

HUDSON COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

IN THE MATTER OF : TRANSCRIPT OF
THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING : PROCEEDINGS
HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM :

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021
830 BERGEN AVENUE, 9TH FLOOR
JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY

BOARD MEMBERS:

- FRANK PESTANA, CHAIRMAN
- JAMES DORAN, VICE CHAIRMAN
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- JEFFREY DUBLIN, COMMISSIONER (ABSENT)
- MARTIN T. MARTINETTI, COMMISSIONER (ABSENT)
- JOHN PENEDA, COMMISSIONER

A P P E A R A N C E S:

- NORMAN M. GUERRA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
- KURT CHERRY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CFO
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ALSO PRESENT:

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JAY DiDOMENICO, HCIA

1 (The meeting commences at 5:34 p.m.)

2 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: So at this time,
3 we'll call the meeting of the Hudson County
4 Improvement Authority to order. Can everyone
5 please rise to salute the flag.

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7 (The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.)

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9 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Thank you. Roll call
10 please.

11 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Bado.

12 COMMISSIONER BADO: Present.

13 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Dellabella, not
14 present. Commissioner Doran.

15 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Here.

16 MS. RAMOS: Commission Dublin, not
17 present. Commissioner Goldsack, not present.

18 Commissioner Lorenzo.

19 COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Here.

20 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Martinetti, not
21 present. Commissioner Peneda.

22 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Here.

23 MS. RAMOS: Chairman Pestana.

24 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Here.

25 MS. RAMOS: Chairman, we have a quorum

1 with five Board Members present, four not present.

2 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Thank you. So at
3 this time, we'll call for approval of the minutes
4 of the regular meeting of July 14th and the
5 special meeting of August 4th.

6 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Can we do it
7 separately because I was only at one of the
8 meetings?

9 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: All right. So let's
10 take the one for July 14th, the regular meeting.

11 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Move for adoption.

12 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: I'll second it.

13 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: We have a motion by
14 Commissioner Doran, second by Commissioner Peneda.
15 Call the Board.

16 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Bado.

17 COMMISSIONER BADO: Yes.

18 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Doran.

19 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Yes.

20 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Lorenzo.

21 COMMISSIONER LORENZO: I don't know if I
22 was here or not. I have to abstain. This is
23 July?

24 MS. RAMOS: July, yes.

25 COMMISSIONER LORENZO: I abstain.

1 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Peneda.

2 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Yes.

3 MS. RAMOS: Chairman Pestana.

4 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Yes. Okay. So at
5 this time, we'll call for the approval of the
6 minutes of the August 4th, 2021, special meeting.

7 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Move for adoption.

8 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Motion by
9 Commissioner Doran and a second? I'll second it
10 then. Call the Board.

11 MS. RAMOS: Who seconded?

12 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: I did. No one else
13 did, so I did.

14 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Bado.

15 COMMISSIONER BADO: Yes.

16 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Doran.

17 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Yes.

18 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Lorenzo.

19 COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Abstain.

20 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Peneda.

21 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Abstain.

22 MS. RAMOS: Chairman Pestana.

23 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Yes. Okay, thank
24 you. So comments from the public? Mike.

25 MR. O'CONNOR: Yeah. So, Mr. Chairman,

1 this meeting has been duly noticed pursuant to the
2 Open Public Meetings Act, the Governor of New
3 Jersey's Executive Orders related to the ongoing
4 COVID-19 emergency. And as you know, we're
5 conducting this through Zoom technology. We've
6 provided opportunity for anyone with the desire to
7 comment on agenda items for the meeting to be able
8 to provide those in writing prior to the meeting.
9 I've not received any.

10 We also provide an opportunity for
11 anyone who may be attending the Zoom meeting
12 through the Zoom virtual technology to comment.
13 And at this point, I see there are three attendees
14 attending through Zoom. If any of them wishes to
15 comment, they can use the red icon to raise their
16 hand. I see there's someone on the phone, they
17 can press star nine on the phone and that will
18 enable the raise the hand icon.

19 So I do not see any raised hand icons,
20 so we do not have any comments for this meeting
21 from the public.

22 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Thank you.

