

**Hazard Abatement Board
231st Meeting
New York State Department of Labor
State Office Building Campus
Albany, New York 12240
November 29, 2021**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Ann Marie Taliercio – Acting Chair
Robert Gollnick

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 10:08 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 again and thank you for joining us here today, for the 231st and second Virtual Meeting of the HAB.

I would like to especially thank the latest member appointed to our Board, Grace Sembajwe who brings an impressive background and experience to this process.

All the Board members would like to acknowledge the work of Liz Martin and the NYS staff who enabled us to arrive at this award meeting today, as well as Governor Hochul for continuing the health and safety grant program and at the same time, ask the Governor to consider restoring the full amount of \$6.2M to the annual State budget to fully fund these important programs that protect the health and even lives of NYS workers and the public at large.

So, let us begin the final list of grants which will be awarded, in part, with a total amount of funding of \$2.5M.

The state workers reviewed and scored the grants submitted, the Board reviewed those recommendations and made our final awards, as always based on the merit of the proposal and an eye to a much smaller pot to draw from, which is why we are also asking all of you, the grant recipients, to bring the issue of HAB grant program full funding to your elected Representatives.

The final lists we will now present are those traditional lists of grants to be partially funded and those not to be 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 December 20, 2020 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 2021-2022 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.

Acting Chair Taliercio reviewed the 2021-2022 Ineligible Applicants, of which there was one:

- The New York State Building and Construction Trades Council, who had an expired document in the Grants Gateway.

Board Members reviewed the proposals in the following categories: "2021-2022 Do Not Fund Applicants"; and "Fund at Reduced Level."

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 list of the remaining 54 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 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.

And regarding the next grant funding cycle (2022-2023), HAB staff has requested exact dates from the appropriate state departments and is awaiting the final answer from the Division of the Budget so that definite dates and the funding amount can be sent out to all of you.

Again, I would like to thank the Board, especially Liz Martin for holding us all together; Grace Sembajwe, who accepted the Board position during unusual times; the staff for their work during this past year; and to all of you for your participation as well as for attending today’s meeting. Please stay safe and healthy.”

Reading of the Certification: Secretary Martin read the 2021-2022 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.