

HEAP Block Grant Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 2022

A meeting of the Block Grant Advisory Council was held via WebEx on Thursday, November 3, 2022. The meeting began at 1:00 pm.

Attendees

Alisabeth Natali, HEAP, OTDA

Andy Stone, Executive Director, NYS Weatherization Directors Association

Emily Urban, NYS OTDA HEAP

Kenneth Gossel, National Fuel Gas

Kira Pospesel, Commissioner, Greene County Social Services

Shiran Ybanez, HEAP, HRA

Vivvy Williams, BGAC secretary

Discussion

Ken Gossel: Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Ken Gossel, this is the November 3rd HEAP Block Grant Advisory Council meeting. I am the vice-chairman stepping in today as Sue Montgomery-Corey has submitted her resignation from the Council. We are extremely grateful for Sue's dedicated service for all these years, and we will greatly miss her. I am going to start the meeting as we are by WebEx by asking that everybody who is participating today to let us know who you are today, please. Thank you.

Emily Urban: Emily Urban, New York State HEAP Bureau Chief OTDA.

Kira Pospesel: I'm Kira Pospesel, Commissioner of Greene County Department of Social Services.

Andy Stone: I'm Andy Stone the Executive Director of the New York State Weatherization Director's Association.

Vivvy Williams: I'm Vivvy Williams the Secretary for the BGAC meeting.

Beth Natali: Beth Natali, New York State HEAP Bureau.

Shiran Ybanez: My name is Shiran Ybanez, I am representing HEAP New York City.

Ken Gossel: Great, welcome all. Thank you for joining today. I really appreciate the opportunity to get together and learn greatly about this year's HEAP program which has just opened. First matter on the agenda, I believe is the HEAP Funding for the current program year. Emily.

Emily Urban: Yes, so this is actually a really exciting day for the Block Grant because we actually just got our funding yesterday, or it was announced yesterday rather. So, it's pretty much exactly what we were expecting, so for our base Block Grant funding right now, New York State has received \$342.8 million, that is our regular Block Grant funding. This represents 90% of the grant that we expect to receive. So, once the 100% or the extra 10% is released, we can expect to end up around \$380 million. So, that's right where we expected to land. That is what we based our plan on the \$380 million. We also receive supplemental funding, so this has been knocking around for a few weeks now an extra billion dollars towards HEAP LIHEAP specifically, and of that New York State receives \$63.3 million. Again, that is right around where we were expecting to land there. We did not have that figure or anything about that in mind when we made our state plan, so what we do with that funding will be in addition to what we have included in the original State plan. And then, we have infrastructure funding which we have received two years I believe and it's a total of five years, and that is \$6.3 million. So, right where we were expected to get, it's good. And we planned a good program. Are there any questions on the funding so far?

Ken Gossel: Thank you.

Emily Urban: Do you want me to get into the...

Kira Pospesel: sure, jump right in, dates of operation, here we go, fasten your seatbelts.

Emily Urban: Alright. So, Regular opened this week, it opened on Tuesday, November 1st, 2022. We have had no major problems reported. We plan to close that right now, March 15th, 2023. If we have the funding and if there is need, we may be able to extend that benefit beyond March 15th, but as of right now, that is the date we intend to close. Our Clean and Tune and Heat Equipment Repair and Replacement those are open year-round, but officially the 22/23 furnace components opened on October 3rd, 2022, so about a month ago. But again, they operate year-round. It really doesn't look any different to the public what dates those programs open. So, October 3rd, 2022, through September 29th, 2023, and then if the funding permits, we will open again October 1st of 2023, for next year's program so, no interruption there.

Our Emergency Benefit will open on January 3rd, 2023, and that program closing date is March 15th, 2023. We will not close earlier than March 15th, but if there is funding available and need, we may be able to extend that as well. right now, we only have one emergency benefit planned but once again, we will evaluate that. Once emergency opens, once we see what the need is and where our funding is, we may be able to offer a second emergency again, but right now there's just the one emergency planned.

And then Cooling, we aren't probably thinking about cooling yet, but we do plan to open that on May 1st, 2023, and operate that through August 31st, 2023. And those are our five benefits. We do not have a RAS benefit this year, that was our Regular Arrears Supplement. That was only operated last year in 21/22 and that was as the result of additional funding we received through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Ken Gossel: And Emily we did not start this time with really a summary of last year's plan but since that RAS benefit was so huge and assisted so many customers, do you have just a little bit of information to share on that with the group?

