

**South Jersey Economic Development District
Special Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2022**

The Special March 3 meeting of the SJEDD was held on-line via Zoom conference call hosted from the SJEDD offices. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M by Vice Chairman Risley. Mr. Risley led the Flag salute.

Roll call: all members attended via conference call number which was advertised:

Cape May County

Commissioner Will Morey (joined late)
Leslie Gimeno

Atlantic County

Commissioner John Risley
Max Slusher

Salem County

Commissioner Edward Ramsay
Carey Italiano
John Bobbitt

Cumberland County

Commissioner Donna Pearson
Sandra Forosisky
Anthony Stanzione

Christy DiLeonardo (C/S/CM WDB)

Francis Kuhn (AC WDB)

Absent: Charles Hassler

Staff: Louis C. Joyce, Executive Director, Francine Springer, CFO, John Carr, Counsel

Public participant: Nancy Ridgway attended via zoom.

Reorganization: Mr. Carr officiated the selection of the Chair. On motion by Mr. Ramsay, 2nd by Mr. Morey and by unanimous vote Commissioner Risley was selected as Chairman for 2022. On motion by Mr. Risley, 2nd by Mr. Ramsay Mr. Morey was elected Vice Chair by unanimous vote. On motion by Chairman Risley, 2nd by Ms. DiLeonardo, Commissioner Ramsay was approved as Secretary by unanimous vote. On motion by Commissioner Risley, 2nd by Ms. DiLeonardo, Commissioner Pearson was elected as Treasurer by unanimous vote.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Risley thanked Mr. Morey for his years of service as chairman. He reflected on the history of the organization and progress made during his years as a Board member. He stated that the District will end the year debt free through prudent spending and financial management.

Executive Director Report:

Mr. Joyce indicated that discussion of the resolutions would be his report for this meeting.

Public Comment on Forthcoming Resolutions:

No Comments were received.

**South Jersey Economic Development District
Special Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2022**

Resolutions:

21 – 21 RESOLUTION NAMING OFFICERS OF THE SOUTH JERSEY ECONOMIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2022 Adopted after the approval of the officers on motion by Mr. Ramsay, 2nd by Mr. Kuhn and with a unanimous vote.

22 – 21 RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORY OF FUNDS AND SIGNATORIES ON THE SJEDD BANK ACCOUNTS Moved by Mr. Ramsay, 2nd by Ms. DiLeonardo. It modifies existing authorized signers to include Commissioner Donna Pearson as the Treasurer. Approved by unanimous vote.

23 – 21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION FOR THE CARES ACT SUPPLEMENTAL PLANNING GRANT Moved by Ms. Forosisky, 2nd by Mr. Slusher. Provides budget modification moving funds from personnel to contractual and requests no cost six month grant extension from June 30, 2022 to Dember 31, 2022. Approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business: Ms. DiLeonardo questioned if there are any additional funds coming from the CARES Act Grant. Further discussion centered on any uncommitted funds in the current grant that can be allocated to county projects.

Purchase of Gazelle AI business development research tool subscription. Mr. Slusher raised the question about subscribing to the Gazelle AI business search platform. The annual cost would be \$13,000 for a single license. Discussion resulted in Mr. Joyce to request a free access for a tryout session and to ascertain the limitations on access for a single use license and report back to the Board.

New Business:

The redirection Salem County CARES Act funding From SCBSS to County of Salem will be an item for next meeting. The County will be assuming the economic development function and the funds will be utilized to enable a director position to fulfill the role of providing business assistance as anticipated in the original proposal.

Mr. Joyce and Mr. Carr reviewed the section of the by laws related to the composition of the Executive Committee and described an amendment to bring it into line with current practice. The amendment will be presented at the regular meeting.

Public Comment:

Ms. Ridgway offered no formal comment.

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2022

**South Jersey Economic Development District
Special Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2022**

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM on motion by Ms. Forosisky, 2nd by Mr. Ramsay and was unanimously approved.

Edward Ramsay
Secretary

APPROVED: April 4, 2022