23 MR. GUERRA: Chairman, let the record
24 reflect Jeff Dublin just joined us also. You
25 there, Jeff? Come in, Jeff.

1 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: He was there, I saw
2 him.

3 MR. GUERRA: I see his name. Might be
4 muted.

5 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: We'll keep going
6 then. Norman.

7 MR. GUERRA: Item Number 4, Resolution
8 Number 9-2021-4 of the Hudson County Improvement
9 Authority ratifying payment of certain costs and
10 expenses of the Authority for the month of
11 August 2021.

12 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Can we do the number
13 5 as well for September?

14 MR. GUERRA: Okay. Resolution Number
15 9-2021-5 of the Hudson County Improvement
16 Authority approving payment of certain costs and
17 expenses of the Authority for the month of
18 September 2021.

19 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Okay. Do we have any
20 questions or motions on paying the bills?

21 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Motion to approve.

22 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: I'll second it.

23 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: We have a motion by
24 Commissioner Doran, second by Commissioner Peneda.

25 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Bado.

1 COMMISSIONER BADO: Yes.

2 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Doran.

3 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Yes.

4 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Dublin.

5 Commissioner Lorenzo.

6 COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Yes.

7 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Peneda.

8 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Yes.

9 MS. RAMOS: Chairman Pestana.

10 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Yes.

11 MS. RAMOS: Resolution 9-2021-4 and
12 9-2021-5 passes in the affirmative with five Board
13 Members voting yes.

14 MR. O'CONNOR: So we'll just reflect for
15 the record, we see Commissioner Dublin is
16 receiving his feed, I believe, but we don't have
17 audio, microphone contact. So we'll advise for
18 the record when that occurs.

19 MR. GUERRA: Item Number 6, Resolution
20 Number 9-2021-6 of the Hudson County Improvement
21 Authority authorizing a second amendment of an
22 agreement with MAST Construction Services, Inc.

23 As you're aware, the Authority had
24 contracted with MAST Construction for construction
25 management services and also to serve as the

1 owner's rep for various projects. That process
2 had been done through a fair and open process.
3 Some of those projects include currently the Frank
4 J. Guarini Justice Complex, the replacement of the
5 Casino in the Park, the adaptive reuse of the
6 county youth house, and other similar projects
7 we're actually doing right now, and the Brennan
8 Courthouse. The initial contract was in the
9 amount of \$1,684,500. If you recall back in May,
10 we had amended it to include services relating to
11 the Casino in the Park replacement, now known as
12 The View. The amount at that time -- the
13 amendment was in the amount of \$242,175, that was
14 the second time we had amended it, and that was
15 \$1,926,675.

16 Currently, the Schools of Technology and
17 the County and the Authority are working on
18 Scitech City program. And they want to use --
19 we're using MAST Construction to perform
20 pre-construction services, which involves the
21 budgeting, project controls, and the scheduling.
22 The fee for that service is in an amount not to
23 exceed \$71,700.

24 Therefore, we're recommending an
25 amendment to the current contract which will now

1 be in a total amount with all the projects that
2 they're currently working on in the amount of
3 \$1,998,375. So again this amendment is -- the
4 amendment itself is in the amount of \$71,700 and
5 that relates to the Scitech City project for
6 pre-construction services.

7 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Okay. Anybody have
8 any questions on this? Do we have any motions?

9 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: I'll make a
10 motion.

11 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: We have a motion by
13 Commissioner Peneda and a second by Commissioner
14 Doran.

15 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Bado.

16 COMMISSIONER BADO: Yes.

17 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Doran.

18 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Yes.

19 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Dublin.
20 Commissioner Lorenzo.

21 COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Yes.

22 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Peneda.

23 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Yes.

24 MS. RAMOS: Chairman Pestana.

25 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Yes.

1 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Dublin.
2 Resolution Number 9-2021-6 passes in the
3 affirmative, five Board Members voting yes, four
4 not present.

5 MR. GUERRA: Item Number 7 is Resolution
6 Number 9-2021-7 of the Hudson County Improvement
7 Authority approving the fiscal year 2022 budget.
8 Kurt is with us tonight and Kurt will summarize
9 the budget for this coming fiscal year. Mr.
10 Cherry.

