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MEMBERS OF COMMISSION PRESENT:

B. Carol Molnar, Chair
Anthony F. Annese, Vice Chair
Senator Steven V. Oroho
Assemblyman David W. Wolfe
Gary Brune
Beth Schermerhorn
Paul Stridick

ALSO PRESENT:

James Vari  Rosemary Pramuk  Jerry Traino
Executive Director  Senate Republican  Assembly Republican
                        Commission Aide    Commission Aide

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B. CAROL MOLNAR (Chair): I’d like to call the meeting to order.

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings law, the Commission has provided adequate notice of this meeting by giving written notice of the 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.

We will now take the roll call.

MR. VARI (Executive Director): Senator Sarlo. (no response)
Senator Oroho.

SENATOR OROHO: Here.

MR. VARI: Assemblywoman Pou. (no response)
Assemblyman Wolfe.

ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Here.

MR. VARI: Treasurer Eristoff. (no response)
Mr. Stridick.

MR. STRIDICK: Here.

MR. VARI: Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Here.

MR. VARI: Ms. Schermerhorn.

MS. SCHERMERHORN: Here.

MR. VARI: Ms. Cimiluca. (no response)
Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Here.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Here.
MR. VARI: Madam Chair, you have seven members present. You have a quorum.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

The next item is our Executive Director’s report.

MR. VARI: I’d just like to, once again, thank all the departments for all their hard work. I mean, this really starts back in July when we turn over the system and start looking at various projects. And there are a lot of questions as we go through the process. And all the departments have been willing in helping us along the way to answer all these questions in as much detail as possible.

So, once again, I’d like to thank the departments for their help during this process.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Okay. We will begin the Fiscal 2011 capital recommendations.

MR. VARI: Approve the minutes.

MS. MOLNAR: Oh, I’m sorry. We’re going to approve the minutes of December 4, 2009.

Do I hear a motion to approve?

ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: So moved.

MR. ANNESE: Second.

MS. MOLNAR: Take a roll.

MR. VARI: Senator Oroho.

SENATOR OROHO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblyman Wolfe.

ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Stridick.
MR. STRIDICK: Yes.
MR. VARI: Mr. Brune.
MR. BRUNE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Ms. Schermerhorn.
MS. SCHERMERHORN: Yes.
MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.
MR. ANNESE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Ms. Molnar.
MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. VARI: Madam Chair, the motion carries.
MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Now we will begin the recommendations.

First of all, I want to thank you all for coming today. As you know, budgeting is never an easy process, and this year it’s especially difficult considering the economic times. Our enabling statute does require us to make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature. That’s why we’re here today.

We did hear the requests of the departments over the past few months, which they have prioritized for us since they are in a better position to do that. As you know, there’s an emphasis on preservation, life, and safety needs. Our staff has reviewed these requests and considered other possible funding sources.

Today we have been presented with a summary of their requests, as well as the staff’s recommendations. We’re going to vote on each department separately.
Now, you may not have been here for the presentations of some of the departments -- for our new people -- but you do have the information in front of you. So we’re asking that you do vote based on the information rather than abstaining.

Are there any questions before we begin department by department? (no response)

If not, our first department is the Department of Agriculture. They request approximately $5 million, and at this point we are not recommending any funds due to fiscal constraints.

Do I hear a motion to accept?

SENATOR OROHO: So moved.

MS. MOLNAR: Second?

MR. BRUNE: Second.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay. Take a vote.

MR. VARI: Senator Oroho.

SENATOR OROHO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblyman Wolfe.

ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Stridick.

MR. STRIDICK: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Ms. Schermerhorn.

