



**MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
APRIL 14, 2016 – 10:30 A.M.  
OKI BOARD ROOM**

- Call to Order

President Lynch, noting that there was a quorum, called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. with the following members in attendance:

**MEMBERS**

Mr. Kevin Lynch, Dearborn County Board of Commissioners, President  
Mr. T.C. Rogers, Butler County Board of Commissioners, First Vice President  
Judge Steve Pendery, Campbell County Fiscal Court  
Mr. Todd Portune, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, Past President  
Mr. Tom Adamec, Blue Ash, Ohio  
Mr. David Mann, Cincinnati, Ohio  
Ms. Sherry Carran, Covington, Kentucky  
Mr. Charles Tassell, Deer Park, Ohio  
Mr. Tom Cahill, Erlanger, Kentucky  
Mr. Charles Southall, Forest Park, Ohio  
Ms. Kim Nachazel, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky  
Mr. Robert Brown, Hamilton, Ohio  
Mr. Christopher Reinersman, Independence, Kentucky  
Mr. Stephen Kaiser, Lebanon, Ohio  
Mr. Michael Steur, Madeira, Ohio  
Ms. Suzi Rubin, Monroe, Ohio  
Mr. Sean Feeney, North College Hill, Ohio  
Mr. James Bonsall, Norwood, Ohio  
Mr. Steve Dana, Oxford, Ohio  
Mr. Kevin Hardman, Sharonville, Ohio  
Ms. Marjorie Harlow, Springdale, Ohio  
Mr. Dan Bell, Taylor Mill, Kentucky  
Mr. Richard Miller, Trenton, Ohio  
Mr. Jim O'Reilly, Wyoming, Ohio  
Mr. Josh Gerth, Anderson Township  
Mr. Karl Schultz, Miami Township  
Mr. Mark Welch, West Chester Township  
Mr. Gregory Carson, Clermont County Township Association  
Mr. Jonathan Sams, Warren County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks

*Kevin J. Lynch  
President*

*Mark R. Policinski  
CEO/Executive Director*

**Board Members (continued)**

Mr. Brian Painter, Campbell County Fiscal Court  
Ms. Liz Morris, Dearborn County Council Member  
Mr. Greg Breetz, Boone County Planning Commission  
Mr. Michael Williams, Campbell County Planning & Zoning Commission  
Mr. Taylor Corbett, Clermont County Planning Commission  
Mr. David Okum, Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Marc Hult, Kenton County Planning Commission  
Mr. Stan Williams, Warren County Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Timothy Bachman, Fairfield (City) Planning Commission  
Mr. Craig Beckley, Dearborn County Township Association  
Mr. Ken Bogard, Resident Member  
Mr. Bill Brayshaw, Resident Member  
Mr. Dennis Deters, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, Resident Member  
Mr. David Ginsburg, Resident Member  
Mr. Roger Kerlin, Resident Member  
Mr. Eric Kranz, Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce, Resident Member  
Mr. Larry H. Maxey, Resident Member  
Ms. Pamela Mullins, Resident Member  
Mr. V. Anthony Simms-Howell, Ohio Comm. on Hispanic/Latino Affairs, Resident Member  
Mr. Tom Voss, Resident Member  
Ms. Laura Brunner, Port of Greater Cincinnati  
Mr. Ted Hubbard, Hamilton County Engineer  
Ms. Candace McGraw, Kenton County Airport Board  
Mr. Jim Ude, Indiana Department of Transportation  
Mr. Robert Hans, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet  
Mr. Dwight Ferrell, Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority  
Mr. Andrew Aiello, Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky  
Mr. Bradley Williams, Butler County Regional Transit Authority