11 MR. CHERRY: Thank you. Commissioners,
12 this budget has a budget adoption date of
13 November 10th, which is actually -- it's more
14 than, usually we have one meeting for
15 introduction, another meeting for adoption. We
16 don't usually go two meetings for adoption. There
17 are reasons for that. First of all, the 2022
18 budget forms are not yet available from the
19 Division. So all the numbers are going to stay
20 the same, but we don't have the official 2022
21 budget forms available to the Authority yet.

22 In addition to that, the audit needs to
23 be filed prior to the Division doing a review of
24 the budget and that audit has not been completed
25 yet. We expect it this month. However, as of

1 this date, we don't have it. And also when you
2 look at the meeting dates for the Authority, we
3 have this date and then the next date is in
4 October. But that meeting is going to be pushed
5 back a week because of NJAC. And then the
6 November meeting will be the normal time. So what
7 that results in is the meeting between this
8 meeting and October would be pushed -- would be
9 35 days and then the meeting between October and
10 November would be 21 days and it's required to
11 have 28 days between introduction and adoption.
12 So in this instance, it's probably best just to
13 have the adoption in November as opposed to trying
14 to shoehorn this into October or not have enough
15 days and then require a special meeting in
16 November. So, that's the logistics as far as
17 introduction and adoption.

18 So with that, I just would like to point
19 out some highlights of the budget. And that is
20 first of all, the budget itself for 2022 is
21 \$208,425,760, which compares with \$190,789,511 --
22 actually I had that reversed.

23 It's actually this year's budget is
24 \$190,789,511, as compared to last year's budget or
25 this year's budget actually, which is \$208,425,760

1 and that's a decrease for 2022 of \$17,636,725.
2 This decrease is mainly due to a reduction in debt
3 service. The principal amount of notes that will
4 come due in 2022 is the \$17 million combined with
5 interest, which has increased because of new bond
6 issues in 2021.

7 The reason that the bond, the notes have
8 been reduced is some of the issuers of the notes
9 have gone to permanent financing to take advantage
10 of the lower interest rates in the market
11 currently. So I'm not sure how long that will be
12 the case, but for right now, it made sense to do
13 that. So when you take into consideration the
14 decrease of the budget and take into consideration
15 the decrease of debt service, it actually comes
16 out to a net decrease of approximately a quarter
17 of a percent.

18 So, gentlemen, this is basically a flat
19 budget. And so with that, that's where we're at
20 budget wise. There's also a capital budget of
21 \$350,000, which consists of basically operating
22 equipment that the Authority requires.

23 As far as the impact on the local
24 economy, I don't believe there is an impact. And
25 that is a result of the growth within the County

1 and even during this COVID-19 period, the County
2 has seen an increase in its ratables.

3 There's no unappropriated net position,
4 which is the newest term for fund balance or
5 surplus being utilized in this budget. And that
6 kind of concludes my remarks on this. I'll open
7 it up to questions, if there are any.

8 MR. GUERRA: Kurt, can you mention on
9 the last page of the resolution in their packet
10 that it will be considered for adoption at the
11 November 10th meeting because the resolution had a
12 blank on it.

13 MR. CHERRY: I did. At the time we were
14 looking to see if we were going to have an audit
15 and if the state was going to provide the 2022
16 budget forms and neither has happened. And it
17 would just be too tight of a period for the
18 Division to get the budget, be able to approve it,
19 and then notify us of its approval, so that we
20 could have acted on it in the October meeting. I
21 think it's just safe at this point to put the
22 adoption in November. And that way there should
23 be sufficient time for all parties and all the
24 moving pieces to come together.

25 MR. GUERRA: Thank you. Mr. Chairman?

1 COMMISSIONER LORENZO: I have a
2 question. The building of the new courthouse, is
3 that part of the bonds?

4 MR. CHERRY: At this point, as far as
5 the courthouse bonds, there's no principal payment
6 required in the first year. However, there's a
7 substantial amount of interest that will be paid
8 as a result of that. And that is reflected in
9 this budget.