Emily Urban: Yeah, unfortunately I don't have the number of households served with that, but I know we allocated \$275 million, and we spent all of that. So, that was from the American Rescue Plan Act specifically for RAS and then we allocated an additional \$100 million to Arrears Assistance through ERAP and that is still happening right now. So, those benefits are continuing to go out through ERAP, but RAS is completed. So, we did spend all of that. I can try to get that number for you.

Ken Gossel: That's okay, I wanted to express appreciation how well you managed that program where it provided assistance of up to \$10,000, I think per service electric and gas per household. So, it was significantly helpful to those customers in providing needed assistance, especially during the tough times of COVID, so, thank you.

Emily Urban: Yeah, thank you. It was up to \$10,000 per household so that would have to be split between gas and electric. But yeah, up to \$10,000, it was a huge assistance to those households that had arrears. So, thank you so much to all the districts for getting those benefits out. Shiran is on, thank you for all you did in New York, and Kira and all of the districts did an amazing job. It came on fast and furious. Those benefits went out so quickly, and we were able to help a lot of people in a very short amount of time.

Ken Gossel: Wonderful job. Could you talk a little bit about the benefit level changes this year? We see more assistance is coming to many of the recipients here, so, you...

Emily Urban: yes, sure. So, our regular benefit, we increased those benefits this year. So, right now we have our oil, kerosene, and propane benefit is \$900. That was a \$225 increase over last year. Our wood, coal and other deliverables that is \$635 and that is \$110 increase from last year. And we have natural gas and electric heat, those are both \$400 and those are a \$50 increase over last year. So, that is our current benefits now, and then, of course, we have our heat included benefits of \$50 for tier 1, \$45 for tier 2, and our Heat and Eat benefit is still \$21, so no change there. And then our add-ons for our heater benefit so a tier 1 benefit, excuse me, a tier 1 add-on rather, would be \$41, and the vulnerable add-on for someone who is age 60 or older, under age 6, or disabled, they would get that \$35 on top of their base benefit. So, no change there to the add-ons or the heat included. However, with this extra \$63 million that we got, now that we have the final amount, what we are doing is we're exploring increasing those base benefits a little bit more. Even since we made those benefit changes in the summertime, we know that the cost of heating a home is increasing faster than we can keep up with. So, we are exploring what we are able to do with that 63, getting those out to people who heat their homes, pay a vendor directly for their heat. How that will all shake out has yet to be determined. Again, we just got the funding yesterday, so we're working with the numbers there. We're working on our budget. So, more to come there. But as of right now, these are our benefits. If there is an increase to the regular benefit, for a household that already received a regular benefit, we are working on a supplement for them. So, the difference between the higher benefit and what they already received, we're working with our systems on hopefully doing that as an autopayment, and then once we approve the higher amounts, if that is what we decide to do, the households at that point would just get the higher benefit if they're newly approved. So, they will either get the higher benefit or they'll get a supplement if they already received a lower benefit.

So, we just to give you some figures on our regular so far, so we ran our autopay back in September and it looks like we have about 220,000 temporary assistance autopayments and about 1.1 million SNAP autopay payments. This is up about 200,000 over last year. So, it's really good. The more automatic payments we can get the better. These autopay payments go out to households that are in receipt of ongoing temporary assistance or SNAP at the time the autopay is run. So, both of those ran successfully. Those benefits will be going out really soon. If they have a vendor direct payment, so if they pay a vendor directly for their heat, those benefits are going out now. If they have heat that's included in their rental costs and they get their benefit on their EBT card, those will be released at a later time once we get program allocations out to the districts to cover those payments.

Andy Stone: Emily, I've got a question regarding benefits. I've talked to Andrew a couple of times about this, with the goals of the CLCPA the law that was enacted regarding the Climate Leadership Council, heat pumps are becoming a bigger and bigger part of the weatherization program, and I guess we'll talk, when we talk about the heating program, we'll talk about whether you're going to be making allowance for fuel conversions with the Emergency Furnace Replacement Program. Regarding basic benefits, when the weatherization program or anybody converts from oil to electric, which is what the heat pumps, that's their commodity, their HEAP benefit is going to get cut in half; instead of \$900 they're going to get \$450. That's almost going to erase the net savings for that client. We're also obviously concerned about air conditioning in the summer now with heat pumps, the homes are going to have central air also. Has there been discussion about the benefit and whether eliminating fossil fuels and carbon reduction is potentially going to become part of the process? I hate to see client engage in heat pumps and actively engage carbon reduction, but if their HEAP benefit is going to get cut in half, I'm not sure that that's something that's going to be very attractive to many HEAP recipients.

