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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well good morning, everyone.

ALL: Good morning.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Welcome to the Board of Public Works.

Thank you all for joining us this morning. Before we get started with our Agenda, I just have a short exciting announcement that I want to make. I see Secretary Churchill over here beaming. I want to brag about him for just a moment.

The Department of General Services just completed a successful reversed auction for energy purchases which will save Maryland taxpayers \$25 million over the next four years. That's pretty good.

(Applause.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: This commodities purchase represents the lowest cost in history for electricity rates for State buildings and facilities. And by pooling our future energy demand we attracted the nation's most competitive suppliers and we signaled that Maryland is open for business. I want to just really thank Ellington Churchill, our Secretary of DGS, for his leadership on this effort to bring significant savings to the State. And I also want to note that this started under Lieutenant Governor Rutherford back in 19 -- or not 19. It doesn't go back that far.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Back in 2004, when we were I believe the first, or certainly one of the first states in the nation to do these reverse auctions. And it was now Lieutenant Governor Rutherford's idea while he was the Secretary of DGS. You know, you are following in his footsteps. But these lower prices, along with ongoing investments in energy efficiency projects at State facilities are part of our administration's strategy to lead by example in both lowering the burden on taxpayers but also to help us meet Maryland's aggressive environmental goals. So congratulations. Your department deserves a lot of credit for --

(Applause.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: And with that I'll turn the floor over to my colleagues. Madam Treasurer, any opening remarks or --

TREASURER KOPP: Just that it's a pleasure to be here. I do want to mention something I saw in the paper today, actually. As I recall, the Comptroller and I both served with Senator Bob Kittleman, who was Delegate Bob Kittleman for a great deal longer from Howard County, a truly fine person, an outstanding person, a leader in the community. And just the sort of person who not only is fun to serve with but really a role model in many ways. And I just saw that yesterday Secretary Schrader was given the Robert Kittleman Award

in Howard County by, I regret to say, the Republican Party in Howard County of which Senator Kittleman was a great leader. But I think it's a great honor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's very nice.

TREASURER KOPP: And I just wanted to, he's not here, congratulate the Secretary.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. I did not know that. I'll have to give him a call and congratulate him on that distinguished honor. Mr. Comptroller, anything --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you, Governor. And I'm delighted with the auction and maybe you can explain to us how you do that. Because it sounds like it's exportable to other activities in State government. So congratulations.

MR. CHURCHILL: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I really hesitate to mention that \$25 million we just saved in front of the legislators who --

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- they might find a way to spend it all right away. We'll just try to keep hold of it for a little while.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Well I would like, Governor, if I could, and Madam Treasurer, just to convey the best wishes of my wife Annie and I to our friend, Maryland's House Speaker Mike Busch, as he recovers, and also

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to the Speaker's family as he recovers from a liver transplant procedure that he underwent last week. The Speaker and I were elected to the House together in 1987 and it goes without saying that our State is a better state today because of Mike Busch's tireless efforts to assert bold leadership and his unwavering commitment to public service. I was always envious of the Speaker because he always was, you know, miles ahead of me in the Legislature. But it was deserved. And so I look forward to the Speaker getting back into action, fully recovered, healthy, and energized when the House convenes next January. But in the meantime I wish Speaker Busch a restful period of recuperation over the next several weeks and several months.

And Governor, as the school year comes to a close, trust me, there are a lot of very pale looking Marylanders out there that are looking forward to taking their kids to the beach and spending some time out in the wonderful weather that's going to be coming our way. But I'd like to also briefly salute all the teachers, administrators, and support staff members who work tirelessly in our education system everyday without enough money or recognition to prepare our kids for a lifetime of success and growth. They are unsung heroes within our communities and their immeasurable positive impact in the lives of our students cannot be overstated.

