



**AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019
AT THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER**

ATTENDANCE

Chair	Michael Spitzer
Private Members	Larian Angelo Mark Kaplan Bud Larson
Public Members	Representing the Mayor – Raymond Lee Representing the Comptroller – Jacqueline Thompson Representing the Public Advocate – Michael Twomey
Acting Secretary	Leonel Ferreira
Independent Auditors	Grant Thornton LLP – Dan Barron, Marla Hummel, Hassan Khan, Michael Ryan, Cosmo Saginario
Others	Public Realm Improvement Fund Governing Group Inc. – Amy Chan, Kim Vaccari Department of Education of the City of New York – Richard Carlo, Maria Conklin, Barry Elkayam, Amy Huang, Tisa Lapadula, Margaret Whittaker New York City Mayor’s Office of Operations – Florim Ardolli, George Davis New York City Comptroller’s Office – Camille Arezzo, Jessica Sanchez, Susanna Tregor

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I. Motion to Name Acting Secretary

The first agenda item was a request by Mr. Michael Spitzer, Audit Committee Chairman, for a motion to name Mr. Leonel Ferreira as the Acting Secretary of the Audit Committee; the motion was made and unanimously approved.

II. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Michael Spitzer, Audit Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Ferreira took roll call; a quorum was present.

III. Motion to Accept Draft Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held October 23, 2019.

The next agenda item was the approval of the draft minutes of the October 23, 2019 Audit Committee Meeting. Chairman Spitzer inquired if there were any comments on the draft minutes as presented. Subject to any non-substantive editorial comments submitted to Mr. Ferreira, the Committee approved the draft minutes of the October 23, 2019 Audit Committee Meeting.

IV. Presentation of the Financial Statements of the Public Realm Improvement

Fund Governing Group Inc.

The next agenda item was the review of the financial statements of the Public Realm Improvement Fund Governing Group Inc. (Governing Group) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

Ms. Kim Vaccari, Chief Financial Officer of the New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC), introduced the other representative from EDC, Ms. Amy Chan, EDC's Deputy Comptroller. EDC manages the financial statements of the Governing Group. UHY LLP are the Governing Group's independent auditors.

The Governing Group is governed by thirteen members. Seven members are representatives of City agencies, appointed by the Mayor; six members are non ex officio, appointed by the offices of the Manhattan Borough President, New York City Council, and Manhattan Community Boards.

The Group does not have any employees; administrative services are provided by EDC and the New York City Department of City Planning.

Operating revenues earned in fiscal year 2019 were a direct result of the transfer of development rights to JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. in December 2018 for the construction of their new headquarters at 270 Park Avenue. As a result, JP Morgan was required to deposit \$41.7 million into the Fund.

At year-end, the Group's bank balance was \$42,073,341, all of which is deposited in a sweep account holding US government money market funds.

A question and answer session took place after the presentation. Several matters were discussed including:

- The Governing Group established and maintains a Public Realm Improvement Concept Plan for the purpose of creating a list of priority improvements and has the authority to amend the Plan, and associated list of improvements, as necessary.
- The Concept Plan includes multiple projects throughout the East Midtown area, which bolster and enhance the area's status as a premier central business district with a high-quality public realm. The projects are largely associated with transit and open space improvements.

There being no further questions, Chairman Spitzer thanked the representatives of the Governing Group for their participation in today's meeting.

V. Executive Session

There being no further business for the public session, Chairman Spitzer asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. A motion was made to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing non-public financial information about The City of New York. The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made to adjourn the November 12, 2019 Audit Committee Meeting; the motion was unanimously approved.