MS. SCHERMERHORN: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.
MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. VARI: Madam Chair, there are seven votes in the affirmative; the motion carries.
MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.
SENATOR OROHO: May I just ask one question real quick?
MS. MOLNAR: Sure.
SENATOR OROHO: Just to clarify, we are voting on the recommendation, not the request.
MR. VARI: Correct.
SENATOR OROHO: Okay. I thought that’s what I was voting for. I just wanted to make sure.
Thank you.
MS. MOLNAR: Good question.
Our next department is the Department of Children and Families: $895,000. At this point, the staff is not recommending any funds.
Do I hear a motion to approve?
SENATOR OROHO: So moved.
ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Second.
MS. MOLNAR: Any discussion? (no response)
If not, we’ll take a vote.
MR. VARI: Senator Oroho.
SENATOR OROHO: Yes.
MR. VARI: Assemblyman Wolfe.
ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Mr. Stridick.
MR. STRIDICK: Yes.
MR. VARI: Mr. Brune.
MR. BRUNE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Ms. Schermerhorn.
MS. SCHERMERHORN: Yes.
MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.
MR. ANNESE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Ms. Molnar.
MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. VARI: Madam Chair, there are seven votes in the affirmative; the motion carries.
MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

The next department is Corrections. We’re recommending $5.312 million for the chiller system and the wastewater treatment.

I have a question. The detail in the back mentions transferring $1.7 million from the Water Fund in order to do the chiller system. Maybe we need some clarification about this.

These two at the end of our capital comparison.

MR. VARI: These two?
MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. VARI: That’s from the Building Authority project.
MS. MOLNAR: Oh, that’s the Building Authority.
MR. VARI: Right.
MR. BRUNE: That was money that was returned to -- for capital from the Building Authority.
MS. MOLNAR: Which will be used for this project, the chiller system?

MR. BRUNE: Right.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay.

Also, the statewide roofing repair -- there will be money transferred. We’ll talk about that later.

So what you’re saying -- $1.7 million is available from the Building Authority for the chiller system.

MR. VARI: Correct.

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

MR. BRUNE: Motion.

MR. ANNESE: Second.

MS. MOLNAR: Any questions? (no response)

Oh, I’m sorry. I did have one other question. Do we know what revenue we do receive from Chesterfield Township?

MR. VARI: What the exact figure is I--

MR. BRUNE: There is an MOU, Carol, that exists between the Town and the Department. It is our reading of that that there may be as much as a 30 percent share there, because it’s a situation where part of the sewer-- They serve the town, and the town may need to grow in the future. So there is an issue there about a cost-share.

MS. MOLNAR: I saw that. I was just wondering. We also get revenue during the year -- processing revenue -- process the sewage, right?

Any questions or comments? (no response)

If not, we’ll take a vote.

MR. VARI: Was there a motion made?
MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. VARI: Senator Oroho.
SENATOR OROHO: Yes.
MR. VARI: Assemblyman Wolfe.
ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Mr. Stridick.
MR. STRIDICK: Yes.
MR. VARI: Mr. Brune.
MR. BRUNE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Ms. Schermerhorn.
MS. SCHERMERHORN: Yes.
MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.
MR. ANNESE: Yes.
MR. VARI: And Chairwoman Molnar.
MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. VARI: Madam Chair, you have seven votes in the affirmative; the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay. The next department is the Department of Education. We’re recommending $400,000 for the fire suppression installation at the Katzenbach School for the Deaf.

Do I hear a motion?
ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: So moved.
MS. MOLNAR: Second?
SENATOR OROHO: Second.
MS. MOLNAR: Any questions or discussion? (no response)
If not, we’ll take a vote.
MR. VARI: Senator Oroho.

SENATOR OROHO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblyman Wolfe.

ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Stridick.

MR. STRIDICK: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Ms. Schermerhorn.

MS. SCHERMERHORN: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, seven votes in the affirmative; the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Department of Environmental Protection: We’re recommending $93.371 million. It looks like $84.371 million is dedicated funds.

I do have a question. It says the money will come from the Corporate Business Tax. From what I’m reading, the 2009 estimates will probably be downward, as far as revenue. Do we have a feel-- In reality, will they be able to receive this amount of funds?

MR. BRUNE: Carol, what typically happens there is that CBT estimate gyrates around between now and the time the budget is put to bed.
So that’s our best guess at the time this was put together as to where it would be. It’s entirely possible to say it could be less, it could be more. But as that gets refined, that number will change.

MS. MOLNAR: Right. So this is the maximum. It could go down.

MR. BRUNE: It’s the number that was assumed at the time we put the recommendation together, based on the best information we have.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay. And the other one is shore protection based on the Realty Transfer Tax. I’m assuming $25 million is not an issue. Apparently there must be some homes or real estate turning over.

Okay. Any questions or comments? (no response)

Do I hear a motion?