10 COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Thank you.

11 MR. GUERRA: Chairman?

12 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Does anybody else
13 have any questions? Okay, great. Good job, Kurt
14 and Norman and everybody.

15 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Good job.

16 COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Great job.

17 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Good job.

18 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Do we have any
19 motions?

20 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Motion to approve.

21 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: I'll second it.

22 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Motion by
23 Commissioner Doran, second buy Commissioner
24 Peneda.

25 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Bado.

1 COMMISSIONER BADO: Yes.

2 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Doran.

3 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Yes.

4 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Dublin.

5 Commissioner Lorenzo.

6 COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Yes.

7 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Peneda.

8 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Yes.

9 MS. RAMOS: Chairman Pestana.

10 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Yes.

11 MS. RAMOS: Resolution Number 9-2021-7

12 passes in the affirmative, five Board Members
13 voting yes, four not present.

14 MR. GUERRA: Item Number 8, Resolution
15 Number 9-2021-8 of the Hudson County Improvement
16 Authority amending the contract award amount for
17 the contract with Charles Barone Stained Glass
18 Studio for services relating to Lady Liberty
19 Memorial stained glass window specialty project in
20 relation to the Honorable Frank J. Guarini Justice
21 Complex project.

22 If you recall back in July 2021, the
23 Board approved a contract to the Charles Barone
24 Stained Glass Studio for the relocation,
25 installation, and enhancement of the Lady Liberty

1 stained glass project in the amount of
2 \$165,329.10. However, based on a recommendation
3 from the architectural firm representing the
4 County, there's a need to increase that contract
5 amount in the amount of \$8,950. And the reason
6 being is that amount had not been included in the
7 initial recommendation by the architect, when the
8 contract was approved.

9 So based on that recommendation, the
10 contract now will be increased by that \$8,950. I
11 think that was an error on the architect's part at
12 that time not including it when the proposal came
13 in. So the total value of the award of this
14 contract is now \$174,279.10.

15 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Okay. Do we have any
16 questions? Any motions?

17 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: I'll make the
18 motion.

19 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Motion by
20 Commissioner Peneda.

21 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Second by
23 Commissioner Doran.

24 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Bado.

25 COMMISSIONER BADO: Yes.

1 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Doran.

2 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Yes.

3 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Dublin.

4 Commissioner Lorenzo.

5 COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Yes.

6 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Peneda.

7 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Yes.

8 MS. RAMOS: Chairman Pestana.

9 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Yes.

10 MS. RAMOS: Resolution 9-2021-8 passes
11 in the affirmative, five Board Members voting yes,
12 four not present.

13 MR. GUERRA: Item Number 9, Resolution
14 Number 9-2021-9 of the Hudson County Improvement
15 Authority authorizing a third amendment of a
16 contract for public relations services with Vision
17 Media Marketing, Inc.

18 As you're aware, they have been
19 providing public relation services for some time.
20 The initial contract has been amended, first
21 amended, back in March 2021 and that was to assist
22 the County in the public outreach efforts
23 promoting the participation and inclusion of all
24 Hudson County residents to the vaccination
25 program. The second amendment in June 2021 was

1 required for an additional period of time to keep
2 promoting the vaccine program. However, we will
3 need to amend the contract a third time as the
4 County continues the public outreach program for
5 vaccinations and prepares to advertise for the
6 booster shots. We believe that program may start
7 again in late September, early October.

8 So the total amount to be recommended at
9 this point in time is \$50,000. Some of that is
10 for ad placement and some of it is for all the
11 design work of the ads. So prior to this
12 amendment, we have expended approximately \$60,900,
13 just towards the vaccination program. However,
14 their total contract now for all the programs, our
15 environmental programs, DNA programs, the
16 increase, the vaccination program, the ads, the
17 placement of the ads, the advertising, when we
18 lump all that together, the value of their
19 contract now is \$235,900. Again, that has to do
20 with all the programs that the Authority provides.
21 So the recommendation is to increase the cap right
22 now in the amount of \$50,000, strictly as it
23 relates to the vaccination program. And that
24 number I told you about is a not to exceed number.
25 And in those other categories, we're well under

1 the cap right now.