And Governor, as families gear up for a Maryland summer filled with cherished traditions and new memories, I'd like to encourage my fellow

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Marylanders to visit towns, cities, and communities across our State and enjoy everything that our wonderful State has to offer. Whether it's visiting Deep Creek Lake in Western Maryland or heading down to Ocean City and the Eastern Shore or cheering on the Os -- anybody listen to that game last night? Very entertaining. And go and visit the Os at Camden Yards. Or enjoy some of the best craft brew in the country at our local breweries. There is so much to do in our State and so many of our small businesses heavily depend on these summer months to support the jobs and economic activity that they generate for their communities and our State.

And of course I'd be remiss if I didn't point out, Governor, that this upcoming summer is going to be one of the longest summers --

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- we've had in recent memory. So Governor, I'd like to once again thank you for letting summer be summer and giving our families, kids, and teachers just a few more days to relax and enjoy some much deserved time off. And I'd like to wish all Marylanders a safe and fun-filled summer. Thank you, Governor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. And thank you for mentioning Speaker Busch. We reached out to the Speaker and, you know, he's definitely in our thoughts and prayers, the First Lady and I. I think he's doing very well and an amazing recovery. But he's got some time to rest up.

And we're all thinking about him. So please, keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Secretary McDonald, let's get started with the Secretary's Agenda.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. We have 17 items on the Secretary's Agenda, four reports of emergency procurement.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions on the Secretary's Agenda? Is there --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second?

TREASURER KOPP: Second.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Three-nothing.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's the way we like to get started. We'll move on to the DNR Real Property Agenda.

MR. BELTON: Good morning, Governor, Mr. Comptroller, Madam Treasurer. For the record, I'm Mark Belton, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. We have seven items on our DNR Real Property Agenda for your approval this morning.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well thank you, Secretary Belton. I think we've got on here another example of the great benefits of our Program Open Space investments.

MR. BELTON: We do, sir. We --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: And why our administration has been so committed to fully funding this program, which I think enhances the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay while providing additional recreational opportunities for our citizens. Do you want to just touch briefly on that new acquisition?

MR. BELTON: I would. Item 7 on your Agenda this morning is, we're calling it the OBX Farm acquisition. It's about a 460-acre parcel in Cecil County, right on the Bohemia River. So it provides something that we need more of for our citizens from a recreational point of view, and that's water access. So we believe --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I think there are some people here that didn't know that we had a Bohemia River in Maryland. That's not one of the ones we hear a lot about but --

MR. BELTON: That's right. It's a beautiful piece of property. It really helps the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay. But more important to us, because of its location and water access it provides great recreational opportunities for our citizens. It's very unusual for us to be able to purchase a property like this that has everything coming together like it does. And the amount of support that you and the Legislature have given to Program Open Space, particularly with the enhanced funding of the bill that was passed a couple of Legislature sessions ago, makes the money available for this to happen.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well thank you for the great work. You know, we pushed to fully fund Program Open Space for the first time in history, fully funding the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund for the first time, record funding for the Chesapeake Bay Trust. We replenished all the money that was drained out of all three of those accounts. We've invested \$3 billion as an administration in protecting the Bay and we want to thank you for your efforts in that regard.

MR. BELTON: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Any other questions on DNR or comments?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. If I could just ask the Secretary, I think this is a great acquisition of course and I appreciate the Open Space money being used, particularly for the recreational activities that the river provides. But wasn't there some mention of leasing this out for agricultural purposes?

MR. BELTON: There --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Or was that another project?

MR. BELTON: In your package you'll see are some maps, and you'll see some aerial views where much of the property, much of it is in agricultural use currently with leases from the current owner. We will continue

that agricultural use but take full advantage of the ecological value and the waterfront area.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. So who owns OBX Farms?

MR. BELTON: Well we'll be acquiring it from the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, who is acquiring it from the owner, who right now wishes to remain anonymous.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. So the owner is not going to be bidding, is not the farmer?

MR. BELTON: That's correct.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: So the competition to, if you use it for agricultural purposes -- I bring this up just because there have been instances over the last, a few, thank goodness, over the last few years where the use of Open Space money to purchase property and then lease it back to the owner becomes an issue. And I just encourage you on the, whatever arrangement you have to use this for agricultural purposes to be very careful with that. Because it, well it's not a path that has never been traveled in Maryland. So maybe you should just keep your elbows up.