SENATOR OROHO: The only question I have-- I guess the only project here that is not statutorily required or dedicated is the flood control -- the urgent-- That’s the only one that’s not?

MR. VARI: Correct.

SENATOR OROHO: Thank you.

So moved.

ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: I’d like to comment on the engineering construction for shore protection. I would certainly support that because, not only this past year, but previous years that has not been funded fully. So I would support that.

MS. MOLNAR: Do I hear a second?

MR. BRUNE: Second.

MS. MOLNAR: Any other comments? (no response)

If not, we’ll take a vote.
MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for DEP, Senator Oroho.

SENATOR OROHO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblyman Wolfe.

ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Stridick.

MR. STRIDICK: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Ms. Schermerhorn.

MS. SCHERMERHORN: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, you have seven votes in the affirmative; the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

The next department is the Department of Human Services. We’re recommending $4 million: $2 million for the New Lisbon Developmental Center and $2 million for fire safety at the Vineland Developmental Center.

SENATOR OROHO: Can I ask you a question on this?

MS. MOLNAR: Sure.

SENATOR OROHO: The $2 million -- and I’m not a construction expert or anything like that. Two million for fire escapes --
and obviously they’re critical. That’s almost like $105,000 a fire escape. Out where I come from, sometimes a house comes attached to that fire escape as well. Is there a-- Do they cost that much money -- to put a fire escape in?

MR. BRUNE: Apparently-- I’m not sure if the Department is here and wants to answer that.

MR. VARI: The Department is here.

MR. BRUNE: I’ll let them do it.

SENATOR OROHO: Thank you.

MS. MOLNAR: Can I ask the Department of Human Services to come forward? Give your name for our stenographer.

SENATOR OROHO: And maybe at the same time -- I had the same question with respect to the wells. Obviously, the description is critical, but it comes to about a million dollars a well. And I just want an explanation as to how we come up with those kinds of numbers.

KATHERINE FLING: Absolutely.

SENATOR OROHO: Thank you.

MS. FLING: My name is Katherine Fling. I’m Director of Property Management and Construction for the Department of Human Services.

The project in Vineland is to replace many fire escapes -- either replace or repair them. The fire escapes are currently covered with lead-based paint. So before we can do anything with them, we have to abate the lead-based paint. And that is an adder to a typical construction project and a considerable expense. That explains, we think, the cost of the individual fire escapes being about $100,000.
New Lisbon -- the development of wells -- we have experience, recently, at Ancora working with an engineering firm to estimate the construction of wells. And they go for about a million dollars a well.

SENATOR OROHO: Okay, thanks.

Now, as far as the abatement of the lead-based paint--

MS. FLING: Yes.

SENATOR OROHO: Is that the-- What's the primary cost? Is it the removal of and safe disposal of the existing fire escapes?

MS. FLING: Exactly.

SENATOR OROHO: Is that the primary -- the biggest part of the cost, or is it the--

MS. FLING: For the lead-based paint removal?

SENATOR OROHO: For the project itself.

MS. FLING: The lead-based paint removal will have to be done whether we make repairs to the escape or if we take the fire escapes down and put up new.

Recent experience at Greystone led us to actually repair the fire escape rather than replace. It was more cost-effective to do that. The lead-based paint then had to be removed.

SENATOR OROHO: Irrespective.

MS. FLING: Yes. And it is precautionary type construction. It has to be tented. Certain qualified contractors have to be hired. It is an expensive proposition.

SENATOR OROHO: All right. Thank you very much.

MS. FLING: You're welcome.

MS. MOLNAR: Any other questions? (no response)
Do I hear a motion to approve?

ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: So moved.

MS. MOLNAR: Do I hear a second?

SENATOR OROHO: Second.

MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the Department of Human Services, Senator Oroho.

SENATOR OROHO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblyman Wolfe.

ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Stridick.

MR. STRIDICK: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Ms. Schermerhorn.

MS. SCHERMERHORN: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, you have seven votes in the affirmative; the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Department of Law and Public Safety: $11 million. We’re recommending zero at this time.

SENATOR OROHO: I make a motion to accept.

ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Second.
MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the Department of Law and Public Safety, Senator Oroho.

SENATOR OROHO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblyman Wolfe.

ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Stridick.