2 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Thank you. Any
3 questions? Any motions?

4 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Motion.

5 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: I'll second it.

6 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: We have a motion by
7 Commissioner Doran and a second by Commissioner
8 Peneda.

9 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Bado.

10 COMMISSIONER BADO: Yes.

11 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Doran.

12 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Yes.

13 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Dublin.
14 Commissioner Lorenzo.

15 COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Yes.

16 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Peneda.

17 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Yes.

18 MS. RAMOS: Chairman Pestana.

19 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Yes.

20 MS. RAMOS: Resolution 9-2021-9 passes
21 in the affirmative, five Board Members voting yes,
22 four not present.

23 MR. GUERRA: Item Number 10, Resolution
24 Number 9-2021-10 of the Hudson County Improvement
25 Authority authorizing the execution of a temporary

1 construction and access easement agreement over
2 the former Standard Chlorine site, known a Block
3 287; Lot 48, 49, 49.01, 51, 51 and 52.01.

4 If you recall back in December 2019, the
5 Authority had entered into an access agreement
6 with the Town of Kearny whereby Kearny conveyed a
7 parcel of land for the purpose of access to the
8 Koppers peninsula for use by the Authority or its
9 successors. Both the Kearny property, which we're
10 really talking about the Standard Chlorine
11 property and the Morris property, which they own
12 Koppers now are within the Koppers Cove Peninsula
13 Redevelopment area.

14 The purpose of the temporary
15 construction easement is to allow for the
16 placement of additional material on a portion of
17 that Standard Chlorine property, which again is
18 owned by Kearny, which is adjacent to the proposed
19 access into the site once that's built. This will
20 create new -- doing so, this will create and
21 integrate sliding slopes -- side slopes, rather,
22 to protect the newly constructed roadway when it's
23 constructed until the adjacent property, which is
24 the standard Chlorine property is properly filled
25 and regraded.

1 Therefore, the resolution before you
2 allows the execution of a temporary construction
3 and access easement agreement between the Town of
4 Kearny, the Morris Company and the Authority.
5 Again, this resolution provides authorization from
6 us, the Authority, to enter into this agreement.

7 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Thank you, Norman.
8 Any questions?

9 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Yeah, I just think
10 there's a typo on the title. I think it should
11 read 51, 52, and 52.01.

12 MR. GUERRA: Susan and Liz, you'll make
13 a note of that. Thank you, Commissioner Peneda.

14 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: No problem.

15 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Do we have a motion
16 now?

17 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: I'll make the
18 motion.

19 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Motion by
20 Commissioner Peneda.

21 COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Second by
23 Commissioner Lorenzo.

24 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Bado.

25 COMMISSIONER BADO: Yes.

1 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Doran.

2 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Yes.

3 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Lorenzo.

4 COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Yes.

5 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Peneda.

6 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Yes.

7 MS. RAMOS: Chairman Pestana.

8 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Yes.

9 MS. RAMOS: Resolution Number 9-2021-10
10 passes in the affirmative, five Board Members
11 voting yes, four not present.

12 MR. GUERRA: Item Number 11, Resolution
13 Number 9-2021-11 of the Hudson County Improvement
14 Authority revising the schedule of regular
15 meetings and caucus meeting for 2021/2022.

16 As you know, during our reorganization,
17 we had adopted and advertised our meeting schedule
18 for 2021 and 2022. We have now determined and
19 recommend that the October meeting be rescheduled
20 for October 21, 2021. I believe it was scheduled
21 for the 13th. If the Board Members are in
22 agreement with the new date, we will do the
23 appropriate notifications including posting this
24 on the website. So if the members are good with
25 October 21, 2021, then we will proceed in that

1 manner.

2 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: It will remain at
3 5:30, right?

4 MR. GUERRA: It will remain at 5:30 on
5 the 21st of October.

6 MS. RAMOS: Thursday.

7 MR. GUERRA: Yes, it's a Thursday.

8 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Do we have any
9 motions on that?

10 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: I'll make the
11 motion.

