

**Hazard Abatement Board  
232nd Meeting  
New York State Department of Labor  
State Office Building Campus  
Albany, New York 12240  
June 23, 2022**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Ann Marie Taliercio – Acting Chair  
Frank Mirer  
  
Grace Sembajwe

**Staff Present:**

Liz Martin – Secretary to the Board  
Kerry Douglas-Duffy – Deputy Bureau  
Chief, Workforce Innovation & Quality  
Stacy Wood – Notetaker  
Beth Geleta – Tally

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm.

**Introductions:** Acting Chair Taliercio began the meeting with introductions of all Board members and staff present.

**Announcement/Statements:** Acting Chair Taliercio made the following closing statement:

“Good afternoon again and thank you for joining us here today, for the 232nd and third Virtual Meeting of the NYS Department of Labor Hazard Abatement Board.

First on behalf of the Board I would like to thank Liz Martin for her continued leadership and all of the New York State Staff for their valued work in reading, evaluating and commenting on this year’s applications and managing the ongoing grants.

Next, I want to Thank the Board Members who through their dedication to the process and belief in the supreme importance of getting these safety training programs to the workers of New York we would not be at the awards meeting today.

We THANK Governor Hochul for recognizing the benefits of the Hazard Abatement Board Grant program by continuing it and at the same time, we ask the Governor to consider restoring the full amount of 6.2M, to next year’s budget so that all of the important programs, run by New Yorkers to protect the health and safety and even lives of New Yorkers at workers can happen.

The Board had a difficult time deciding how to allocate the available funds to protect the most workers because 2.5 million cannot possibly provide the trainings needed, so we ask that all of you who receive or will not receive grants today because of the decreased available funding also

communicate with Governor Hochul and your State Representatives about the need for full funding to be restored. Thank you.

The process of awarding grant monies starts with the State Workers who review and score the grants submitted, next the HAB Board reviews those recommendations and we make the final awards, based on the merit of the proposal and where the reduced available monies can train the most workers.

We will now read the list of grants to not be funded, followed by those to be fully funded and partially funded.

Final program cuts have been suggested by the Board but as the Board will later propose, changes will be fully decided by the grant Managers, in dialogue with the Grantees in deciding what cuts makes the most sense.

After today's awards meeting, NYSDOL Contract Managers will be reaching out to awardees shortly to begin the contracting process. Now back to business."

**Approval of Minutes:** The reading of the minutes from the November 29, 2021 meeting were waived. Board Member Mirer motioned to accept the minutes as written. Board Member Sembajwe seconded. Upon hearing no questions or changes to the minutes, the motion passed with all in favor.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Acting Chair Taliercio asks Secretary to the Board, Liz Martin, to report on the Capital Abatement Projects (CAP) seeking Hazard Abatement Board (HAB) funding for the 2022-2023 program year. Secretary Martin reports that there are no Capital Abatement Projects requesting funding.

Board Member Mirer moved to accept the Capital Abatement Project Awards as read. Board Member Sembajwe seconded. With all in favor, the motion passed.

Board Members reviewed the proposals in the following categories: "2022-2023 Fully Fund, Fund at Reduced Level"; and "Do Not Fund" applicants.

Secretary Martin read the list of proposals from the prepared "Fully Fund" list.

Board Member Mirer motioned to fund the proposals as presented in the "Fully Fund" spreadsheet. Board Member Sembajwe seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

Secretary Martin then read the list of applicants, who were discussed individually as presented in the "Fund at Reduced Level" spreadsheet.

Board Member Mirer moved to fund the proposals as presented in the "Fund at Reduced Level" spreadsheet. Board Member Sembajwe seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

Secretary Martin read the list of proposals from the prepared "Do Not Fund" list.

Board Member Mirer motioned to not fund the proposals as presented in the “Do Not Fund” spreadsheet. Board Member Sembajwe seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

Secretary Martin read the Resolution to accept the awards as presented. Board Member Mirer motioned to accept awards as presented. Board Member Sembajwe seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

**Resolution to Enable Contract Managers to Act on the Board’s Behalf:** Board Member Mirer moved to enable Contract Managers to act on the Board’s behalf. Board Member Sembajwe seconded. The resolution passed with all in favor.

**Final Comments:** Acting Chair Taliercio made the following closing statement:

“Before we close today’s meeting, the Board would like to say again that we hope full funding of 6.2M for the OSH T&E grant programs be included in all future NYS budgets.

Again, I would like to thank the Board, especially Elizabeth Martin for holding us all together this past year and to all of you for your participation as well as for attending today’s meeting and please stay safe and healthy.”

**Reading of the Certification:** Secretary Martin read the 2022-2023 Board Meeting Certification.

**Adjournment:** Board Member Taliercio motioned to adjourn. Board Member Mirer seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.