Emily Urban: So, I think it's important to change the narrative about what our benefit amounts are based on. So, we do have the oil and other deliverable benefits higher than the natural gas and electric benefits because they cost more. We try to base our benefits on six to eight weeks hopefully of heat and so to fill up an oil tank it's going to cost \$1000 to heat your home for two months, we're figuring about \$400 what that base benefit is. So, yes, the benefit is smaller, but your bill is also going to be smaller. So, it's not about getting a smaller benefit, it's you were spending more on your oil if you got the larger benefit.

Andy Stone: Well, that's true but the offset the net benefit to that client is going to be off set. I mean, obviously everybody in the weatherization program is categorically eligible for the HEAP program. If we save them \$450 on their utility bill and their HEAP benefit gets cut by \$450 it's a net zero benefit for the client.

Emily Urban: But the household never gets the benefit themselves. So, if they have an oil benefit that's \$900 that \$900 is going fully to their vendor.

Andy Stone: Sure, of course.

Emily Urban: So, they're getting one delivery out of that \$900, they're basically going to get the one delivery which is going to last them a month or two hopefully. If they convert and now, they're getting the electric or natural gas benefit, it's also going to equate out to about one to two months' worth of usage. So, it's really, we would never give a benefit of \$900 to somebody

who heats their home with electric or natural gas. So, it's not like their losing their benefit, the benefits are based on how much it costs to heat your home with that fuel type. So, again, I go back to it shouldn't be presented to them in that way that your HEAP benefit is going to be cut in half, it's going to be you don't need a HEAP benefit that large anymore because your bills are going to be lower.

Andy Stone: Well, listen I understand that I get that but looking at some of the numbers that we put together, I'm not sure entirely that that's 100% true. Electric heat per BTU is more expensive than any other commodity. And I recognize the efficiency the heat pump is going to increase over typical electric resistance. It's just the times are changing a little bit, and I think that you folks at OTDA are going to have to be open to additional discussion on what those additional benefits are going to be not only from the carbon reduction perspective, but what the potential impact could be to clients. The heat pump issue is it's a fringe issue anyway. We're barely making a savings to investment ratio by installing the heat pump, and to have the additional increase of air conditioning in the summer we just don't want the net cost of our clients and your clients to increase over the long run, or there is not going to be any incentive for anybody to engage.

Emily Urban: Of course, yeah, we're definitely willing to continue those discussions and right size the benefits based on what's being offered to the households. And then as far as summer goes, we know summer electric is a very hot topic, I mean maybe not this month because we're going into winter, but we know that every year everybody's asking for that summer electric. We haven't had the funding to support that, but we are always seeing what we can do as far as advocating for more money and working with legislative leaders on getting the funds to support summer electric benefits.

Andy Stone: Right. Well, yeah, I mean climate change is also a topic that needs to be discussed and air conditioning never used to be an issue in New York State but now it's almost becoming a necessity so.

Emily Urban: Yeah.

Andy Stone: That's a pretty big deal. While we're on the subject, has there been any discussion or accommodation of potentially fuel switching to heat pumps with the HERR program?

Emily Urban: So, we do allow conversations, not specifically to heat pumps because they want a heat pump. But if their heating system is nonoperational, and the conversion to another heating type would be within \$500, we do allow that. So, if they're having their system replaced anyway because it is nonoperational, if converting to another heating source and it doesn't necessarily have to be a heat pump, any other heating source, if it's within \$500 we will allow that.

Andy Stone: Okay, we've got you know some weatherization programs that are also working with the individual HEAP districts regarding that and working with them on their HERR program. So that's a good number to know. And if they can be done within that allowance, we'll certainly take a look at that, and I'll let my network know that's a possibility for them.

Emily Urban: Yep.

Andy Stone: Okay, thanks.

Emily Urban: Alright, and then just to round out our Regular benefit; so we had our early outreach applications mailed, we had about 95,000 go out for rest of state and about 20,000 went out through New York City, so those were the applications that were mailed in August for rest of state and a little bit later for New York City, and that provided early access to the HEAP application to families that received the HEAP benefit last year and are not included on the autopay. So, it gives the district a little bit of time to get those benefits ready to go with the Regular opening a little bit later this year, the districts did have a little more time to process those early outreach applications. So, hopefully there were more benefits as of November 1st when we opened up regular that were queued up and ready to go and then there wasn't a whole lot of, you know, they didn't already have a stack of pending applications when they opened. So, the goal there was early outreach. And that does it on Regular. Anybody has anything else; I'll go onto Emergency.