MR. BELTON: Will do.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And because there's plenty of agricultural preserve money to be used for agricultural preservation. And I hate to

see Open Space money just overutilized for something that MALF or something else like that could also provide funding.

MR. BELTON: And we'll make sure the ag leases go through the standard request for proposal process that we do across the State.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Excellent. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Any other questions on DNR? Is there a motion?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second? Three-nothing on DNR. Next we're going to the DBM Agenda. Mr. Secretary?

MR. BRINKLEY: Good morning, Governor, Mr. Comptroller, Madam Treasurer. For the record, David Brinkley, the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management. We've brought 17 items for your consideration. We've withdrawn Item 7, leaving 16 for your decision today.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions on DBM?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Item 8.

MR. BRINKLEY: Item 8? Secretary Abed and Debbie Thornton, Procurement Director.

MR. ABED: Good morning.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

MR. ABED: Sam Abed, Secretary for the Department of Juvenile Services. Governor, Comptroller, and Madam Treasurer, we have 39 contracts for, these are per diem, not to exceed contracts for youth care for out of home placements. The contracts are for multiple years. Some of them are two, some are three, some are four, and some are five-year contract terms. We wanted to stagger our terms because previously we have heard feedback from the Board that we had, you know, so many contracts all together. So we staggered them and as they come back up for approval you will have fewer on each Board Agenda item.

The amounts that are associated with those contracts equate to slots for services and in the current request these amounts would equate to an average daily population of 417. So on any given day we would have 417 youth in care. In fiscal year '16 we had 450 youth average daily population of youth in care and that number has come down and currently in fiscal 2017 we are utilizing 368 on average for the year. So this number falls between what we have used in the past and what we are currently utilizing.

It does, of course, go over by 49 the number of slots we're currently utilizing. But we do have some reasons that we believe will justify that because we are seeing increased arrests in Baltimore City. For the last three months the data has shown that there are more juvenile arrests coming. And we are making some changes to our continuum to address the youth that are going out

of State. But I can answer any questions specifically about these contracts that you may have.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: These are for in-state placements?

MR. ABED: These are in-state and out-of-state placements. The contracts contemplate both.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: How many out-of-state placements do we have?

MR. ABED: We have nine contracts on the Agenda that are out of State.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Right. But we have a total of I believe 38 kids?

MR. ABED: Yes. Our year to date average is 38 for out-of-state placements. I do have a chart that I can share. In fiscal year '12 we had on average 123 youth out-of-state. That number has been driven down over the years to 121 in '13, 96 in fiscal '14, 82 in '15, 57 in fiscal '16, and currently our number is looking at 37.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. And what is it going to look like in three months?

MR. ABED: Well in three months we'll probably still be around that number. Our plan and the reason we've been able to drive these numbers

down is we've been working with our providers to utilize in-state resources. They have expanded their services to accommodate the kids that we have largely in the RTC population. The kids that are still going out of state now are largely kids that are security need or behavioral issues where they can't be managed in a low security or a non-secured facility.

So in the last, in the 5/23 Board of Public Works Agenda you, and I thank you, for approving a fence contract. And this is to erect a fence around one of our youth centers, which is a staff-secured placement. By putting the fence around we're going to also harden the facility internally and we're beefing up the programming at that facility so that that we can accommodate those kids that have that higher security need that are currently going out of state. That will bring 24 beds online for secure services that we don't currently have and the project should be completed by December. So it's not going to be done in three months but --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. But we're approving today with this vote \$252 million of the taxpayers' money. And I find it hard to believe that you can't within those resources locate the revenues necessary to bring these kids home. And sure, they're challenging. But we can take care of them at home. Out of state, out of mind. That's the problem. And so I guess you'll keep appearing on different contracts and I'll keep asking the same question, which is how quickly can you get these kids home?

