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NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON CAPITAL BUDGETING AND PLANNING

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Trenton, New Jersey

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MEMBERS OF COMMISSION PRESENT:
B. Carol Molnar, Chairwoman

Anthony F. Annese, Vice-Chair

Senator Bernard F. Kenny Jr.

Assemblyman Francis J. Blee

Assemblywoman Barbara Buono

Gary Brune

Robert A. Roth

Edward Troy

ALSO PRESENT:
Gail Alexander
(representing Peter Lawrance)

John Geniesse, Acting Executive Director
New Jersey Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning

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JOHN GENIESSE (Acting Executive Director): Madam Chair? Carol?

B. CAROL MOLNAR (Chairwoman): John?

MR. GENIESSE: Yes.

Madam Chair, we presently have a quorum. Not everyone has phoned in yet. It’s a question of--

MS. MOLNAR: You sound very distant. You’re right next to the speaker phone?

MR. GENIESSE: No, I’m not right next to it.

MS. MOLNAR: You sound like you’re, like, far away.

MR. ROTH: Yes, I agree, it’s hard to hear to you.

MR. GENIESSE: Okay. Maybe I should move myself.

MS. MOLNAR: Do you have a microphone you could talk into that would amplify it?

MR. GENIESSE: Does this help? Can you hear me better now? (referring to turning the desk microphone on)

MR. ROTH: No.

MR. GENIESSE: No? I’m going to move up closer to the microphone.
Okay, can you hear now?

M S. M OLNAR: Yes.

M R. GENIESSE: Madam Chair, we have -- as I understand it, we have a quorum.

M S. M OLNAR: Are we waiting for anyone else?

M R. GENIESSE: We're still waiting for -- let's see, Assemblywoman Buono, Assemblyman Blee, and Senator Littell.

M S. M OLNAR: Did they all mention an interest to join?

M R. GENIESSE: They did mention that they would be available and they would call in.

M S. M OLNAR: They know they have to call, right?

M R. GENIESSE: Yes.

M S. M OLNAR: We don't call them.

M R. GENIESSE: They know they have to call.

M S. M OLNAR: Okay, I have -- it's about 2:35-ish.

M R. GENIESSE: Yes, that's what I have. So we do have -- we have seven members either --

M S. M OLNAR: Who is present? Can you read who is present?

M R. GENIESSE: Yes, we have Gary Brune. We have Gail Alexander. We have Ed Troy. And we have Senator Kenny --

M S. M OLNAR: He's there in person?

M R. GENIESSE: He's on teleconference.

M S. M OLNAR: Okay.

M R. GENIESSE: Mr. Roth, Mr. Annese, and yourself. That constitutes a quorum.
M.S. MOLNAR: All right.

MR. GENIESSE: It’s a question of whether you want to proceed.

MR. ROTH: Madam Chair, you want to give them another five minutes or so?

M.S. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. ROTH: This is Robert Roth.

M.S. MOLNAR: Oh yes, now while before we start these -- teleconferences are very difficult so when we do speak -- there’s a stenographer there. We’re going to have to say our names constantly.

M.R. ROTH: Yes.

M.S. MOLNAR: I know it’s annoying, but --

M.R. GENIESSE: That’s right.

M.S. MOLNAR: -- we’re not going to know who’s speaking.

M.R. ROTH: Somebody just came in. (referring to telephone alert system)

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUONO: Hi, it’s Assemblywoman Buono.

M.S. MOLNAR: Okay, welcome.

M.R. GENIESSE: Welcome.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUONO: Thank you.

M.R. GENIESSE: We now have eight. We’re missing Senator Littell and Assemblyman Blee.

M.S. MOLNAR: Okay.

M.R. GENIESSE: I think we’re attempting to try to call them.

M.S. MOLNAR: Okay.
MR. GENIESSE: Would you like me to proceed with the roll call and the Open Public Meeting?

MS. MOLNAR: Yes, let’s just start with that.

