

COURT FACILITIES CAPITAL REVIEW BOARD



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Title: Court Facilities Capital Review Board

Meeting room was opened at 11:55 A.M.

Meeting Start Time: 12:36 P.M.

End Time: 1:19 P.M.

Date: October 15, 2024

Location: 25 Beaver St., 5th FL Conf. Rm

Board Attendees (in person): CFCRB Board Members, Assembly Member Chuck Lavine (*designated by Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz*), Senator Hoylman-Sigal, First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Hon. Norman St. George.

Board Attendees (virtually): Assemblyman Willis Stephens, Tina Fernandez, Esq.

Other Attendees (virtually): Maureen McAlary (OCA); Susan Tirota (Assembly staff - attended part of the meeting); Howard Vargas (Assembly staff - attended part of the meeting); Steven Koch (Assembly Staff - attended part of the meeting).

Other attendees (in person): Will Williams (Assembly staff); David Nocenti (OCA, General Counsel); Mindy Jeng (OCA, Special Counsel to the Executive Director); Shawn Waterman (OCA, Dir. Of Facilities); Justin Barry (OCA, Executive Director); Joe Rossi (OCA, Court Facilities Attorney).

MINUTES

1. The Court Facility Capital Review Board meeting was called to order by Board Member, First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, Hon. Norman St. George, at 12:36PM, and proceeded as set forth below:
2. Introduction –
 - a. Hon. Norman St .George began introductions and opened the floor to those in attendance.
 - b. Hon. Norman St .George explained the importance of the board, access to justice, and equal justice, and he explained the importance of the following pillars to achieve this goal:
 - People
 - Technology
 - Facilities
 - Uniform budgeted act – converted employees & req. suitable and sufficient facilities
 - 1982 report
 - 1987 – court facilities act which created Board and oversight over non state owner facilities
 - Appropriate, suitable and sufficient
 - c. Introductions – members in the room and on teams
 - d. Justin Barry discussed the critical role that the Chief Administrative Judge plays in working with the municipalities to obtain suitable and sufficient facilities.

- Objectives of OCA and the board over the next 12 months:
 - Before next meeting: to prompt updates of problem-facilities;
 - Over the next 12 months: prompt updates of all 119 capital plans, as necessary / applicable.
- e. Presentation – OCA presented on the background of the Court Facilities Act, the Court's involvement over the years, board action, and other helpful statutory information.
- f. Board Vote on Chair:
 - FDCAJ St. George nominated By: Assembly Member Chuck Lavine
 - Second by Senator Holyman-Sigal
 - All in favor:
- g. Justin Barry went over Facility Examples
 - Buffalo
 - Schenectady
 - Middletown
 - Nassau
 - Albany
- h. Next Meeting Date was discussed as late January 2025.
- i. Miscellaneous
 - Senator Holyman-Sigal asked about whether City of new York was a municipality of concern;
 - Judge St. George confirmed it was.
 - Assemblyman Willis Stephens asked about the process if a municipality fails or refuses to address the board's / UCS' concerns.
 - OCA staff discussed the process for withholding funds from a municipality, by way of the Office of the State Comptroller.
- j. Meeting Adjourned
 - Motion to dismiss made by Assembly Member Chuck LaVine; seconded by Senator Holyman-Sigal.

Microsoft TEAMS "Chat" Transcript

Elizabeth Carr joined the conversation.

Elizabeth Carr named the meeting Court Facilities Capital Review Board Meeting.

David Nocenti and 2 others were invited to the meeting.

HRInterview was invited to the meeting.

Yesterday 11:55 AM Meeting started

Willis Stephens (External) was invited to the meeting.

Tina Fernandez (Unverified) was invited to the meeting.

Susan C. Tirotta (Unverified) was invited to the meeting.

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Thank you. I was just wondering what is the process if a municipal fails or refuses to address our concerns

Tina Fernandez (Unverified) left the chat.

Yesterday 1:19 PM Meeting ended: 1h 24m 12s

Howard Vargas (Unverified) left the chat.