

**Hazard Abatement Board  
230<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
New York State Department of Labor  
State Office Building Campus  
Albany, New York 12240  
December 30, 2020**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Ann Marie Taliercio – Acting Chair

Robert Gollnick

Frank Mirer

**Staff Present:**

Chris Pinheiro – Secretary to the Board

Vicki Gray-Roddy – Director of Workforce  
Innovation & Quality

Gabrielle Carpenter – Notetaker

Andrew McMahon – Notetaker

Renae Townsend – Tally 1

Austin Barosi – Tally 2

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am.

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

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

- “Good morning everyone and thank you for joining us today. We want to start today’s meeting by acknowledging the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the extraordinary circumstances that it has placed so many people in, across New York State (NYS) and the nation. It has permitted us to be flexible in order to ensure the health and safety of the Board, the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) Staff and the general public, by holding this meeting via video conference per Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order (EO).

Acting Chair Taliercio also acknowledged that the COVID-19 pandemic has also impacted the NYS budget. To be frank, we were uncertain if we were even going to be able to make awards this year. Thankfully, we were authorized to make awards totaling \$2.5M, which underscores the State’s recognition of the importance of the Occupational Safety and Health Training and Education Grant (OSH T&E).

While \$2.5M is less than the original funding available for this program, the Board is pleased to make awards this year and has made the necessary adjustments to the award amounts by applying an equal percentage reduction across all Grantees which is reflected in the award that will be made today.

Originally, the Board had worked in anticipation of the April 2020 meeting with the expectation of having \$5.9M available. At that time, we had intended to recommend some

grants be funded in full, some be partially funded, and others not funded at all which is what we traditionally do.

With the available funding now being \$2.5M, the Board felt it appropriate to reduce all of those recommended awards that we had planned to make, by an equal percentage across the list of all awardees.

Lastly, the awards will be retroactively effective to August 1, 2020, which is in keeping with the standard OSH T&E award cycle. Any awardees who have provided applicable training between August 1, 2020 and contract execution date will be able to draw down grant funds for those trainings. Contract Managers from NYS DOL will be reaching out to awardees shortly to begin the contracting process.”

**Approval of Minutes:** The reading of the minutes from the April 22, 2019 meeting were waived. Board Member Mirer motioned to accept the minutes as written. Board Member Gollnick 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 reported on the Capital Abatement Projects (CAP) seeking Hazard Abatement Board (HAB) funding for the 2020-2021 program year:

- The Village of Alfred (CAP #05-16-18) was determined eligible on May 1, 2019 for a full award amount of \$6,226.09; and
- The Town of Baker Highway Department (CAP #05-31-19) was determined eligible on June 19, 2019 for a full award amount of \$23,108.25.

Board Member Gollnick asked for clarification that the amounts awarded under the Capital Abatement Project were separate from the \$2.5M being awarded, to which Acting Chair Taliercio confirmed.

Board Member Mirer moved to accept the CAP Funding Resolution (Attachment 1) to provide Capital Abatement Funding in accordance with the above. Board Member Gollnick seconded. With all in favor, the motion passed. Secretary Pinheiro read the Cap Funding Resolution.

Acting Chair Taliercio reviewed the 2020-2021 Ineligible Applicants, of which there were two:

- The Economic Development Group, who had an expired document in the Grants Gateway; and
- Niagara Frontier Auto Dealers, who had an expired document in the Grants Gateway.

Board Members reviewed the proposals in the following categories: “2020-2021 Do Not Fund Applicants”; and “Fund at Reduced Level”.

Secretary Pinheiro 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” section of Attachment 2, attached to the minutes. Board Member Gollnick seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

Secretary Pinheiro read the list of the remaining 81 applicants, who were discussed individually as presented in the “Fund at Reduced Level” section of Attachment 2, attached to the minutes.

Board Member Mirer moved to fund the proposals as presented in the “Fund at Reduced Level” section of Attachment 2, attached to the minutes. Board Member Gollnick seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

Secretary Pinheiro read the resolution to accept the awards as presented, attached to the minutes as Attachment 3. Board Member Mirer motioned to accept awards as presented. Board Member Gollnick seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

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

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

“The Board would like to say that while we hope there will be funding for future rounds of the OSH T&E grant program, we do not have any information about future rounds at this time. As soon as information is available, it will be posted to the HAB website and the HAB mailing list will be notified via email. Any questions related to the OSH T&E program should be directed to your contract manager. Thank you for attending and please stay safe and healthy.”

**Reading of the Certification:** Secretary Pinheiro read the 2020-2021 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 11:11 AM.