

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
(REMOTELY)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021
2:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Paul Ruskiewicz, Chairman
Barry Cheney, Joseph Minuta, James D. O'Donnell,
Rob Sassi, Joel Sierra, Kathy A. Stegenga, Laurie R. Tautel

ALSO

PRESENT: Katie Bonelli, Majority Leader
Michael D. Paduch, Minority Leader
Thomas J. Faggione, Legislator
Kevin W. Hines, Legislator
Peter Tuohy, Legislator
John Vero, Legislator
Betsy N. Abraham, Legislative Counsel
Harold Porr III, Deputy County Executive
J. Daniel Bloomer, Director of Operations
Langdon Chapman, County Attorney
Deborah Slesinski, Budget Director

Chairman Ruskiewicz opened the committee meeting at 2:00 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present.

Chairman Ruskiewicz stated that they planned originally to have Mr. Vona back to continue his discussion on the IDA audit. They have received the information and had time to review. However, over the last few days there has been new developments and he requested that Ms. Abraham explain the situation.

Ms. Abraham stated that pursuant to information she received earlier today from Alex Betke, Special Counsel to the Orange County IDA, he received information regarding a request for certain documents from the District Attorney's Office. As a caution for his client, he advised that he and Mr. Vona will be unable to appear before the committee today and present any information.

Chairman Ruskiewicz stated that the other item on the agenda was the resolution they tabled last week. He was not sure how the committee wanted to proceed.

Mr. O'Donnell made a motion for a resolution seeking financial disclosures from the Orange County Industrial Development Agency, seconded by Ms. Stegenga.

Mr. Sassi asked if the resolution was read into the record.

Chairman Ruskiewicz responded that it was not read into the record but it was posted on the county website.

Motion carried. All in favor.

On the motion of Mr. Sassi, seconded by Ms. Tautel, the meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.