**GUESTS**

Mr. Jeff Earlywine, representing Judge Gary Moore, Boone County Fiscal Court  
Mr. Scott Gunning, representing Judge Knochelmann, Kenton County Fiscal Court, Second Vice President  
Mr. Bill Wells, Covington, Kentucky  
Mr. Timothy Bachman, representing Craig Keller, Fairfield, Ohio  
Ms. Dora Bronston, representing Larry Mulligan, Middletown, Ohio  
Mr. Adam Goetzman, representing David Linnenberg, Green Township  
Mr. Cory Wright, representing Matthew Beamer, Union Township  
Mr. Derek Walker, representing Mark McCormack, Dearborn County Plan Commission  
Ms. Emi Randall, representing Dennis Andrew Gordon, PDS of Kenton County  
Ms. Carrie Pastor, representing Jill Meyer, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber  
Ms. Lanita Havekamp, representing Mr. Monzel, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, Resident Member  
Mr. Stefan Spinosa, representing Tammy Campbell, Ohio Department of Transportation

**Guests (continued)**

Ms. Rachel Hastings, Center for Great Neighborhoods  
Mr. Bob Blackburn, Oxford City Council  
Mr. Joe Vogel, FTC&H  
Mr. Jay Hamilton, Mead & Hunt  
Ms. Cindy Wallace, TranSystems  
Mr. Keith N. Corman, K&M Corman Consultants  
Mr. P.J. Ginty, Warren County RPC  
Mr. Nathan Pera, TranSystems  
Mr. Skip Schulte, Citizen  
Mr. Jeff Wallace, Parsons Brinckerhoff  
Ms. Guinevere Emery, City of Aurora  
Ms. Marilyn Hyland, I&O/CIND Railroad  
Ms. Sherri Carbo, Governor Kasich's Office

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Mr. Edward Diller, Taft, Stettinius & Hollister

**STAFF**

Mr. Mark R. Policinski	Mr. Robert W. Koehler	Ms. Marilyn F. Osborne
Ms. Karen Whitaker	Ms. Purcy Nance	Ms. Lorrie Platt
Mr. Mark Paine	Mr. Brad Mason	Mr. David Shuey
Mr. Andy Reser	Mr. Travis Miller	Ms. Florence Parker
Mr. Andy Meyer	Mr. Andrew Rohne	Ms. Robyn Bancroft
Ms. Summer Jones		

Mr. Craig Beckley led the Board of Directors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Announcements

President Lynch reminded everyone to sign in for attendance purposes. He also reminded everyone that this is a Board of Directors meeting and that Executive Committee Alternates are not able to vote.

ITEM #1: ADMINISTRATIVE

A. President's Report

- Update about Ed Humphrey

President Lynch reported that Commissioner Humphrey had been making great strides in his recovery from his December car accident and was planning to attend the Board Meeting, but unfortunately had a small set-back and was in the hospital over the weekend. President Lynch asked for continued prayers for Commissioner Humphrey's full recovery.

- Annual Luncheon

President Lynch announced that Indiana Governor Mike Pence will be the speaker at this year's OKI Annual Luncheon. The luncheon will be held on August 4 at the Lawrenceburg Event Center. Details will be sent out shortly. He reminded Board members that they will receive complimentary registration to the event. Last year was a record attendance of over 450 persons and he expressed his expectation for even more attendees this year.

- Eastern Corridor Update

President Lynch provided an update about the Eastern Corridor project. He reported that there will be a series of public meetings for Segments 2 and 3, which extend the Red Bank corridor to I-275/State Route 32 interchange and encompass all roads in between including Wooster Pike, Beechmont Levee and State Route 32. He also reported that there is a brief online survey available until June 15 that can be accessed at [www.easterncorridor.org](http://www.easterncorridor.org). A flyer was available on the back table with the public meeting dates and locations.

B. Approval of March 10, 2016 Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

President Lynch called for corrections and/or additions to the March 10, 2016 minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting.

There being none, Mr. Bogard moved that the March 10, 2016 minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting be approved as mailed. Mr. Reed seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Policinski reported that, once again, copies of CVG's Talking Points were available on the back table for members' use. He reported that CVG's capacity increased 12% year-over-year and total flights offered increased 5%. CVG is also preparing for new low-cost carrier routes to begin April/May. CVG now has low-cost carrier service to 23 of its 53 nonstop destinations with more than 100 weekly low-cost carrier flights.