MR. GENIESSE: Okay.

In accordance with P.L. Chapter 231, the Open Public Meeting Law, the Commission has provided adequate public notice of this meeting by giving written notice of time, date, and location. The notice of the meeting has been filed at least 48 hours in advance, by mail and/or fax, to The Trenton Times and The Star-Ledger and filed with the Office of the Secretary of State.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay. Would you like to take a roll call?

MR. GENIESSE: Yes, I would.

Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Here.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Here.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Roth.

MR. ROTH: Here.

MR. GENIESSE: Senator Littell. (no response)

Sounds like somebody else just -- (referring to telephone alert system)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, this is Assemblyman Blee’s office. How are you?

MR. GENIESSE: Good.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Assemblyman Blee will be on the line momentarily.

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M R. GENIESSE: Okay. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So I’m going to put it on hold until he’s on.

M R. GENIESSE: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

M R. GENIESSE: Senator Kenny.

SENATOR KENNY: Here.

M R. GENIESSE: Assemblywoman Buono.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUONO: Here.

M R. GENIESSE: Ms. Alexander.

M S. ALEXANDER: Here.

M R. GENIESSE: Mr. Troy.

M R. TROY: Here.

M R. GENIESSE: Mr. Angarone. (no response)

M s. M olnar.

M S. M OLNAR: Here.

M R. GENIESSE: Madam Chair, we presently have eight members present. That constitutes a quorum.

M S. M OLNAR: I’m getting nine. Why am I getting nine?

ASSEMBLYMAN BLEE: This is Assemblyman Frank Blee. I’m just checking in.

M R. GENIESSE: Okay.

M S. M OLNAR: Okay, he’s the ninth. Welcome Assemblyman.

ASSEMBLYMAN BLEE: Okay. Thank you.
MS. MOLNAR: Okay, we have with us then Mr. Brune, Gail Alexander, Ed Troy, Bob Roth, Senator Kenny, Mr. Annese, Chairman Molnar, and Assemblywoman Buono, and Assemblyman Blee. We’re expecting Senator Littell, but he’s not on, right?

MR. GENIESSE: Right.

MS. MOLNAR: All right.

Under the Executive Director’s Report, is there anything you wanted to mention before we start?

MR. GENIESSE: Yes.

Madam Chair, I would just like to preface the Commission’s consideration of the revised staff recommendations by saying that the staff did its best to follow the directive of the Commission to identify those projects to be funded in Fiscal 2003 that were critical from a life safety or a security standpoint, or which we’re required to meet Federal mandates.

This was a difficult process; difficult for the staff because we needed to reduce or eliminate certain projects that we felt worthy to recommend to you a week ago; difficult for the agencies because they were being asked to reprioritize or defer projects which they felt to be urgent.

A number of agencies either voluntarily or in response to requests from staff submitted justifications for their projects. And with few exceptions the agencies felt strongly that their projects met the criteria set by the Commission for life safety. And that to a large extent is true; however, what the staff had to do was further determine the criticality of funding or not funding those projects in Fiscal 2003.
That ultimately was the basis for our revised recommendations. Madam Chair, you can proceed through the list of the recommendations.

M.S. MOLNAR: Okay. Thank you.

Now for the members that were not present last week, what we did was -- we did approve mandated or -- constitutionally and statutorily mandated recommendations and Federal matching. And this week we deferred the life safety and security issues. So we do have to vote department by department. So we will just go down the list.

And as I mentioned to people who weren’t on the phone, since there is a stenographer, we’re going to have to say who is speaking. Say your name if you have any comments.

M.R. GENIESSE: Madam Chair, I’d just might mention that we have representatives from several of the agencies present if there are questions with regard to the recommendations.

M.S. MOLNAR: Oh good. Thank you.

Okay, we’ll start with Agriculture. We went back and it looks like there are no revisions. So it’s zero, and it’s still zero.

Do I have a motion?

