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GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
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June 8, 2022  
9:21 a.m.

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A P P E A R A N C E S :

**MEMBERS :**

FREDERICK C. BRAUN, III  
MARTIN G. CALLAHAN  
FELIX J. GRUCCI, JR.  
LENORE PAPROCKY  
GARY POLLAKUSKY  
ANN-MARIE SCHEIDT  
FRANK TROTTA

**ALSO PRESENT :**

LISA M.G. MULLIGAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
LORI J. LaPONTE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
JOCELYN LINSE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
TERRI ALKON, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
AMY ILLARDO, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
WILLIAM F. WEIR, ESQ., CORPORATION COUNSEL  
HOWARD R. GROSS, ESQ.,  
WEINBERG GROSS & PERGAMENT, LLP

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MR. BRAUN: We will now open meeting of  
the the Governance Committee of the Industrial  
Development Agency. It is Wednesday,  
June 8th. It is 9:21.

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MS. MULLIGAN: Today's meeting has been  
convened in accordance with Chapter 56 of the  
laws of 2022 effective April 9, 2022  
permitting local governments to hold public  
meetings by telephone and videoconference.

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MR. BRAUN: I should mention for the  
record the following directors are here:  
Mr. Callahan, Mr. Grucci, Ms. Paprocky,  
Mr. Pollakusky, Ms. Scheidt, Mr. Trotta and  
Mr. Braun. A quorum is present.

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MS. MULLIGAN: Okay.

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So we have two sets of minutes on the  
agenda. We have the November 10, 2021 and the  
December 21, 2021 minutes.

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Does anyone have any questions?

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(No response.)

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MS. SCHEIDT: Move to approve.

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MS. MULLIGAN: Maybe we should do them  
individually.

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MS. SCHEIDT: Move to approve the first

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MS. MULLIGAN: Thank you, Ann-Marie.

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Do we have a second?

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MR. GRUCCI: Second.

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MS. MULLIGAN: Thank you, Felix.

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MR. BRAUN: If there are no questions,

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on the vote, Mr. Callahan?

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MR. CALLAHAN: Yes.

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MR. BRAUN: Mr. Grucci?

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MR. GRUCCI: Yes.

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MR. BRAUN: Ms. Paprocky?

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MS. PAPROCKY: Yes.

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MR. BRAUN: Mr. Pollakusky?

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MR. POLLAKUSKY: Yes.

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MR. BRAUN: Ms. Scheidt?

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MS. SCHEIDT: Yes.

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MR. BRAUN: Mr. Trotta?

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MR. TROTTA: Yes.

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MR. BRAUN: Mr. Braun votes yes.

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It's unanimous. The minutes are

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accepted.

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MS. MULLIGAN: Then we have the

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December 21, 2021 minutes.

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Do we have a motion?

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MR. CALLAHAN: So moved.

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MS. SCHEIDT: So moved.

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MS. MULLIGAN: Marty Callahan made the

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motion, Ann-Marie Scheidt seconded it.

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MR. BRAUN: Mr. Trotta?

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MR. TROTTA: Yes.

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MR. BRAUN: Ms. Scheidt?

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MS. SCHEIDT: Yes.

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MR. BRAUN: Mr. Pollakusky?

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MR. POLLAKUSKY: Yes.

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MR. BRAUN: Ms. Paprocky?

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MS. PAPROCKY: Yes.

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MR. BRAUN: Mr. Grucci?

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MR. GRUCCI: Yes.

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MR. BRAUN: Mr. Callahan?

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MR. CALLAHAN: Yes.

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MR. BRAUN: Mr. Braun votes yes.

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The minutes are accepted.

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MS. MULLIGAN: Okay.

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So you know when it rains it pours?

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Right after we got the OSC's audit, we

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got an audit from the ABO.