Mr. Policinski also reported that a study by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland shows the Cincinnati region's economy is performing stronger than that of the nation. The report stated that "the region remains uniquely positioned in industry sectors that benefit from the national recovery, such as leisure and hospitality, manufacturing, construction, and trade, transportation and utilities". Mr. Policinski thanked the Board for their leadership which is helping to drive the progress in the region.

Mr. Policinski provided a reminder that May 31 is the deadline for both Ohio and Kentucky STP, SNK and TA funds, totaling approximately \$75 million for FY 2019-2021. He recommended that those interested in applying sit down with staff as they put together their applications.

Mr. Policinski explained that MPOs are required by the federal government to have a planning document 20 years into the future, which is updated every four years. He stated that the 2040 Plan Update is a major project of the agency and every member of the staff is involved. The importance of this Plan is highlighted through the updates the Board receives each month. He reported that the draft project list is currently available and includes \$17 billion worth of projects, \$10 billion of which is maintenance. Mr. Policinski stressed the need for the Board's input and comments on the project list and expressed his appreciation for those comments already received. The list will be presented in June for approval.

Mr. Policinski reported that Kentucky Governor Bevin signed a public-private partnership bill which includes a prohibition of tolls for the Brent Spence Bridge. The bill also contains a prohibition of tolls for a possible eastern bypass--no bridge crossing between Ohio and Kentucky can use tolls. He reported that the Governor needs to put together a financial plan that is acceptable to Ohio before the project can proceed. He encouraged the Governors of Ohio and Kentucky to work closely together as they develop a plan.

Mayor Carran stated that she has heard Governor Bevin put \$35 million into the budget to do a one-for-one analysis of the Brent Spent Bridge compared to the eastern bypass. She questioned whether OKI will be involved in the study. Mr. Policinski stated that it is his understanding that \$38 million was budgeted. Mr. Rob Hans clarified that \$38 million is listed for the painting and maintenance of the bridge. The maintenance would be a new deck overlay to the existing Brent Spence Bridge. He added that there is a proposed \$2 million study of all alternatives, but as of today, that funding has not been approved by the Kentucky legislature. Mr. Policinski stated that OKI will assist in any way needed for that analysis. He pointed out, however, that any plans need to be worked out and agreed to by the Governors of both states. Ms. Carran asked Mr. Hans whether \$2 million is enough to conduct a detailed corridor study. Mr. Hans stated that the \$2 million would be utilized to prepare as detailed study as possible.

Mr. Portune questioned whether there is any funding that could have been applied for with the adoption of new FAST Act. Mr. Policinski explained that there is not a chance of receiving funding without a unified Finance Plan. According to ODOT, it would take 3-5 years to get the project ready to proceed. Without having the unified plan, the project is looking at the last two years of the FAST Act funding before they could apply.

Mr. Policinski reported that Sherri Carbo, Governor Kasich's representative, is leaving her position. He thanked her for all the assistance she has provided to OKI and wished her well for the future.

#### D. Legislative Update

Ms. Lorrie Platt, staff, thanked Board member Nancy Atkinson for volunteering during the 2016 Northern Kentucky Food Summit to help promote the 2040 Plan Update.

Ms. Platt reminded members that the deadline for Fiscal Year 2016 applications for the FAST Act grants are due at 8 p.m. She explained that the region would not be submitting for funding for

the Brent Spence Bridge project without a financing plan in place between Kentucky and Ohio. She stated that she would provide updates as the project moves forward in meeting the requirements of the FAST Act.

Ms. Platt reported that in 2015, Americans drove 3.1 trillion miles, a new record (reported by the U.S. DOT Federal Highway Administration). The previous record was 3 trillion miles set in 2007, before the great recession. She pointed out that 3.1 trillion miles is roughly the same distance as 337 round trips to Pluto. She explained that gas prices, gradually improving economy/job growth factor/better labor market, increased discretionary travel and rising car sales were all factors in the increase.

E. Finance Officer's Report

Ms. Purcy Nance, staff, reported that the Finance Officer's Report, dated April 14, 2016, was distributed around the table. She explained that the report contains financial statements for the period ended February 29, 2016 and includes current cash information.