Ken Gossel: I just want to ask quickly, Commissioner with the delay one month in opening, November 1st this year as opposed to October last year, yes, it did give you more time to work those paper applications, but can you tell me what impact you've seen?

Kira Pospesel: Yeah, so, I think that there is kind of a disconnect and I'm surprised you haven't heard from other counties yet, but there is a sense of panic from the population and the panic came from the news media. Clients started coming in the building and repeating the words, "First come first serve" and we're like first come first serve, and I asked a couple of people in the lobby. I said, "Where did you hear that?" And they told me CBS 6 out of Albany. Well, I pulled it up on the computer and I played back the same exact thing, and those words were used, first come first serve, so after that happened, within 2 hours of me having that conversation with seeing that on CBS 6 news, all of a sudden, we're being inundated, and people are sending in lots of applications in myBenefits. I mean for a smaller county we're seeing quite a few things. But they're not adding the documentation that they need. So, they're not adding their pay stubs. So, the applications are still coming so then staff need to reach out because the 10 days and the doc request and everything. And then another amazing thing happened; all of a sudden, the clients who were approved earlier for the August/September outreach, they were upset because they were down to a quarter of a tank. They were looking for a guarantee letter. So, the staff had to retouch those cases and I think that all happened because of the media spin that was trying to be helpful but really kind of negatively impacted us. And I guess I was surprised to see if we're going to do a media spin, why don't we put out what the income eligibility is so then it's not the frontline staff having this very crucial ugly conversation of them being lectured at how expensive all this stuff is and that there's no propane to be had at the port in Albany, only for us to know that other agencies are getting it at 7 something a gallon, but some other agencies are picking up at the port cause they're not paying the cash. So, our staff was kind of stuck in the middle of all this, so I'm quite sure at this point Ken, you're sad you asked me this question. But if we could have opened the season earlier, I think we would have gotten through some of the crises. But the panic, even today when I checked with the staff, that the older clients who are calling are really in a panic mode and they're questioning, how many emergency benefits are there going to be? And we keep answering, "Well, we're only aware of one." But they're calculating out that they're only going to make it probably to the third week of January which is

interesting because the emergency doesn't open until January. So, I don't know how they can figure that out.

Emily Urban: Right, yeah, honestly the News 6 story is news to me. I wasn't aware of that. They certainly didn't get that information from us, but we wouldn't say that unless HEAP was open. We don't advertise anything about early outreach. If you have an application, first come first serve, we wouldn't put that narrative out. So, I think there may have been some misinformation or maybe some miscommunication of what we were offering in the month of October. And it was strictly just access to the application, and as you know, we weren't approving any benefits at that point anyway. And I hear you on the later opening vs. early opening. It's push and pull with all of the districts. You know, last year with October 1st opening, we had a lot of districts saying that it was just too early, we didn't have enough time to recover from the previous year, we're barely getting out of summer. And then November 15th, when we used to open was just too late, households were already using their heat. They were out of, you know they needed their delivery so, we came up with November 1st for this year. We're trying different dates to see where that perfect opening date is. It's incredibly useful to hear what went on in your district. So, we will continue to assess that.

Kira Pospesel: Even if we could do a media push and say, "Folks please apply, could you use the online application first" and then they're not going to be in the lobby. Because our lobbies right now let me tell you I'm just going to use the word an adventure. Because they're going to be in line with people that they've probably never been in line with in their entire life. I mean because there is no housing left. So, I even have at times I have children here. I have everything here. I'm running a hotel out of the office building at times. It's absolutely incredible to see what we're seeing. And people don't understand, they're just looking for fuel oil and they don't understand what all these other crises are. Our hospitals, full diversion, OPWDD is not accepting anybody, our ARC homes are closing, so everybody is coming to my lobby here. So, it's really quite the interesting mix. So, yeah, it's been a fun week.

Emily Urban: So, to keep people out of the lobby would certainly be a help. I hear that.

Kira Pospesel: And for them to send in their paystubs. Is there a way we can look at the application so you can't hit the submit button without a paystub? Because it just ends up another nightmare.