M.R. ROTH: Madam Chair, Bob Roth. I move to approve.

M.S. MOLNAR: The revised recommendation, it’s still zero.

Okay.

Is there a second?

M.R. ANNESE: Madam Chair, Anthony Annese. I second.

M.S. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Any discussion? (no response)
If not, John, could you take a roll call.

MR. GENIESSE: Yes.

Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Roth.

MR. ROTH: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Senator Kenny.

SENATOR KENNY: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Assemblyman Blee.

ASSEMBLYMAN BLEE: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Assemblywoman Buono.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUONO: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Alexander.

M.S. ALEXANDER: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Troy.

MR. TROY: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Molnar.

M.S. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Madam Chair, that’s nine votes in the affirmative. The motion carries.

M.S. MOLNAR: Thank you.
The next department is the Department of Corrections. You’re recommending critical repairs and fire safety compliance projects totaling $2 million. I’m sorry, that’s $2 million, right? Two million nine?

MR. GENIESSE: Yes, $2.9 million. The staff revised the recommendation from about $4.6 million to $2.9 million based on our review of what were the most urgent projects to be taken care of.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay.

Do I hear a motion?

MR. ROTH: Madam Chair, Bob Roth. I move to approve.

MR. ANNESE: Madam Chair, Anthony Annese. I second.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay.

Is there any discussion on Corrections? (no response)

If not, we’ll take a roll call.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Roth.

MR. ROTH: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Senator Kenny.

SENATOR KENNY: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Assemblyman Blee.

ASSEMBLYMAN BLEE: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Assemblywoman Buono.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUONO: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Alexander.
MS. ALEXANDER: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Troy.
MR. TROY: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Molnar.
MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Madam Chair, nine votes in the affirmative.
The motion carries.
MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.
The next department is the Department of Education. Your revised recommendation is $400,000 for Building 29 and Katzenbach.
Do I hear a motion?
MR. ANNESE: Madam Chair, Anthony Annese. So moved.
MS. MOLNAR: Second?
MR. ROTH: Bob Roth. I second.
MS. MOLNAR: Okay.
Is there any discussion on the Department of Education? (no response)
If not, we’ll take a roll call.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Brune.
MR. BRUNE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Annese.
MR. ANNESE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Roth.
MR. ROTH: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Senator Kenny.
SENATOR KENNY: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Assemblyman Blee.
ASSEMBLYMAN BLEE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Assemblywoman Buono.
ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUONO: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Alexander.
MS. ALEXANDER: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Troy.
MR. TROY: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Molnar.
MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Madam Chair, nine votes in the affirmative.
That motion carries.
MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.
The next department is the Department of Environmental Protection. Your revised recommendation is $80,065,000.
MR. GENIESSE: That’s correct. And that includes the mandated programs which were approved by the Commission a week ago. The only additional project which the staff is recommending is $125,000 for the Mosquito Control Commission.
MS. MOLNAR: All right. So today we’re just voting on the $125,000 since we previously voted on the other amounts. Is that correct?
MR. GENIESSE: That’s correct.
MS. MOLNAR: Okay.
Do I hear a motion to approve?
M R. ANNESE: Anthony Annese, Madam Chair. So moved.
M S. M OLNAR: Okay.
Now is there any discussions on DEP? (no response)
If not, take a roll call.
M R. GENIESSE: Mr. Brune.
M R. BRUNE: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Mr. Annese.
M R. ANNESE: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Mr. Roth.
M R. ROTH: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Senator Kenny.
SENATOR KENNY: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Assemblyman Blee.
ASSEMBLYMAN BLEE: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Assemblywoman Buono.
ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUONO: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Ms. Alexander.
M S. ALEXANDER: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Mr. Troy.
M R. TROY: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Ms. Molnar.
M S. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: That’s nine votes in the affirmative. That motion carries, Madam Chair.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

The next department is the Department of Health. You’re recommending $650,000 for the laboratory improvements and equipment.

Do I hear a motion?