MR. STRIDICK: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Ms. Schermerhorn.

MS. SCHERMERHORN: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, you have seven votes in the affirmative; the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Next is the Juvenile Justice Commission. We’re recommending $1 million for critical repairs to the juvenile justice facilities. There’s a list in front of you of some of the projects.

Any questions or comments? (no response)

If not, do I have a motion to approve?

MR. ANNESE: So moved.

SENATOR OROHO: Second.
MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the Juvenile Justice Commission, Senator Oroho.

SENATOR OROHO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblyman Wolfe.

ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Stridick.

MR. STRIDICK: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Ms. Schermerhorn.

MS. SCHERMERHORN: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, you have seven votes in the affirmative; the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Department of Military and Veterans Affairs: They requested $8 million, and we’re recommending zero. The Federal funding on these projects would have been $6.8 million, but we are recommending zero at this time.

Any questions or comments? (no response)

If not, do I hear a motion?

SENATOR OROHO: So moved.

MS. MOLNAR: Second?

MS. SCHERMERHORN: Second.
MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Senator Oroho.

SENATOR OROHO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblyman Wolfe.

ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Stridick.

MR. STRIDICK: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Ms. Schermerhorn.

MS. SCHERMERHORN: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, you have seven votes in the affirmative; the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Higher Education facilities: They’re requesting $1.6 billion. We’re requesting (sic) zero at this time.

MR. VARI: Recommending.

MS. MOLNAR: Recommending zero at this time.

SENATOR OROHO: I make a motion to accept.

MS. SCHERMERHORN: Second.

MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the Higher Education facilities, Senator Oroho.

SENATOR OROHO: Yes.
MR. VARI: Assemblyman Wolfe.
ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Mr. Stridick.
MR. STRIDICK: Yes.
MR. VARI: Mr. Brune.
MR. BRUNE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Ms. Schermerhorn.
MS. SCHERMERHORN: Yes.
MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.
MR. ANNESE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.
MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. VARI: Madam Chair, you have seven votes in the affirmative; the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Department of State: $197,000, and we’re recommending zero at this time.

I do have a little concern about the $85,000 for the security at the Library based on their testimony. But I understand our budget constraints this year.

Any questions or comments? (no response)

If not, can I have a motion?
MR. ANNESE: So moved.
MS. MOLNAR: Second?
MS. SCHERMERHORN: Second.
MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the Department of State, Senator Oroho.
SENATOR OROHO: Yes.
MR. VARI: Assemblyman Wolfe.
ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Mr. Stridick.
MR. STRIDICK: Yes.
MR. VARI: Mr. Brune.
MR. BRUNE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Ms. Schermerhorn.
MS. SCHERMERHORN: Yes.
MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.
MR. ANNESE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.
MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. VARI: Madam Chair, you have seven votes in the affirmative; the motion carries.
MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

The next department is the State Library. Part of their request was to replace moveable bookshelves. Based on their testimony, it seems that these shelves are problematic. I was wondering, are there any alternate sources of funding for them?

MR. VARI: I can’t think of any right now.
MR. BRUNE: The problem with the alternate sources of funding is there is a long list that needs to be addressed.

MS. MOLNAR: All right. I hear you.
Any questions or comments? (no response)
If not, do I hear a motion?
MR. ANNESE: So moved.
MS. MOLNAR: Second?
MR. BRUNE: Second.
MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the State Library, Senator Oroho.
SENATOR OROHO: Yes.
MR. VARI: Assemblyman Wolfe.
ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Mr. Stridick.
MR. STRIDICK: Yes.
MR. VARI: Mr. Brune.
MR. BRUNE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Ms. Schermerhorn.
MS. SCHERMERHORN: Yes.
MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.
MR. ANNESE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.
MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. VARI: Madam Chair, you have seven votes in the affirmative; the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Department of Transportation: Transportation Trust Fund of $895 million. All this that we’re recommending is really the debt service.

SENATOR OROHO: Is it? That’s one of the questions I had. How much of the $895 million is for debt service?

MS. MOLNAR: I thought the whole thing was.
MR. BRUNE: I think, as of the most recent bond issue, it’s about $870 million -- the one they just issued in January.

SENATOR OROHO: So there’s $25 million for projects.

