



**AGENCY MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2026**

Agency Members, Designees, and Executive Staff Present:

Mark Hall	Chair
Jose Almanzar	Member (remotely)
Benita Law-Diao	Member (remotely)
Art Lussi	Member
Steve Hunt	Empire State Development
Ken Lynch	Member
Rush Holt	Member
Zoë Smith	Member
Matt Tebo	Department of State
Dan Wilt	Member
Joe Zalewski	Department of Environmental Conservation
Barbara Rice	Executive Director
Matt Robinson-Loffler	Associate Counsel

Absent and Excused

Local Government Review Board Present

Gerald Delaney, Sr., Executive Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum of board members being present in person, the meeting was called to order at approximately 9:34 AM by Mark Hall, Chair.

2. WELCOMING REMARKS

Chairperson Mark Hall welcomed the public, presenters, staff, and board members, and made welcoming remarks.

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3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- The chair recognized Jackie Bowen, Adirondack Council, who commented on the Other Power Driven Mobility Device (OPDMD) policy being proposed by the DEC, asking the Board to consider how this policy will effect the Park.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Dan Wilt, seconded by Rush Holt, the February 19, 2026 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

5. RECUSALS

None

6. MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Barb Rice, gave Director's report, highlights of which included:

- 2025 Annual Report for the Agency was presented which highlighted projects completed by the RASS division, the overhaul of the Agency's website and increasing transparency, community outreach, staffing updates and the upcoming headquarters project.

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO COMMITTEES

On motion of Matt Tebo, seconded by Zoë Smith, the Agency Board voted unanimously to adjourn to committees at approximately 9:56 AM.

9. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9.1. Public Awareness and Communications Committee

The committee convened at approximately 9:57 AM.

Committee Members Present: Benita Law-Diao (remotely) (Committee Chair), Rush Holt, Steve Hunt (ESD), Dan Wilt

Other Members and Designees Present: Jose Almanzar (remotely), Mark Hall, Art Lussi, Ken Lynch, Zoë Smith, Matt Tebo (DOS), Joe Zalewski (DEC)

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Agency Staff Present: Barb Rice, Matt Robinson-Loffler, Keith McKeever

9.1.1. Communications Report

Keith McKeever, Director of Communications provided the communications report and introduced Community Spotlight, Town of Jay supervisor Matt Stanley, and Comprehensive Planning Committee Chair Wally Walters.

9.1.2. Community Spotlight – Town of Jay, Essex County

Town of Jay supervisor Matt Stanley, and Comprehensive Planning Committee Chair Wally Walters provided an overview presentation and discussion regarding the Town of Jay in Essex County.

9.1.3. Old Business

None

9.1.4. New Business

None

Committee adjourned at approximately 10:56 AM

9.2. Regulatory Programs Committee

The committee convened at approximately 11:07 AM.

Committee Members Present: Dan Wilt (Committee Chair), Art Lussi, Ken Lynch

Other Members and Designees Present: Jose Almanzar (remotely), Matt Tebo (DOS), Rush Holt, Steve Hunt (ESD), Benita Law-Diao (remotely), Zoë Smith, Joe Zalewski (DEC)

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9.2.1. P2025-0287 – AC Power 47, LLC – Town of Queensbury, Warren County

Devan Korn, APA presented a review of the permit application involving the construction of an approximately 5 megawatt commercial solar generation facility on the site of a closed Town of Queensbury landfill.

On motion of Art Lussi and seconded by Ken Lynch, the Regulatory Programs Committee unanimously recommended the approval of the application to the full board with recommended conditions.

9.2.2. Old Business

None

9.2.3. New Business

None

Committee adjourned at approximately 11:58 PM

THE BOARD RETURNED TO FULL AGENCY
AT APPROXIMATELY 11:59 AM.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1. Public Awareness and Communications (Benita Law-Diao)

The committee received a presentation from the Town of Jay supervisor Matt Stanley, and Comprehensive Planning Committee Chair Wally Walters spotlighting the Town of Jay in Essex County.

10.2. Regulatory Programs (Dan Wilt)

The committee reviewed project application P2025-0287 from the AC Power 47, LLC for the construction of an approximately 5 megawatt commercial solar generation facility on the site of a closed Town of Queensbury landfill.

On motion of Matt Tebo, seconded by Art Lussi, the board unanimously approved the application as presented with recommended conditions.

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11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD

G. Delaney noted that they appreciated the continued outreach to local government and reaffirmed that the continuing outreach like this is beneficial to both the Agency and the towns and villages of the Park. He also noted that he had had been interviewed by Susan Arbetter, of Spectrum News where they discussed a constitutional amendment to the Act.

12. MEMBER COMMENT

- Benita Law-Diao commended the presentation from the Town of Jay and suggested a remote work job fair could highlight the opportunities for remote work that people might not be hearing otherwise.

13. OLD BUSINESS

None

14. NEW BUSINESS

None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Claudia Braymer, Protect the Adirondacks, made comments in support of a constitutional amendment for Mount Van Hoevenberg and the three closed correctional facilities in the Park. Braymer also commented on the process for subdivisions that don't rise to the level of a Major Project.

[Link to video and audio recordings of this meeting available on website:
www.apa.ny.gov]

Chair Mark Hall noted that the next meeting will be April 16-17, 2026.

On motion of Art Lussi, and seconded by Matt Tebo, the meeting was adjourned without objection at approximately 12:11 PM.

Mark Hall, Chairperson