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MEETING OF NYS COMMITTEE ON OPEN GOVERNMENT

Held by WebEx Pursuant to Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021

December 8, 2021, 1:00pm

Members Present by WebEx:

Vilda Mayuga (Secretary of State), William Bruso (OGS), Joel Lombardi (DOB), Peter Grimm, Franklin Stone, David Schulz, Phil Giltner (Lt. Governor), Stephen Waters, Hadley Horrigan

Executive Director's Staff Present by WebEx:

Shoshanah Bewlay, Kristin O'Neill, Christen Smith, Jake Forken, Candace Watson

Welcome:

Quorum present

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2021, Committee meeting, all were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Draft Report:

The Executive Director reviewed the draft Report with Committee members, who suggested a few edits. On motion to approve the Committee's 2021 Annual Report with the edits discussed and agreed upon during the meeting, all were in favor and the report was approved. The Executive Director will circulate the final 2021 Annual Report to Committee members, the Legislature and Governor on or before December 15, 2021.

Public Comment:

The Committee heard comments by WebEx attendees Michelle A. and Tom Speaker.

Other or New Business:

On a suggestion that the Committee meet, preferably in-person, in Albany in February 2022 to discuss the Committee mission and possible bylaws, Committee members agreed. Members agreed to create a group of Members to plan the agenda for the meeting consisting of David Schulz, Franklin Stone and William Bruso. The Executive Director's staff will circulate bylaws collected from among other state entities to serve as possible models for the Committee and will seek from Members possible dates for such a meeting.

Adjourned at 1:43pm