

## **Newark Watershed Conservation and Development Corporation**

### **Minutes of the Public Session of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

Thursday, July 17, 2014

#### **Opening of Meeting**

Called to order: 3:28 PM

#### **Introductions/ Roll Call**

Participants:

- Hon. James R. Zazzali, Trustee
- William T. Merritt, Trustee<sup>1</sup>
- Dr. Clement A. Price, Trustee<sup>2</sup>
- Edwin H. Stier, Trustee
- Hon. Dorothea O’C. Wefing, Trustee
- Joseph Hartnett, Interim Executive Director

Counsel:

- Eric Kanefsky, Esq.
- Gianina C. Jean-Baptiste, Esq. (Recording Secretary)

Members of the Public:

- Sarab Thapar- Hardin, Kundla, McKeon & Poletto, Counsel to the City of Newark
- Guy Sterling- Newark Water Group
- Walter Bryant from – Administrative/Legislative Aid to the Mildred Crump

#### **Public Comment**

Chairperson Zazzali opened the meeting of the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Newark Watershed Conservation and Development Corporation (the “NWCDC”) to public comment. No public comment was made.

#### **Minutes**

Chairperson Zazzali acknowledged the Board’s receipt of minutes from the public sessions of the June 18, 2014, Board Meeting, for the Board’s review and consideration.

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<sup>1</sup> Joined in person at 3:27p.m.

<sup>2</sup> Joined via Telephone at 3:41p.m.

## **General Update**

### **Auditing Services-**

Mr. Harnett informed the board that progress has been made on choosing an auditing firm from the options previously qualified by the board. There are presently three qualified firms in the running and, according to Mr. Harnett, by the next board meeting he will present the Trustees with his recommendation.

### **Outstanding Invoices-**

Mr. Kanefsky advised as to the outstanding invoices attached to the agenda that presently required payment. The board took note of the invoices.

### **Executive Director Report-**

Mr. Harnett advised as to his progress in preparing a budget for the corporation.

Mr. Harnett also provided an update on the pension fund investments. According to Mr. Hartnett, the investments are low risk and have a high degree of liquidity that would allow for easy access.

### **Next Meeting Time**

The board set the next meeting time for August 6, 2014 at 3pm in NWCDC Board room.

## **Executive Session**

Chairperson Zazzali entertained a motion to enter the Executive Session, noting that the Board would discuss litigation updates and other general updates, and that the minutes of the Executive Session will remain confidential until the end of the litigation and investigation, or until such time as the Board determines the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion to Enter Executive Session:

Moved by Edwin H. Stier Seconded by Hon. Dorothea O'C. Wefing

### **Vote:**

Name	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
The Hon. James R. Zazzali	X			
The Hon. Dorothea O'C. Wefing	X			

Dr. Clement A. Price	X			
Edwin H. Stier, Esq.	X			
William T. Merritt	X			
The Hon. Augusto Amador				X
Mayor of Newark				X

Action taken \_\_\_\_\_ Motion Passed \_\_\_\_\_

The Board entered Executive Session at 4:13 PM<sup>3</sup>. Chairperson Zazzali noted that the Board will not reconvene in Public Session after conclusion of the Executive Session.

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<sup>3</sup> Members of the public left the meeting as the Board entered Executive Session.