Emily Urban: I mean we can look at that. Currently, we don't require the attachments to be on the myBenefits application, and we would ask that household, as you know, we give them the 10 days to supply that information. Does your county participate with New York Doc Submit?

Kira Pospesel: Yeah, but then it's not, especially with the older population, there is not as much of an uptake in that particular population. The young people are great but not the folks over fifty.

Emily Urban: Yeah, I mean, we're doing our best to get the information out that myBenefits is the easiest way to apply, obviously yes, attaching the necessary documentation up front is going to be the easiest for the household and you in the district. We can say all we want you know, do this do this do this, but you know we can't stop an application from being submitted because they don't have the documentation. That is why we have that 10-day processing

period. And then as far as OTDA's press releases, we always push myBenefits for the online applications for rest of state. We know it's the preferred way for everybody. And then with the counties that participate in New York Doc Submit, being able to upload documentation using your phone, taking a picture of it, also really helpful for districts that participate in that. But you're right, not everybody is going to take advantage of that technology because maybe they don't have the ability or whatever the case may be. The only thing I can say is maybe provide different ways of getting that documentation in, drop box, fax, you know anything to get them in and out of the lobby rather than waiting in line to drop that off.

Kira Pospesel: And we have drop boxes but there are some people who apparently especially with the elections, some people don't want to drop something off in a box and so, there's kind of issues all over. But this year, really there's truly a sense of panic with the media, the propane issue, and apparently there's some diesel issue. Somebody was reading a headline about 25 days of diesel left for the nation or some quote like that.

Emily Urban: Yeah, so we hear the panic as well, we get the calls, you know, "What are you going to do about the prices?" We are very much involved in that, we're aware of what's going on. We try to react accordingly, but we don't set the prices obviously, but we're doing our best to assist as needed to try to keep the panic down as much as we're able to. But like you said, we can't stop the media from sensationalizing.

Kira Pospesel: Thank you.

Emily Urban: Thank you.

Ken Gossel: We are sort of quickly going through the agenda topic, maybe through most of it. Do you want to make mention of the performance standards where we are at for this year's collection, Emily?

Emily Urban: Yeah, we got those files out. There was a very slight delay in getting those files out to the vendors to collect customer usage. But those files are out. We did give vendors a few extra weeks to get those files back. So, once they are back in, we will be able to compile our report for next year to see the effectiveness of our HEAP benefits for this year that just wrapped up. So, always really good information there. A lot of good data comes out of these performance measures and the data that we collect through that.

Ken Gossel: Great. I know most of the utilities I think have already been able to turn that information around, but it is very useful for your purposes in determining benefits and energy burdens for these households.

Emily Urban: Yeah, no, big thanks to all of the vendors that are involved in performance measures. We got the files out late, but we still have a lot of them already in and doing a great job. So, I think most vendors are anticipating it now and they have the methods in place to get those files back. So, we really appreciate everybody's hustle there to get that data back to us.

Ken Gossel: So, any further questions on the current program or if not, let's see if there's any new business that anybody would like to bring up and discuss.

Andy Stone: Emily, I've got a question about the Water Assistance Program.

Emily Urban: I'll do my best.

Andy Stone: Okay, I actually got an e-mail from somebody in my network, they were from downstate. They are talking about a building that they're working on that's a co-op and there is an arrearage. I guess it's owned by all of the tenants but there is an arrearage on the water bill. It's eligible, it's shared ownership. It's not 100% weatherization eligible, which means it would not be 100% HEAP eligible also. I guess he's saying that it's 66% eligible. Is there a possibility that that arrearage there could be an assistance on that arrearage for a cooperative building?

Emily Urban: I'm not entirely sure. I'm not very much involved in the water program.

Andy Stone: Should I direct that to Andrew?

Emily Urban: Yeah, if you send that over, we'd be happy to send that to the water department.

Andy Stone: Alright, I'll do that, thanks.

Emily Urban: Sorry.

Andy Stone: No, that's okay.

Ken Gossel: Other new business?

Kira Pospesel: Ken, do you want to have approval for the minutes from the last time?

Ken Gossel: Yeah, I was going to great point, I didn't know quite if we had a quorum, I was potentially going to hold them, but let's do it, what the heck. We did get, thank you Vivvy for the very comprehensive and excellent meeting notes, as always. Does anybody have corrections to those?

Kira Pospesel: No, but I would like to say that Andrew does talk an awful lot in these minutes. He can't deny that.

