



Travel Information Council  
1500 Liberty St. SE, Suite 150  
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**MINUTES**  
**Special Council**  
**Meeting**

Monday, October 23, 2024  
Virtual Meeting

**Members Participating:** Eliza Canty-Jones Chair; Jeff Baker; Diane DeAutremont; Bob Garica; John Hamilton; Kristine McConnell; Matt Preston.

**Excused:** Richard Riggs.

**TIC Staff Participating:** Interim Executive Director Mike Auman; Jessica Carbone.

**Guests:** Kylene Stevens, DAS; Carmen Carver, DAS.

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**Procedural**

**Call to Order/Introductions:** The special public meeting of the Travel Information Council was called to order by Chair Canty-Jones at 7:29 a.m. Introductions were made for the record.

**Approval of the Agenda and Order of Business:** Canty-Jones moved forward with agenda as presented.

**Public Session**

**Public Comment:** None.

**Business Meeting**

**Discussion of Possible Direct Appointment:** Canty-Jones briefed the Council that on October 21 the Council met in executive session to consider McGregor “Mac” Lynde for employment by direct appointment for the Executive Director of the Travel Information Council. All the members currently present, apart from Bob Garica, had the opportunity to meet and talk with Mr. Lynde. No decisions were made in the executive session. Due to the loss of quorum during that meeting, this meeting was called to order for the Council to determine extending an offer of employment to Mr. Lynde.

7:31 a.m. – McConnell joined the meeting.

*Baker made a motion to extend and offer of employment to McGregor “Mac” Lynde for the position of Executive Director of the Travel Information Council. Preston seconded.*

McConnell shared her support for the candidate. Canty-Jones said that she thought Mr. Lynde was an

excellent mix of some of the main attributes the Council has been seeking, strong experience in operations, leading at an executive level, presenting to legislators and working with the Governor's office. Canty-Jones also shared her appreciation for the thoughts Mr. Lynde shared about his vision for TIC, not in a way of changing what TIC does, but leading TIC into a long-term vision of how it provides safety, rest, and an overall experience for travelers. Preston and DeAutremont shared their support for the candidate. Canty-Jones said that Mr. Lynde also possessed the attributes that staff had shared they desired in a leader.

*McConnell made a motion to approve Chair Canty-Jones and Carmen Carver to extend an offer of employment to MacGregor "Mac" Lynde and engage in employment negotiations. Baker seconded.*

*Vote: Canty-Jones- aye*

*Baker- aye*

*DeAutremont- aye*

*Garica- aye*

*Hamilton- aye*

*McConnell- aye*

*Preston- aye*

Canty-Jones shared the proposed recruitment plan presented in the meeting materials in case the direct appointment fails.

Stevens suggested one amendment to the recruitment plan. He suggested including that each final candidate would meet with the Governor or the Governor's policy advisor for a brief Q&A to provide feedback.

*Baker made a motion to approve the recruitment plan as amended. Preston seconded.*

*Vote: Canty-Jones- aye*

*Baker- aye*

*DeAutremont- aye*

*Garica- aye*

*Hamilton- aye*

*McConnell- aye*

*Preston- aye*

Canty-Jones thanked the Council and staff for their work and support.

**Adjourn:** 7:59 a.m.

**Next Meeting:**

Quarterly Meeting: December 9, 2024

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