Ms. Nance referred members to page 2 for the current information. As of April 4, OKI had \$518,583 in the PNC checking account, \$14,318 in the HSA/FSA checking account and \$500,468 in the STAR Ohio money market mutual fund. Ms. Nance reported that there has been no recent activity on OKI's line of credit and there is no outstanding balance at report date.

Ms. Nance stated that page 3 contains the balance sheet as of February 29. She reported that Cash and Investments are at the same level as this time last year. Receivables are down approximately 17% from this time last year due to completion of the KY 536 Study and timing of FTA projects. Ms. Nance reported that at February 29, there were \$699,000 in receivables, all associated with January and February invoices. She further stated that payables are up 52% or \$28,000 from this time last year due to timing of routine invoices.

Ms. Nance stated that Revenue information is located on page 4. She reported that at February 29, OKI was approximately 67% of the way through the budgeted year. Overall, revenues are at 61%, which is on budget. She noted the following items: Federal revenues are behind budget due to the timing of project award and contract execution for the Forestry project as well as the timing and administration of FTA projects; Miscellaneous Revenues are ahead of budget due to the timing of OKI's annual meeting; and Contributed Services are behind budget due to timing of FTA and U.S. Forestry projects and the seasonal nature of the Clean Air marketing campaign.

Ms. Nance stated that page 5 contains Expense information. She reported that overall, expenses are at 60%, which is on budget. Ms. Nance noted the following items: Category 2, Fringe Benefits is behind budget due to savings experienced on health insurance renewals. Category 3, Travel, Subsistence and Professional Development is behind budget due to the timing of budgeted activities; and Category 6, Contributed Services is behind budget due to the timing of FTA and U.S. Forestry projects and the seasonal nature of the Clean Air marketing campaign.

Ms. Nance stated that page 6 contains the General Fund Balance information. She reported that the General Fund Balance has had net decrease of approximately \$1,000 year to date. The two components of this decrease are timing differences and year to date activities. The timing differences include a \$129,000 increase due to timing of county funding payments and \$139,000 decrease due to application of negotiated fringe and indirect rates. The remaining \$9,000 increase is associated with year-to-date operations and timing of active projects. Resulting in a year to date fund balance of \$1,063,000. Of this amount, \$258,000 is committed to active projects.

There being no discussion, Mr. Brayshaw moved that the Board of Directors accept and file the Finance Officer's Report dated April 14, 2016. Mr. Portune seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #2: BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

OKI Treasurer Ken Reed reported that the Budget Committee met prior to the Board meeting and began discussions regarding next year's budget. The committee will meet again in May and work toward presenting the FY 2017 budget to the Board in June.

Mr. Reed also reported that the Budget Committee recommends approval of Resolution 2016-05 regarding telecommunication services for the OKI office.

A. Telecommunication Services for the OKI Office

Mr. David Shuey, staff, explained that Resolution 2016-05 authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Cincinnati Bell to provide hosted IP phone services and a 50 Megabit internet connection to the OKI office for the next five years.

Mr. Shuey explained that the OKI offices are currently served by a 30 Megabit fiber connection which has been in place for the past three years. OKI's existing phone system is over 20 years old and it is becoming increasingly difficult and costly to locate replacement parts for this system. OKI included \$25,000 in the current fiscal year budget to replace our aging phone system.

With the assistance of a telecommunication broker, OKI staff concluded the best path forward would be to bundle these two services together and move to a hosted IP phone solution. The telecommunication broker evaluated numerous providers and service options and Cincinnati Bell provided the best price and service to the agency. OKI's monthly telecommunications payment will increase by \$170 each month by adding the hosted phone service and additional 20 Megabits of internet bandwidth. This equates to approximately \$10,200 over the five year agreement. This option requires no up-front money.