12 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: We have a
14 Commissioner Peneda, a second by Commissioner
15 Doran.

16 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Bado.

17 COMMISSIONER BADO: Yes.

18 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Doran.

19 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Yes.

20 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Lorenzo.

21 COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Yes.

22 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Peneda.

23 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Yes.

24 MS. RAMOS: Chairman Pestana.

25 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Yes. One question.

1 Do we know if we're going to be live or still
2 Zoom?

3 MR. GUERRA: I think I mean, listen, the
4 members could do whatever they choose to do. Zoom
5 seems to be working for us. You guys are welcome
6 to come here. However, Chairman, I would
7 recommend we leave it up to the Commissioners.
8 What do you guys think?

9 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: For me, that
10 October date, I have my UEC meeting at 7:00, so
11 for me that date, I have to do Zoom so I could go
12 from this and make the other meeting on time.

13 COMMISSIONER DORAN: I'm okay with Zoom.

14 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: I think the trend is
15 still to stay Zoom, I just wanted to see what
16 everybody else thought.

17 MR. GUERRA: Especially sometimes with
18 the commute coming in.

19 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Definitely.

20 MR. GUERRA: Seems to be working.

21 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Except we don't get
22 to eat anymore.

23 MR. GUERRA: We'll send to-go bags.

24 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: No more rice
25 pudding.

1 MR. GUERRA: So Chairman, Item Number
2 12.

3 MR. O'CONNOR: We didn't have a vote on
4 resolution.

5 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: We had a motion by
6 Commissioner Peneda and a second by Commissioner
7 Doran, I don't think we did a roll call.

8 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Bado.

9 COMMISSIONER BADO: Yes.

10 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Doran.

11 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Yes.

12 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Lorenzo.

13 COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Yes.

14 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Peneda.

15 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Yes.

16 MS. RAMOS: Chairman Pestana.

17 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Yes.

18 MS. RAMOS: Resolution 9-2021-11 passes
19 in the affirmative, five Board Members voting yes,
20 four not present.

21 MR. GUERRA: Resolution Number 9-2021-12
22 of the Hudson County Improvement Authority
23 authorizing execution of an agreement with New
24 Jersey Department of Transportation and Hudson
25 TMA/HCIA for safe routes to school

1 non-infrastructure program. This is a renewal
2 program with both the NJ Department of
3 Transportation and of course our Hudson TMA for
4 the safe routes program. I know Jay is on the
5 call, Jay, if you wanted to provide a quick
6 summary of the program, that would be great.

7 MR. DiDOMENICO: This encompasses most
8 of our safety programing. And the bulk of it
9 encourages -- were for us to encourage children
10 and their families to walk to school rather than
11 use their car. And this particular agreement
12 would be for three years as opposed to the two
13 year contracts, which we've been used to. So
14 we're very happy about that.

15 MR. GUERRA: Thank you, Jay.

16 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Thank you, Jay. Do
17 we have any motions?

18 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: I'll make the
19 motion.

20 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: We have a motion by
22 Commissioner Peneda, second by Commissioner Doran.

23 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Bado.

24 COMMISSIONER BADO: Yes.

25 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Doran.

1 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Yes.

2 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Lorenzo.

3 COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Yes.

4 MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Peneda.

5 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Yes.

6 MS. RAMOS: Chairman Pestana.

7 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Yes.

8 MS. RAMOS: Resolution 9-2021-12 passes
9 in the affirmative, five Board Members voting yes,
10 four not present.

11 MR. GUERRA: Chairman, I have nothing
12 else for this evening's meeting.

13 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Okay. So if there's
14 nothing else, do we have a motion to adjourn?

15 COMMISSIONER DORAN: Motion to adjourn.

16 COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Motion by
18 Commissioner Doran, second by Commissioner Peneda.
19 All in favor?

20 (All Commissioner indicate in the
21 affirmative.)

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23 (Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at
24 6:07 p.m.)
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6 I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a
7 true and accurate transcript of the testimony and
8 proceedings as taken stenographically by me at the
9 time, place, and on the date hereinbefore set
10 forth.

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13 *Susan Bischoff*

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