MS. MOLNAR: But by 2011 it will be totally debt service.

SENATOR OROHO: Totally debt service, exactly.

Okay. Thank you.

MS. MOLNAR: Now, I believe there is some discussion of increasing this account, but we’ll have to see.

Any questions or comments? (no response)

If not, do I hear a motion?

MR. ANNESE: So moved.

MS. MOLNAR: Second?

SENATOR OROHO: Second.

MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommended funding for the Department of Transportation, Senator Oroho.

SENATOR OROHO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblyman Wolfe.

ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Stridick.

MR. STRIDICK: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Ms. Schermerhorn.

MS. SCHERMERHORN: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, you have seven votes in the affirmative; the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Interdepartmental: $5 million of the funds deposited into the State-Owned Real Property Fund will be appropriated to the Roof Repair Fund, which is good.

Now, the Open Space is derived from the Sales and Use Tax. Again, is this an estimate based -- even though Sales Tax will probably be down?

MR. BRUNE: Carol, it’s been $98 million set by law when the program was first created. That’s the steady number that was established.

MS. MOLNAR: So it’s not an issue.

MR. BRUNE: It’s not like the CBT in DEP.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay.

MR. BRUNE: That would include debt service for the Building Authority.

MS. MOLNAR: Including the Building Authority -- $192.929 million.

ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: I just have a question about the energy efficiency statewide -- $10 million.

MR. VARI: Yes.

ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Maybe Beth can help us out. There was money that was recommended in the Governor’s current budget to withhold money from an energy fund. Is that somehow related to this?
MS. SCHERMERHORN: It is the same fund.
ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: It is the same fund.
MS. SCHERMERHORN: Yes, but this is for next year.
ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Will there be money in the fund for next year?
MS. SCHERMERHORN: Yes. Revenues come in constantly.
ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Thank you.
MS. MOLNAR: Okay. Do I hear a motion?
MR. ANNESE: So moved.
SENATOR OROHO: Second.
MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for Interdepartmental Accounts, Senator Oroho.
SENATOR OROHO: Yes.
MR. VARI: Assemblyman Wolfe.
ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Mr. Stridick.
MR. STRIDICK: Yes.
MR. VARI: Mr. Brune.
MR. BRUNE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Ms. Schermerhorn.
MS. SCHERMERHORN: Yes.
MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.
MR. ANNESE: Yes.
MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.
MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. VARI: Madam Chair, you have seven votes in the affirmative; the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Last but not least, the Judiciary. They have requested $3.893 million, and we’re recommending zero at this time.

Any questions or comments? (no response)

SENATOR OROHO: I make a motion.

MS. MOLNAR: Second?

ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Second.

MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the Judiciary, Senator Oroho.

SENATOR OROHO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblyman Wolfe.

ASSEMBLYMAN WOLFE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Stridick.

MR. STRIDICK: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Ms. Schermerhorn.

MS. SCHERMERHORN: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.
Okay. Do you have any other business?

MR. VARI: No.

MS. MOLNAR: The only thing I want to mention is, it’s my understanding that any bond referendum that goes on the ballot should come before this Commission in the statute. Now, I say that-- I assume if there were any, we would convene, if necessary, during the spring or summer.

Any other questions or comments?

SENATOR OROHO: Not on that issue, on another issue.

MS. MOLNAR: Oh, I’m sorry. Good, other business. Okay. I’ll open it up.

SENATOR OROHO: At our last meeting, we had a discussion about the debt report and what should be in that debt report. And I’m happy to report -- and I was glad that Senator Sarlo -- and I believe it was -- I’m not sure who the sponsors were on the Assembly side -- but a law was passed that that debt report will now be more comprehensive. And we did have a lengthy discussion last time. So I was happy to report that Senator Sarlo and I on the Senate side -- and as I said, I’m not sure who was on the Assembly side -- but it was signed into law.

MS. MOLNAR: Congratulations.

SENATOR OROHO: So something good came out of that discussion last time.

MS. MOLNAR: Good.

SENATOR OROHO: Thank you very much.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you for all your hard work.

Any other questions or comments? (no response)
If not, have a nice holiday, nice spring, maybe summer. We’ll see you in the fall.

Meeting adjourned.

(MEETING CONCLUDED)