Mr. Reed moved that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 2016-05 regarding the telecommunication services for the OKI office. Mr. Hubbard seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #3: PRESENTATION ON THE KENTON COUNTY PLAN4HEALTH – HEALTHY CORNER STORE PROGRAM

Ms. Rachel Hastings, Program Director-Community Development, the Center for Great Neighborhoods, Covington, Kentucky, provided a summary of the results of the Corner Store Program component of the Kenton County Plan4Health project. In 2015-2016, The Center for Great Neighborhoods has engaged corner store owners in the neighborhoods of Covington to implement the Healthy Corner Store initiative. This initiative has increased healthy food option to corner store patrons, helped owners re-engage with residents and attract new customers in their neighborhoods. This program has involved youth by educating and encouraging their purchase of healthy snack options.

The project team partnership of the Center for Great Neighborhoods, PDS, the Northern Kentucky Health Department and OKI received funding from the American Planning Association awarded to the team through the national APA Plan4Health program in 2015.

Mr. Portune asked what cost OKI contributed to the program and what was the source of the funding. Ms. Hastings explained that the grant awarded by APA was \$135,000. Mr. Miller explained that the grant funds provided 100% of the labor spent by OKI on the project.

Mr. Portune also asked whether there is any follow up to the program in either Northern Kentucky or elsewhere in the region. Ms. Hastings reported that next week, staff will be meeting with officials in Roselawn and Bond Hill about possible programs. She stressed that the program required buy-in by store owners and a willingness to track their sales and experiment with what is selling.

Mr. Ginsburg questioned whether there is any way of measuring the health outcome and bottom line for the retailers. Ms. Hastings explained that the retailers track their sales. She explained that the focus of this program was on youth because the hope is that they will grow up into adults who are continuing to make healthy choices. Also, the choices kids make can help influence their families. Longer-term, they are partnering with the Health Department for initiatives to promote both activity and access to nutritious food in Covington.

Ms. Carran commented that most every local government is likely dealing with healthy initiatives. She explained that in Covington, they have been working the past year trying to figure out their largest health issues. At the Health Collaborative held last week, it was determined that their two biggest health issues are obesity and coping with stress. She stated that offering healthy food options for lower income communities is very important. Ms. Hastings explained that as part of the marketing for the corner stores, sampling events were held using items from the stores. Recipe cards are also available at the stores, along with a kid-oriented magazine provided by the USDA about nutritious food called *Chop Chop*.

Mr. Policinski questioned where the stores get their food. He pointed out that the cost of food at a corner store is typically higher and questioned whether the cost of the products were reduced as part of this program in order to make it more affordable. Ms. Hastings explained that each



store has their own distributor, she pointed out that it was not feasible to work with one distributor due to the small scale of the project. She explained the grant helped supplement the cost of the food. She pointed out that many of the shoppers at the corner stores receive SNAP benefits.

ITEM #4: 2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2016 UPDATE PRESENTATION #7

Mr. Andy Reser and Travis Miller, staff, provided the latest presentation regarding the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan 2016 Update. He explained that the prior presentations have focused on existing conditions, but information is now available to forecast the impacts of the Plan, including 2040 employment, household and population forecasts with its distribution among the 2,300 traffic zones around the region; draft Plan project list; and the travel model has been calibrated to base year conditions. Mr. Reser reported that of the 133 projects in the draft project list, 72 of those impact the capacity of the future transportation network and need to be modeled.

Mr. Reser discussed the 2040 Plan's impact on Environment Justice populations. He reported that over \$5.8 billion, nearly 85% of the total recommended expenditures, are within or adjacent to EJ communities. He noted that OKI finds no adverse or disproportionate impacts on the EJ populations.

Mr. Reser discussed the System Performance. He highlighted the transit recommendations and how that impacts accessibility to jobs. Major transit projects include Oasis Line Rail Transit, Northern Kentucky streetcar and BCRTA expanded service. The Plan's recommendations also improve service in areas that are currently underserved. The Plan adds 221 lane miles to the network. He reported that vehicle miles traveled (VMT), vehicle hours traveled (VHT) and congestion all go up in 2040, as compared to the base year, with or without the Plan. But, implementing the Plan lowers VMT, VHT and congestion —although by less than 1%.

