

## **Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**June 30, 2014**

**1:00 PM**

The Blue Room (Room 250)  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

The Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments ("the Board") convened at 1:09 PM on June 30, 2014 in the New York State Capitol Building in Albany, NY. The following members of the Board were present:

Robert Megna (Chair)  
Gabriel Deyo (representative designated for Thomas DiNapoli)  
Jack Martins  
Herman Farrell, Jr.  
Sydney Cresswell  
RoAnn Destito  
Matthew Driscoll

The following members of the Board were absent:

Eric Schneiderman  
Todd Snyder  
Cesar Perales

Chairman Megna opened the meeting and announced that the Board had not received any new applicants since the last meeting on February 26, 2014. However, there were several completed Comprehensive Review Reports for the Board's approval.

Chairman Megna then asked the Board to consider the minutes from the meeting on February 26, 2014. Mr. Driscoll motioned to approve the minutes and Mr. Farrell seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Chairman Megna asked Todd Scheuermann of the Division of the Budget to provide an overview of the three completed Comprehensive Reviews before the Board (the City of Fulton, the Town of Fishkill, and the Village of Wilson). Mr. Scheuermann gave a PowerPoint presentation with a brief description of the findings and recommendations for each municipality.

Chairman Megna noted that, specifically for the City of Fulton, it would be impossible to solve the problems of these municipalities in a short timeframe. However, the Board may be able to incentivize the County to work with the City on shared services, and the

other recommendations from the Board will grow the region's economic base to the benefit of both entities.

Mr. Martins cautioned against a blanket approach to data comparability with regards to the Town of Fishkill's performance metrics recommendation. He noted that every municipality is different, and the functions of each department may not perfectly align for a fair comparison.

Ms. Cresswell asked if the Board would be willing to consider funding dissolution transition costs if the residents of the Village of Wilson approve dissolution. Mr. Scheuermann discussed how the Board can continue to interact with municipalities after the release of a Comprehensive Review Report. Chairman Megna agreed that the Board should encourage dissolution and government consolidation whenever possible.

Chairman Megna then asked the Board to consider the following Resolutions:

**Resolution No. 2014-09:** Approving the Comprehensive Review Report for the City of Fulton.

Mr. Driscoll motioned to adopt the Resolution. Ms. Destito seconded the motion and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 2014-10:** Approving the Comprehensive Review Report for the Town of Fishkill.

Mr. Driscoll motioned to adopt the Resolution. Ms. Destito seconded the motion and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 2014-11:** Approving the Comprehensive Review Report for the Village of Wilson.

Mr. Farrell motioned to adopt the Resolution. Ms. Destito seconded the motion and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 2014-12:** Repealing Resolution No. 2014-03 Approving the Request for a Comprehensive Review from the Village of North Collins.

Chairman Megna noted that the Village of North Collins had submitted a letter rescinding their request for a Comprehensive Review from the Board.

Mr. Martins motioned to adopt the Resolution. Mr. Deyo seconded the motion and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Ryan  
Secretary