certification:

The foregoing and attachments represent a true and complete summary of the actions taken by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority at its meeting.

Erin Gold, Director, Marketing & Public Affairs

**Assistant Secretary**