MR. ROTH: Robert Roth. Move to approve.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay.

Do I hear a second?


MS. MOLNAR: Is there any discussion on this? (no response)

If not, we’ll take a roll call or a vote.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Roth.

MR. ROTH: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Senator Kenny.

SENATOR KENNY: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Assemblyman Blee.

ASSEMBLYMAN BLEE: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Assemblywoman Buono.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUONO: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Alexander.
MS. ALEXANDER: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Troy.
MR. TROY: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Molnar.
MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Madam Chair, that’s nine votes in the affirmative. That motion carries.
MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.
The Department of Human Services. Your revised recommendation is $4,200,000, basically, for Trenton Psychiatric Hospital and that Rehabilitation Center.
MR. GENIESSE: Yes, Madam Chair, we eliminated the recommendation for the duct cleaning as a lesser priority from our previous recommendation.
MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.
Do I hear a motion to approve?
MR. ANNESE: Anthony Annese, Madam Chair. Move to approve.
MS. MOLNAR: Second?
MR. ROTH: Robert Roth. Second.
MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.
Any discussion on Human Services? (no response)
If not, we’ll take a vote.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Brune.
MR. BRUNE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Annese.
MR. ANNESE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Roth.
MR. ROTH: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Senator Kenny.
SENATOR KENNY: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Assemblyman Blee.
ASSEMBLYMAN BLEE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Assemblywoman Buono.
ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUONO: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Alexander.
MS. ALEXANDER: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Troy.
MR. TROY: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Molnar.
MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: That’s nine votes in the affirmative, Madam Chair. The motion carries.
MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

The Department of Law and Public Safety. The mandated computer aided dispatch system, $6 million, is your recommendation.
Do I hear a motion to approve?
MR. ROTH: Robert Roth. Move to approve.
MS. MOLNAR: Second?
MR. ANNESE: Anthony Annese. Second it.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay.

Any discussion on Law and Public Safety? (no response)

If not, we'll take a vote.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Roth.

MR. ROTH: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Senator Kenny.

SENATOR KENNY: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Assemblyman Blee.

ASSEMBLYMAN BLEE: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Assemblywoman Buono.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUONO: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Alexander.

MS. ALEXANDER: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Troy.

MR. TROY: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: That's nine votes in the affirmative. That motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.
The Juvenile Justice Commission. The revised recommendation is $1,828,000.

MR. GENIESSE: Yes, Madam Chair. We reduced the Juvenile Justice Commission recommendations in two areas. The suicide prevention improvements was lowered from $1 million to $500,000, and the new cell doors and locking systems was reduced by $410,000.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay.

MR. GENIESSE: About a $1.8 million recommendation is our revised recommendation.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.
Do I hear a motion to approve?

MR. ROTH: Madam Chair, Bob Roth. Move to approve.

MS. MOLNAR: Do I hear a second?

MR. ANNESE: I’m a second, Madam Chair. Anthony Annese.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay.

Any discussion on Juvenile Justice Commission? (no response)
If not, let’s take a vote.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Roth.

MR. ROTH: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Senator Kenny.

