

PENNSYLVANIA INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board

May 19, 2015

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority ("PICA") was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2014 in the PICA Board Room located at 1500 Walnut Street, 16th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Attendees

Board: Gregory S. Rost, Suzanne Biemiller, Joseph McColgon, Michael A. Karp (*via telephone*), Robert A. Dubow (*ex officio*) and Sharon Ward, Director, Governor's Budget Office (*via telephone, ex officio*).

Staff: Harvey M. Rice, Stephen Camp-Landis, Deidre Morgenstern, and Dora Ward.

Invited Guests: S. William Richter, Esq., Reed Smith, LLP

Call to Order

Mr. Rice called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Rost made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 21, 2015. Ms. Biemiller seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Consideration of PICA's FY16 Operating Budget

The Board members asked Mr. Rice to provide a brief overview of the budget. Mr. Rice explained that the FY16 budget is \$900 above that of FY15. While significant savings were achieved for PICA's computer system, the overall increase is due to a \$10,000 additional audit fee, which is the result of a recommendation made by PICA's auditor last year.

Mr. Karp made a motion to approve the operating budget for FY16. Mr. Rost seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Rice stated that PICA has begun its Five Year Plan review process. He explained that PICA has meetings scheduled with fifteen (15) City departments, which began earlier this week. Ms. Biemiller asked for a summary of the meetings. Mr. Rice explained that the meeting with L&I did not reveal any previously unknown information; the meeting with the Fire department centered around a discussion about the department not having met its target for overtime in FY15; the Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity has not received additional funding, as inquired by Ms. Biemiller; and PICA deduced that DHS might not have sufficient funds to accommodate its growing case load, which arose from recent legislative changes. Mr. Rost asked how the new background check requirement for volunteers is working in practice. Mr. Dubow replied that the legislation is possibly overbroad and that the City is working with the Commonwealth on this issue.

Mr. Rice also stated that PICA has completed its monthly revenue report and that it will complete its report on the Quarterly City Managers Report next week.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Rice stated actuals are currently below budgeted levels for FY15 but that spending overall is higher than the previous year due to an increase in PICA salaries and benefits.

Discussion of New Business

Mr. Rost asked Mr. Dubow whether he has a total, aggregate estimate for how much the Pope's visit will cost the City. Mr. Dubow replied that each of the departments are currently submitting individual budget estimates to the City, which will likely be reimburseable by the Vatican.

Mr. Rost asked whether City Council is on schedule with its hearings. Mr. Dubow replied that they are on schedule and will hold the last session June 18th. Upcoming items on Council's agenda are tax bill hearings relating to the real estate and wage taxes, as well as a hearing with the School District.

Mr. Rost asked Mr. Rice for the status of the remaining appointment to the Board. Mr. Rice replied that he has inquired several times with the appointing authority and does not have information to date on the remaining appointment.

Mr. Dubow responded to a question by Ms. Sharon Ward, stating that the City might have to move up capital borrowing to August, rather than its typical November or December schedule.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Mr. Rice asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rost asked if there was any new business. The meeting was adjourned by consensus of all board members.