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The nice thing about the ABO audit was that we didn't even know it was ongoing, so we didn't have to have meetings and interactions with them, they just audited us and they've been doing a lot of these. They look at an IDA's website and they come back and they say you're missing this, you did this wrong, we don't like this and we got -- I think there were ten items that they told us to correct. A couple of them we had up on our website, but not in the format that they wanted, so it was a relatively quick fix, we just had to adjust a couple of things.

A couple of the things -- they audited us, which I have a little bit of an issue with, but it is what it is. They audited us between -- I can't think of it -- I have it here, but I don't know what the dates were, but right at the period where we're transitioning from one year to the next, so we had pulled some documents down from the website and replaced them with the new documents, which were due to be up in like four days, we were a couple of days early and

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they dinged us, I mean it's not really much of

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a ding, but they dinged us for not having the

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old documents up.

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I guess next year what we need to do is

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leave the old documents, put the new

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documents, wait the four days and then take

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the new ones down. It seems a little bit

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cooky, but whatever, it wasn't really a big

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deal at all.

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Honestly to tell you the truth, we went

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through their I'm going to say ten items,

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corrected like eight of them right away, went

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back to them for clarification on a couple of

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them and wrote back to them.

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A few of the things you guys will be

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adopting in the regular session and I can tell

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you, they wanted us to have an investment

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audit. They wanted us to -- I should probably

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put my glasses on, I can't find them -- they

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wanted us to have -- they wanted our

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investment audit in a different format. They

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wanted us to have a property acquisition

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policy, which we didn't have, I didn't realize

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that we were supposed to. They wanted some

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updates on our mission statement and

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measurement report and then a couple of other

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things that we were able to update very

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quickly. They didn't like the format, like I

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said, of a couple of things.

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So overall, when we wrote back to them

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and said these items have to go to our board,

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these items have been updated right away and

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we're working on a few other things, their

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response back to us was, you know, I'm

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paraphrasing, but good job, you guys covered

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90 percent of what we asked for and I'm sure

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they're going to check back in a little while

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and just make sure that we covered the last

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few things that we're cleaning up right now,

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we'll clean up in the regular session and then

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we'll post by the end of the week.

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So overall, it was I think a fine audit

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and it was painless for the most part because

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we didn't even know it was happening, so and

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that was also included in your packets.

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MR. BRAUN: I took particular exception

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to the investment audit from the standpoint

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that they audited our financial statements,



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which means they had to confirm the amount of

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money we had in the bank, the fact that we

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have collateral above the FDIC insurance, so

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they may not have liked the language for some

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reason, but the accountants did what they were

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supposed to do.

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One of the other things, too, is I've

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had conversations with Ryan Silva with regard

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to trying to reach out to the ABO to get some

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kind of advisory committee together and I

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volunteered Lisa and Lori to that committee,

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which they actually shook their heads to

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because they're frustrated at how difficult it

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is to put that form or those inputs into the

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system. But as Ryan said to me right now,

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unless she did something last week, it's

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ruddle the ship, the governor has not

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appointed a new head of the ABO, so until that

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happens, a lot of this stuff going forward is

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in flux.

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Anybody have any questions for Lisa?

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MR. GRUCCI: Yeah.

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Would you refresh my memory, ABO stands

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MS. MULLIGAN: Authorities Budget

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MR. BRAUN: /PARIS.

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MR. GRUCCI: Okay.

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MS. MULLIGAN: Well, ironically PARIS

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is an Office of the State Comptroller program,

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but the ABO is the one who reviews it and

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provides feedback on it.

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MR. WEIR: The purpose of the ABO was

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created under Governor Pataki after some

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complaints about selling -- canal corporations

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selling land with a lot of -- without a lot of

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oversight; was to have oversight over all

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state and local public authority, public

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corporations and so forth.

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Now could -- the Office of State

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Comptroller's power could have been expanded

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to cover everybody, but the legislature

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decided to put the ABO under the auspices of

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the executive branch and the independent

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Office of State Comptroller, it was a

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political decision, so there is a tremendous

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amount of overlap between the OSC and the ABO,

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inefficient, but this is New York, why do

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something that makes sense, so . . . but we're

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here and the ABO powers seem to grow each

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year.