SENATOR KENNY: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Assemblyman Blee.
ASSEMBLYMAN BLEE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Assemblywoman Buono.
ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUONO: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Alexander.
MS. ALEXANDER: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Troy.
MR. TROY: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Molnar.
MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Madam Chair, that’s nine votes in the affirmative. That motion carries.
MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.
The Department of State. The revised recommendation is zero. Do I hear a motion?
MR. ANNESE: So moved, Madam Chair. Anthony Annese.
MS. MOLNAR: Second? Do I hear a second?
MR. ROTH: Robert Roth. Second.
MS. MOLNAR: Okay.
Any discussion on the Department of State? (no response)
If not, we’ll take a vote.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Brune.
MR. BRUNE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Annese.
MR. ANNESE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Roth.
MR. ROTH: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Senator Kenny.
SENATOR KENNY: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Assemblyman Blee.
ASSEMBLYMAN BLEE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Assemblywoman Buono.
ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUONO: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Alexander.
MS. ALEXANDER: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Troy.
MR. TROY: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Molnar.
MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Madam Chair, that’s nine votes in the affirmative. That motion carries.
MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.
The next department is Higher Education. You’re recommending zero. And State funding is available from the 1999 Improvement Plan Bond. Do I hear a motion?
MR. ROTH: Robert Roth. Move to approve.
MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.
Any discussion? (no response)
If not, we’ll have a vote.
M R. GENIESSE: M r. Brune.
M R. BRUNE: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: M r. Annese.
M R. ANNESE: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: M r. Roth.
M R. ROTH: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Senator Kenny.
SE NATOR KENNY: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Assemblyman Blee.
ASSEMBLYMAN BLEE: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Assemblywoman Buono.
ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUONO: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Ms. Alexander.
M S. ALEXANDER: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Mr. Troy.
M R. TROY: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Ms. Molnar.
M S. MOLNAR: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Madam Chair, nine votes in the affirmative.
That motion carries.
M S. MOLNAR: Thank you.
Next department is the Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs. We have previously approved the $1 million for matching Federal funds.
M R. GENIESSE: That is correct, Madam Chair.
MS. MOLNAR: So the additional recommendation would be for $779,000.

Do I hear a motion to approve?

MR. ROTH: So moved. Robert Roth.


MS. MOLNAR: Okay.

Any discussion? (no response)

If not, we’ll take a vote.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Roth.

MR. ROTH: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Senator Kenny.

SENATOR KENNY: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Assemblyman Blee.

ASSEMBLYMAN BLEE: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Assemblywoman Buono.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUONO: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Alexander.

MS. ALEXANDER: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Troy.

MR. TROY: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Molnar.
M S. M OLNAR: Yes.
M R. G ENI ESSE: Madam Chair, that’s nine votes in the affirmative. That motion carries.
M S. M OLNAR: Thank you.
The Department of Transportation. We previously approved the Transportation Trust Fund of $870,800 --
M R. G ENI ESSE: Madam Chair, excuse me. We skipped by the State Library.
M S. M OLNAR: Oh, I’m sorry. The State Library. Your revised recommendation is zero, the Library for the Blind.
M R. G ENI ESSE: Yes, since we have mailed this out, we have reason to believe that this could also be funded through the American for Disability funding in the Central Accounts.
M S. M OLNAR: The ADA --
M R. G ENI ESSE: So we’re recommending zero rather than the $65,000 here.
M S. M OLNAR: Okay.
M R. R OTH: Madam Chair. I move to approve. Bob Roth.
M S. M OLNAR: Thank you.
Second?
M S. M OLNAR: Thank you.
Any discussion? (no response)
If not, we’ll have a vote.
M R. G ENI ESSE: Mr. Brune.
M R. BR UNE: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Mr. Annese.
M R. AN NESE: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Mr. Roth.
M R. ROTH: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Senator Kenny.
S ENATOR KENNY: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Assemblyman Blee.
A SSEMBLYMAN BLEE: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Assemblywoman Buono.
A SSEMBLYWOMAN BUONO: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Ms. Alexander.
M S. ALEXANDER: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Mr. Troy.
M R. TROY: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Ms. Molnar.
M S. MOLNAR: Yes.
M R. GENIESSE: Madam Chair, that’s nine votes in the affirmative.
M S. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Now the Department of Transportation. We had originally approved the Transportation Trust Fund, $870,800,000. You are not recommending any additional matching amount. So we would be voting on zero today.

M R. GENIESSE: That’s correct.
M.S. MOLNAR: We will not be doing the Motor Vehicle receiving lines at Motor Vehicle.

MR. GENIESSE: Yes, the projects which were previously recommended for the HVAC, lane and site lighting, and agency modernization we feel are not as urgent.