MR. ABED: I understand and I share your concerns. And we are working very diligently to bring those kids back. I think with that fence contract and the ability to house kids in another in-state secure program we can significantly reduce that utilization again.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I mean it's really about the safety of the children and we haven't been able to take care of these kids in the State. But we've been working towards that goal and we're, I guess the Comptroller is expressing frustration about the pace at which we can improve our facilities and create more opportunities here for those especially troubled kids. But I mean I'm impressed with the fact that we've driven the numbers down so far, from where we were a couple of years ago to this. But we still, I mean, I share the concern about let's get them all back in and provide the services here in the State if we can.

MR. ABED: Thank you, Governor. Absolutely.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: Governor, could I just say publicly I appreciate the fact that the Secretary and his colleagues from Human Resources, Health, Education, and the Special Secretary came to our office and we had a couple of hours going through these issues and the numbers. And as somebody who was involved in this issue, as you know, 20 years ago with then Secretary Grasmick trying to bring hundreds of kids both in foster care, in juvenile services,

back home, I think the progress that has been made in the last decade, and particular in the last couple of years under your leadership, has been extraordinary, has been excellent. And I think the Governor is absolutely right. We have to find the right placement for the people who are our responsibility and in our custody. And yes, it's better at home. And you've done a tremendous job, I think, bringing people back home. But I think the Governor is absolutely right. You have to have the right, the right placement and you have to have the capacity to have the right placement for the right child when it's needed.

I am impressed by the fact also that you all are focusing on the fact that at a certain age, particularly in Human Resources, the children are no longer children. They are adults. But they still need care. They need residential care. They need support. And you all are focusing on that transition community, which I think is a great step forward. I just want to thank you and thank them for coming.

MR. ABED: Thank you. I appreciate those comments.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you for giving the Secretary the recognition he deserves. I think he and his team have done a great job. You also gave me a great idea about how to bring Nancy Grasmick out of retirement. We can --

TREASURER KOPP: Absolutely. Well, she's got a very busy retirement --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- remaining 38 kids.

TREASURER KOPP: -- but yes.

MR. ABED: I'd be delighted to work with her.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

MR. ABED: Thank you, Governor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any other questions on DBM?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second? Three-nothing on DBM. We're going to move on to the University System Agenda. Good morning, Joe.

MR. EVANS: Good morning. Joe Evans representing the University System of Maryland. We have four items on the Agenda. We're here to answer any questions.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions on the University System? Is there a motion?

TREASURER KOPP: Favorable.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second? Three-nothing. How's that?

MR. EVANS: It's great.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Information Technology.

MR. BULLOCK: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. For the record, I'm Albert Bullock, Assistant Secretary for the

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Department of Information Technology. We have eight items on the Agenda today for your review and we have agency representatives here to answer any questions you have.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Anybody have issues on IT?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second? Three-nothing.

MR. BULLOCK: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We're on a roll here. We're moving on to Transportation.

MR. PORTS: Good morning, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller, Governor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

MR. PORTS: For the record, my name is Jim Ports --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Can you close the door back there? It's kind of noisy. Sorry.

MR. PORTS: For the record, my name is Jim Ports, Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation. We have 18 items for your consideration today. Items 14-C through 18-GM are supplemental items and we'd be more than happy to answer any questions.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions on Department of Transportation's Agenda?

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COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Item 17.

MR. PORTS: Seventeen? Okay.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: So Mr. Secretary, we're being asked to approve or modify, I guess, an existing contract to BWI Taxi Management for the exclusive right to operate and manage the airport taxicab concession services at BWI Marshall Airport, which is set to expire in a month.

So the, my understanding is the proposed modification will lower the minimum concession fee from the current \$202,000 to \$140,000 per month and it would allow for a reduction of the minimum fleet requirements from 324 taxicabs to 200. Is that the general outline?

MR. PORTS: That's correct.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And I understand as part of a broader context, and something that I support very strongly given the changing dynamics of the marketplace, you're also going to bring in ride sharing companies like Lyft and Uber, which obviously are very popular these days, and contracts with those companies were added late last week to this Agenda as well?