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That's why it was done. It was

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actually done in the Pataki administration and

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it's continued to expand ever since.

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MR. BRAUN: I know there was also one

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piece of legislation that was introduced by

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Senator Skoufis that had Ryan concerned. I

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don't know whether that -- it may have passed,

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but I don't know if the governor signed off on

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that yet.

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MS. MULLIGAN: I think that -- well, I

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shouldn't say that, I'm not sure.

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MR. BRAUN: But you know what.

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Everybody thinks the ABO relates to just

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IDA's. I mean New York Thruway Authority's

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there, I assume the Triboro Bridge and Tunnel

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Authority is part --

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MR. WEIR: Every authority, public

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development corporation and local development

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corporation comes under the auspices of the

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ABO, so they actually had, when they were

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created, a broader mandate to review entities

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2 than the OSC did, so, for example, originally  
3 the OSC had no ability to audit LDC's because  
4 there had been created under (inaudible), only  
5 the AG's office had that. So I mean, so --  
6 but the ABO has authority to regulate and  
7 audit every public entity in New York State.

8 MR. BRAUN: Bill, 2008, when was that  
9 created?

10 MR. WEIR: It was I believe 2005 and  
11 then it was amended again in 2007.

12 MR. BRAUN: Okay.

13 MR. WEIR: So you had the Public  
14 Authorities Accountability Act in 2005 and  
15 then the Public Authorities Responsibilities  
16 Act in 2007, I believe, so it's been around  
17 for a long time and it's not going anymore.

18 MR. BRAUN: No, it's not.

19 Lisa, do you have anything else?

20 MS. MULLIGAN: I don't have anything  
21 else, unless anybody has questions on the  
22 audit.

23 Actually, I will say you guys, if you  
24 haven't, you should look at our website, it is  
25 chockful of information. I reference it

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2 regularly when I need information.

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Fred asked me a question the other day. The easiest place for me to access the information that he was looking for was on our website. It's really -- I think for most people it's excessive, but for us as a resource, it's . . . I think it's good.

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MR. BRAUN: And it is pretty user friendly.

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MS. MULLIGAN: Yes.

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I've seen those similar audits where they say to IDA's we did find this document, but we had to dig and that's not the way it's supposed to be.

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Our information is all pretty clearly laid out and accessible for the public and it's updated almost daily because there's always something else we have to add to it.

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MR. BRAUN: If there's nothing further, I will entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Governance Committee of the --

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MR. TROTTA: Motion.

MS. SCHEIDT: Second.

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MS. MULLIGAN: I'm sorry, that was

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Frank Trotta who made the motion and who

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seconded it?

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MS. SCHEIDT: Ann-Marie.

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MS. MULLIGAN: Thank you, Ann-Marie.

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MS. SCHEIDT: Always eager to move on.

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MR. BRAUN: Mr. Callahan?

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(No response.)

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MR. BRAUN: Birthday child, you voting?

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MS. MULLIGAN: He's on mute.

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MR. CALLAHAN: I was on mute, sorry.

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Yes, yes, yes.

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MR. BRAUN: Mr. Grucci?

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MR. GRUCCI: Yes.

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MR. BRAUN: Ms. Paprocky?

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MS. PAPROCKY: Yes.

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MR. BRAUN: Mr. Pollakusky?

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MR. POLLAKUSKY: Yes.

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MR. BRAUN: Ms. Scheidt?

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MS. SCHEIDT: Yes.

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MR. BRAUN: Mr. Trotta?

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MR. TROTTA: Yes.

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MR. BRAUN: Mr. Braun votes yes.

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It's unanimous. We are adjourned.

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(Time noted: 9:32 a.m.)

I, JOANN O'LOUGHLIN, a Notary Public  
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certify that the above is a correct transcription  
of my stenographic notes.

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