M.S. MOLNAR: Okay.
Do I have a motion to approve?
MR. ANNESE: Anthony Annese. So move.
M.S. MOLNAR: Second?
MR. ROTH: Bob Roth. Second.
M.S. MOLNAR: Thank you.
Any discussion? (no response)
If not, take a vote.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Brune.
MR. BRUNE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Annese.
MR. ANNESE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Roth.
MR. ROTH: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Senator Kenny.
SENATOR KENNY: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Assemblyman Blee.
ASSEMBLYMAN BLEE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Assemblywoman Buono.
ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUONO: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Alexander.
MS. ALEXANDER: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Troy.
MR. TROY: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Molnar.
MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Madam Chair, that’s nine votes in the affirmative. The motion carries.
MS. MOLNAR: Okay.
The Department of the Treasury, the Office of Information Services. You’re recommending zero. You’re not recommending the recovery site because the capabilities already exist.
MR. GENIESSE: That’s correct, Madam Chair.
MS. MOLNAR: Do I hear a motion?
MR. ROTH: So moved. Robert Roth.
MS. MOLNAR: Any discussion? (no response)
If not, we’ll take a vote.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Brune.
MR. BRUNE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Annese.
MR. ANNESE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Roth.
MR. ROTH: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Senator Kenny.
SENATOR KENNY: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Assemblyman Blee.
ASSEMBLYMAN BLEE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Assemblywoman Buono.
ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUONO: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Alexander.
M.S. ALEXANDER: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Troy.
MR. TROY: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Molnar.
M.S. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Madam Chair, that is nine votes in the affirmative. That motion carries.

M.S. MOLNAR: Thank you.

The next department is the Interdepartmental Accounts. We previously voted on the Open Space, $98 million. You’re now asking for an additional $8.680 million.

MR. GENIESSE: Yes, Madam Chair. This includes statewide security and Executive State House security projects, which we feel are urgent. ADA compliance and hazardous material removal are Central Accounts, which address these issues for all departments. And the compliance and preservation, dehumidification modification projects we felt were necessary.

M.S. MOLNAR: All right.

Do I have a motion? We can discuss this, but could I have a motion first to approve?
MR. TROY: Motion. Motion to approve.
MS. MOLNAR: Okay, there’s no motion.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Troy makes the motion.
MS. MOLNAR: He does.
Do I hear a second?
MS. MOLNAR: Okay.
Now open it up for discussion. Are there any comments?
MR. ROTH: Madam Chair, this is Bob Roth. The one thing that
I think that we should add to this, even though it falls outside the criteria of
safety and health, is the warehouse for the Superior Court records. This
recommendation is based on the testimony that we received, that by spending
$1.890 million now, we will literally save $1 million a year on an ongoing lease
that could go on for many, many years. So it seems to me to be a very wise
investment.
MS. MOLNAR: So your recommendation would be --
MR. ROTH: My recommendation would be to add the $1.890
million to the Interdepartmental Accounts.
MS. MOLNAR: Any other comments from the Commission
members? (no response)
All right. Would you like to move to amend the motion?
MR. ROTH: Yes, I would amend the motion to include the
previous amount of $8.680 million plus this additional amount of $1.890 for
the Superior Court warehouse.
M.S. MOLNAR: All right. Do I have a second for the amended --
to amend the motion?


M.S. MOLNAR: Okay, I believe we have to vote on the
amendment first. Is there any discussion? (no response)
If not, we’ll take a roll -- a vote to amend the motion to add the
warehouse, the Superior Court records.

MR. GENIESSE: On the motion?

M.S. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: I’m sorry, John. Would you repeat that? I was
talking to Gail.

MR. GENIESSE: Oh. This is a motion to amend the
recommendation, to add the warehouse funding.

MR. BRUNE: No.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Roth.

MR. ROTH: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Senator Kenny.

SENATOR KENNY: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Assemblyman Blee.

ASSEMBLYMAN BLEE: Yes.