MR. PORTS: So just one clarification. Ride shares, we're already contracting with ride shares as part of the current concession contract and we've been working with them on these negotiations and modifications also. But you're correct, absolutely correct, bringing on Uber and Lyft.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And do you have any estimate on what those changes are going to have as far as the revenue the State collects from trips to and from the airport?

MR. PORTS: So we've had our financial analysts at the airport look at this. As you know, the Governor likes to keep things revenue neutral and to the best of our knowledge we are doing so. So by helping the taxi and the ride share lower their monthly minimum by bringing on Uber and Lyft, which may give a little bump there, we're hoping that due to our calculations -- and again it's an estimate, right? We're trying to keep it revenue neutral as closely as possible.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Excellent. And that revenue comes in the form of the \$2.50 or the \$4.00 per trip?

MR. PORTS: Correct.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. And so do Reagan and Dulles have operations similar to ours now as far as --

MR. PORTS: Let's bring Ricky up. I'm not sure about Reagan and Dulles. I know that it is a movement across the nation.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Mm-hmm. I don't see the --

MR. SMITH: Good morning, Comptroller, Governor, Treasurer.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

MR. SMITH: I'm Ricky Smith, Executive Director of the Maryland Aviation Administration. Yes, both Dulles and National Airports have arrangements with Uber and Lyft.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. And this is obviously a reflection of the dramatic changes that are going on with these disruptive new technologies and companies, which there's no way to hold it back. So kudos to you for figuring out how to move it forward.

MR. SMITH: Thank you, sir.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Let me just ask whether the actual taxicab drivers who are doing the work now, are they going to be treated fairly in this new arrangement?

MR. SMITH: Yes, Mr. Comptroller. Our taxi drivers are extremely important to our ground transportation program. We worked very closely with BWI Taxi Management, who has worked very closely with the drivers to make sure that the modifications we're proposing are not a problem with them.

MR. PORTS: And they will still have exclusive rights to the inner loop of the airport --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Mm-hmm.

MR. PORTS: -- as they do today. Uber and Lyft would operate on the outer loop because they do not have exclusive rights.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Which I think they are currently doing now.

MR. PORTS: Correct.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Without any agreement to do so --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- and not paying anything.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

MR. PORTS: Correct.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: That's what I hear, too.

MR. PORTS: So to your point, Mr. Comptroller, the taxis, the taxi I guess drivers/companies that we deal with are actually happy with this arrangement that we're trying to work with --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I think I see representatives from BWI Taxi. I think they are --

MR. SMITH: Yes.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Excellent.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- and they are nodding their heads. So I believe that they are in agreement with this proposal.

MR. PORTS: Oh, I didn't know they were here. Thanks.

(Laughter.)

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COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: So let me just ask quickly if I could --

MR. SMITH: Yes, sir.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- of the Director of the Airport, so my understanding is some of the drivers currently own their own cars, others of them lease their taxis?

MR. SMITH: Yes. So there are about 15 percent of the drivers lease their taxis. The other, the other 85 percent are owned by BWI Taxi Management.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. So are you keeping an eye on whether driver-owned cars are being reduced in a greater proportion than otherwise? Because obviously those folks who own their own cars are going to be in a more, in a different situation from those who lease them.

MR. SMITH: Correct. And we are paying very close attention to that, as we have in the past. We'll continue to do that. It is important to note that what's also driving this dynamic is BWI Taxi Management is losing drivers to Uber and Lyft.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Mm-hmm.

MR. SMITH: So without this arrangement they are already losing drivers through attrition.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. And the communication with the drivers is adequate?

MR. SMITH: Yeah, the feedback we've gotten from BWI Taxi Management is that the drivers seem to be content with the proposed modifications.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. And you're going to assess the situation and monitor it before it's made into a long term permanent arrangement?

MR. SMITH: So this proposed modification also includes a one-year extension to the agreement to give us some additional time to assess how taxi share riding and the TNCs can co-exist at the Airport. So the answer is yes.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Excellent.