Emily Urban: Big difference in the ones when he's here and I'm here.

Kira Pospesel: Now, you tell him I said that.

Andy Stone: Andrew talks a lot outside the minutes.

Ken Gossel: Hearing no changes, can I have a motion to accept?

Andy Stone: So moved.

Ken Gossel: And second?

Kira Pospesel: I will.

Ken Gossel: Thank you, Commissioner. And all in favor?

All: Aye.

Ken Gossel: Then it's passed. We do have I know I think it's good that we have a discussion on Council membership as we've lost our Chair. Sue, as I mentioned opening the meeting. So, I'd like to sort of kick around your thoughts. I know last time around we talked about maybe getting

some names and recommendations for individuals to keep the body healthy and strong. I know we're all passionate and interested in helping these constituents, but I just throw it out there for thoughts as to increasing membership or ideas as to what you think would be helpful.

Andy Stone: Ken, if I remember correctly, it's kind of a longish process to get approved to be on the Council. I remember and obviously it's been years since I've been on the Council, but I remember having to get fingerprinted and it's got to be approved by the Governor's Office. There are several steps that have to be gone through to make that happen. I know one or two people that might actually be interested in getting on the Council. How do you want me to direct them or...?

Ken Gossel: I think maybe it wouldn't hurt to share that information with Emily. We've had very good representation and stuff to get a little bit easier with the WebEx for some people, although not quite the same as attending in person. So, it would be nice to have some flexibility with both. But certainly, I think if you got to Emily and whether she wanted to share with the other Council members thoughts. You're right, there are a certain number of seats that are nominated by the Governor, and the Senate Majority Leader, and so on. So, it does have to go through that process. But we are dwindling in our numbers that are routinely participating and it's great to have different perspectives. So, I encourage probably people to submit letters of interest or information to perhaps Emily might be a good suggestion.

Emily Urban: Yeah, so we have had a couple people reach out to our office saying that they're interested. What Andrew and I were talking about this morning so, re-talk to whoever appointed you and see if we can go that route because they do have to be nominated through the Governor's Office, the Senate, or the Assembly, so they would not come from OTDA directly. We could certainly vouch for anybody who you would like to put forth, but they do have to be nominated through one of those groups. We'd be happy to give all that information to you. Vivvy has given it out a few times over the last year. So, yeah, we've had a lot of people saying they're interested, but nobody really taking that step to actually step into these roles. So, we're really looking forward to getting people on the Block Grant to add to the conversation.

Andy Stone: Okay, Emily could you make sure that the Council gets that process the nomination process so that it can be forwarded on to...

Emily Urban: sure, yeah, I'll work with Vivvy on that, yep.

Vivvy Williams: Okay, I'll get that to you, send you out the information.

Andy Stone: Thanks Viv.

Ken Gossel: Any other new business?

Kira Pospesel: Yeah, could I just ask a question? Will there be formal thank you from the Council to Sue Montgomery for her service to the Council? Or how is that even handled?

Emily Urban: Yeah, we're working on a letter to send out to Sue. We can put that on the record right now. Thank you so much to Sue for all of her years of assistance and I believe it was 14 years she served as BGAC Chair. So, an incredible support that we received from Sue over the

years, and congratulations to her for whatever her next pursuit is and thank you for all of her service here. But yes, we will be sending out a full formal letter as well.

Andy Stone: Thanks Emily.

Ken Gossel: So, I do have the schedule for 2023. I'll just Vivvy correct me if I've got anything mistaken, but February 2nd, May 4th, August 3rd, and November 2nd of 2023 are the next meetings scheduled for next year. I think Vivvy maybe you would mention, go ahead.

Vivvy Williams: In August we were thinking about going into the building in August if all permit it, we can go into the building and meet then, at least one a year we often get together to do it at the media center.

Ken Gossel: That would be great and easier time to travel with weather.

Vivvy Williams: Exactly.

Ken Gossel: Great, well thank you. I don't have anything else. If nobody else does, I'll accept a motion to adjourn.

Andy Stone: So moved, Ken.

Ken Gossel: Thanks Andy, Commissioner second?

Kira Pospesel: I'll second that for you, absolutely.

Ken Gossel: All in favor?

All: Aye.

Ken Gossel: And the meeting is adjourned. Everyone please enjoy your holidays, we'll be back together on February 2nd, just around the corner. But enjoy your holidays and be safe.