MR. GENIESSE: Assemblywoman Buono.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUONO: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Alexander.
MS. ALEXANDER: No.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Troy.
MR. TROY: No.
MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Molnar.
MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
How many votes was that? I couldn’t hear all of the answers.
MR. GENIESSE: Okay, we have six votes in the affirmative and three in the negative. That is sufficient to carry the motion.
MS. MOLNAR: Okay, that was to amend the original motion.
MR. GENIESSE: To amend.
MS. MOLNAR: Now we have to vote on the whole proposal.
MR. GENIESSE: Right. And Madam Chair, I will remind Commission members that that would require seven votes in the affirmative.
MS. MOLNAR: At least seven votes?
MR. GENIESSE: Yes.
MS. MOLNAR: Okay.
Take a vote.
MR. GENIESSE: Is there a motion?
MS. MOLNAR: Oh. Yes. Okay. We don’t need a motion now.
We amended the original motion, so you can just take the vote.
MR. GENIESSE: Okay.
MS. MOLNAR: Okay.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Brune.
MR. BRUNE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Annese.
MR. ANNESE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Roth.
MR. ROTH: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Senator Kenny.
SENATOR KENNY: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Assemblyman Blee.
ASSEMBLYMAN BLEE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Assemblywoman Buono.
ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUONO: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Alexander.
MS. ALEXANDER: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Troy.
MR. TROY: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Ms. Molnar.
MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Madam Chair, that’s nine votes in the affirmative. That motion carries.
MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.
Now I believe there’s one department left and that’s Judiciary. Now they want to improve their data processing capabilities. Now you do mention that perhaps the Judiciary should be addressing this through other funding methods. Could you give us an example?

MR. GENIESSE: Well, I think it would be -- it would have to be some kind of long-term funding source. The magnitude of this request, which
is $26 million, and which would be another $33 million over the next seven years, is certainly more this year than the fiscal situation would allow in the capital budget. And it’s normally more than is recommended for single project items in the capital budget. So the staff does see that this is a necessary need, but feels that this needs to be addressed in some kind of funding alternative.

MS. MOLNAR: Which would include bonding of some sort?
MR. GENIESSE: Yes, or some other kind of debt.
MS. MOLNAR: Okay. So your recommendation remains at zero?
MR. GENIESSE: That’s correct.
MS. MOLNAR: Okay. Do I hear a motion?
MR. ROTH: Bob Roth. So move.
MS. MOLNAR: Do I have a second?
MS. MOLNAR: Okay.
Any discussion? (no response)
If not, we’ll take a vote.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Brune.
MR. BRUNE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Annese.
MR. ANNENESE: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Mr. Roth.
MR. ROTH: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Senator Kenny.
SENATOR KENNY: Yes.
MR. GENIESSE: Assemblyman Blee.
ASSEMBLYMAN BLEE: Yes.
ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUONO: Yes.
M.R. GENIESSE: Ms. Alexander.
M.S. ALEXANDER: Yes.
M.R. GENIESSE: Mr. Troy.
M.R. TROY: Yes.
M.R. GENIESSE: Ms. Molnar.
M.S. MOLNAR: Yes.
M.R. GENIESSE: Madam Chair, that’s nine votes in the affirmative. That motion is carried.
M.S. MOLNAR: Okay.
So our recommendation increased by $1.890 million. You will change the totals that are in the --
M.R. GENIESSE: Yes, I guess the new -- it looks like a $1,770,192,000 is the total Commission recommendation.
M.S. MOLNAR: Okay.
And the discretionary piece is $28.221 million?
M.R. GENIESSE: That sounds close.
M.S. MOLNAR: Okay.
All right, is there any further business, any comments, by the Commission members? (no response)
If not, I want to thank you all. I wish you a happy holiday and a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah.
M.R. ROTH: Same to you.
M S. MOLNAR: And we’ll see you all next year, hopefully. Thank you. Bye.

M R. GENIESSE: Bye.

(MEETING CONCLUDED)