MR. SMITH: Thank you, sir.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you very much.

TREASURER KOPP: Ricky, I sort of laughed when the Comptroller asked you if the taxi drivers would be treated fairly because I don't see that that's a question to which you can answer anything other than yes, have you stopped beating your spouse, sort of thing. But in fact --

MR. PORTS: Don't answer that one.

(Laughter.)

TREASURER KOPP: Not you personally. I mean, I can't imagine someone no, they won't be. But in fact your contact is the management, the taxi management company, right?

MR. SMITH: That's correct.

TREASURER KOPP: Not the drivers?

MR. SMITH: That's correct.

TREASURER KOPP: Not the, so what are we doing in fact? Because there is a history to this. What are we doing to see in fact that the drivers are being treated fairly?

MR. SMITH: So the contractual arrangement between the administration, is between the administration and BWI Taxi Management.

TREASURER KOPP: Yes.

MR. SMITH: With these negotiations, we ourselves don't reach out directly to the --

TREASURER KOPP: So you are doing nothing?

MR. SMITH: That does not mean that we don't have any interaction with the drivers --

TREASURER KOPP: That's what I'm asking.

MR. SMITH: -- on a day to day standpoint.

TREASURER KOPP: Yes.

MR. SMITH: We are constantly in touch with the drivers, just as a course of managing the ground transportation program. And I remember those years where there was a lot of consternation from the drivers. And we don't have those issues today.

TREASURER KOPP: So we should not expect after we vote favorably on this to hear that in fact there's a serious problem with people being treated --

MR. SMITH: I have no reason to believe that we'll hear after this vote that there is a problem.

TREASURER KOPP: It was very unpleasant the last time.

MR. SMITH: Yes, I remember that.

TREASURER KOPP: Let me ask you another question I'm confused about. What is the role of the PSC in terms of Uber, Lyft regulation? Does that impact this?

MR. SMITH: So the Public Service Commission grants TNCs the authority to operate anywhere in the State. Back in 2015 when they granted Uber and Lyft authority to operate in the State, based on our request they carved out BWI to negotiate a separate arrangement. We do have to go back to --

TREASURER KOPP: That's what I --

MR. SMITH: -- the Public Service Commission to get their approval for the contract that's being --

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TREASURER KOPP: That was my, so this is, our approval is with the understanding then it goes back to the PSC then to get a final check off by them?

MR. SMITH: That's correct, as well as an assurance from the TNCs that they will comply with any other State laws and regulations related to TNCs.

TREASURER KOPP: And that includes safety and --

MR. SMITH: That's correct.

TREASURER KOPP: -- security and --

MR. SMITH: That's correct.

TREASURER KOPP: Thanks.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well before we let Mr. Smith go, I just want to again congratulate you on the great work --

MR. SMITH: Thank you, sir.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- and record-breaking month after month after month at BWI. And we like to brag that we're the number one airport in the region.

MR. SMITH: That's right.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Not everybody knows that. Number one in passenger traffic, more than Dulles, more than National and --

MR. SMITH: Did you say more than Dulles and National?

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yes.

MR. SMITH: Okay. I like hearing that.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. Great job. Your team has been doing good work.

MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Any other questions on the Transportation Agenda?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second? Three-nothing on Transportation. We're flying through this Agenda and we're now moving on to our last item, the Department of General Services.

MR. CHURCHILL: Yes, good morning.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Secretary Churchill?

MR. CHURCHILL: Governor, first I want to thank you for the acknowledgment concerning the reverse auction. I would be remiss if I didn't mention that today's results were the result of the hard work of a small but mighty energy office in our procurement department.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yeah.

MR. CHURCHILL: So I give the credit to them.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much for pointing that out.

MR. CHURCHILL: Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller, good morning. For the record, I'm Ellington Churchill, Secretary for General Services. This morning we have an Agenda with 27 items for your review and we're glad to answer any questions that you have at this time.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well I'd like to focus on Item 6, please, if we could?