Mr. Reser also highlighted the Air Quality findings. He explained that OKI uses the travel model in conjunction with a U.S. EPA vehicle emissions model to estimate future emissions. He explained that with better vehicle technology, all pollutants are expected to decrease from 2010 to 2040. He explained that future emissions, that include the Plan projects, must not exceed established targets. He invited members to visit the website to view the detailed information provided in the conformity report, the findings of which will be part of the Plan approval in June.

Mr. Travis Miller explained that Environmental Consultants are a required component of the Regional Transportation Plan and are intended to result in better decisions for improving transportation. This process engages state and local conservation, environmental protection and land use management agencies. He stated that OKI staff has inventoried Regionally Significant Resources, which are resources identified by states for conservation or protection.

Mr. Miller reported that they met with 72 individuals representing 50 agencies—17 state and 33 local agencies. He reported that OKI's GIS Department created an Environmental Viewer which is an interactive web-based application which allows the user to overlay various resources on a

map and determine how transportation improvements generally effect environmental resources. Mr. Miller reported that the major environmental concerns center on the impact stormwater has on our streams. Sixteen strategies have been identified for better planning procedures and are included in the Plan. He pointed out that the Environmental Viewer was developed for this process but has proven to be a very useful tool and will continue to be maintained on OKI's website.

ITEM #5: FISCAL YEAR 2017 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Bob Koehler, staff, reported on the Unified Planning Work Program which outlines the scope of work and associated budget for Fiscal Year 2017. He referred to page 9 of the Executive Summary included in the meeting packet. He highlighted some of the activities that will take place during the upcoming fiscal year, which begins on July 1.

Mr. Mann moved that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 2016-06 approving the Fiscal Year 2017 Unified Planning Work Program. Ms. Carran seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #6: INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Paine, staff, reported that the ICC met on Tuesday, April 12. Mr. David Etienne with SORTA provided a presentation on the Cincinnati Streetcar which is anticipated to start service in September. He provided information on how to be safe around the system including how pedestrians and bicyclists should cross over the rails at a 90 degree angle.

The committee heard presentation #7 of the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan update and the FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program. The ICC approved Administrative Modification #7 of the OKI TIP which included minor changes to one highway and one sidewalk project in Ohio and two highway and two pedestrian projects in Kentucky.

Mr. Paine reported that the ICC recommends approval of Resolution 2016-07 which is the self-certification of the urban transportation planning process.

A. Certification of the Urban Transportation Planning Process

Mr. Koehler explained that MPOs are required to be certified in the federal metropolitan planning process in order to receive federal funds for transportation projects. Each year OKI self certifies that all the requirements of this process are met, enabling funding to be allocated to local projects and every fourth year representatives from the applicable federal agencies conduct an on-site review of the MPO, which will be taking place this coming December. Mr. Koehler reported that OKI is meeting all of the requirements and is in in good standing.

Mr. Hubbard moved that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 2016-07. Mr. Reinersman seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #7: CONSENT AGENDA

President Lynch stated that each month a written report of committee activities is mailed to the Board of Directors. This mailing included the March Consent Agenda Items.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Board of Directors approve the consent agenda as mailed. Mr. Reed seconded the motion; motion carried.

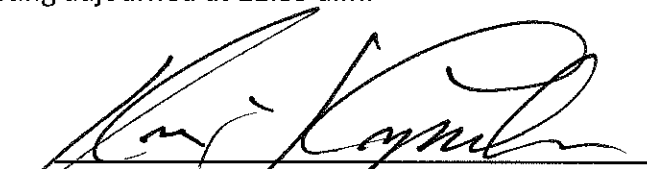
There were no committee announcements and/or updates.

ITEM #8: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for discussion.

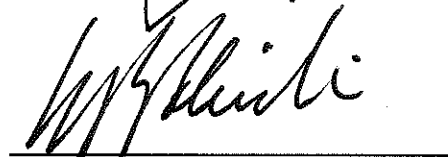
ITEM #9: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Reed moved that the Board of Directors meeting be adjourned. Mr. Bogard seconded the motion; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.



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KEVIN J. LYNCH, PRESIDENT



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MARK R. POLICINSKI, SECRETARY

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