MR. CHURCHILL: Item 6 having to do with Rosewood. Nelson Reichart, Deputy Secretary, General Services.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

MR. REICHART: Good morning, Governor. Good morning, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. Nelson Reichart, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation. I can answer any questions you have about the proposed transfer or entering into a purchase and sale agreement with Stevenson University. We do have Delegate Morhaim and Senator Zirkin here, and also the former President of Stevenson is here.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yes. Delegate Hettleman. Yeah, we, well first of all --

TREASURER KOPP: Yes. It's nice seeing you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- you know, we're just very excited, we want to have the gentlemen come up, if you want to come up together or separate. We have on our list here Senator Zirkin, Delegate Hettleman, Kevin Manning. But you didn't sign up but we're going to let you in. We're going to give you legislative privilege. Whoever, if you guys want to come up as a group or individually to talk about this. Let me just say that, you know, a tremendous amount of work on the part of some of the folks that are here and Senator Zirkin, to your leadership. I know this has been going on for seven or eight years. And it would not have happened without the tremendous effort that you've put into it and others. And Kevin Manning, former or retired President of the University. I mean, I know that it's been a long time coming. We're just happy to see it get to this point that we're here today. So maybe you want to step up and join us, gentlemen, or ladies and gentlemen? Or Senator Zirkin, do you want to come up first?

SENATOR ZIRKIN: Sure.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We'll give you the, Senators get the privilege.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR ZIRKIN: Well --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Can we hear from the delegates first?

SENATOR ZIRKIN: Yeah, sure --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR ZIRKIN: Well Governor, Madam Treasurer, and Mr. Comptroller, I want to thank all of you for your leadership. This has been going on for a long time. And Governor, the first conversation you and I ever had when you first got elected was about this issue.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's very true.

SENATOR ZIRKIN: And your leadership on this has been tremendous. So thank you so much. And Madam Treasurer and Mr. Comptroller, back in the past administration, I mean, and even, I mean this has been going on for well over a decade --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: 2010.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Wow.

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah.

SENATOR ZIRKIN: -- and it's really, this is how politics is supposed to work although it went a little slower than some of us would have liked. But this area is just in the heart of Northwest Baltimore County. And what Stevenson has done, first Villa Julie College, now Stevenson University, with the leadership of Kevin Manning. Because really it is Kevin Manning's vision that has brought us.

It's really an incredible thing, really an untold story. It used to be when I was growing up this big mound of dirt on Owings Mills Boulevard, which is now a football stadium and lacrosse field, our national champion lacrosse team, and School of Business, and thriving businesses all over the place thanks to Kevin Manning and his team, Tim Campbell and the others. We had a pharmaceutical plant just down the street that up and left in the middle of, you know, just all of a sudden went out of business, a big empty pharmaceutical plant. And we didn't know what was going to happen. It swooped Stevenson University, now with the School of Design, yet another campus, thriving campus in something that could have been a disaster.

It's just an amazing thing to watch and it's really a testament to the leadership of Kevin Manning, this whole team, and many delegates before them as well. Jon Cardin, even Mike Finifter, Judge Finifter all the way back involved in this issue. And I just want to say thank you to all three of you for your leadership on this, and particularly, Governor, we, you and I have never had a conversation where this hasn't come up. And you bringing this to the finish line, it means more than you can imagine to our area.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR ZIRKIN: Thank you so much.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: It's true, Senator. I mean, we're trying to have a beer and, you know, we're at some fun thing and he's still bringing up, you know, let's get this deal done.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: But I appreciate your tenacity. Kevin, thank you for being here and for your leadership.

DR. MANNING: Thank you. And I also want to thank all of you on behalf of the University. And you'll understand why I'm telling you this quick story. This will all take about 45 seconds. But a trustee of one of the universities said if the world was to end, he would immediately rush onto the university campus because he knows it would take three more days. And I mention that because we've been working on this since, for 17 years. And I'm not sure day to day whether government is slower than higher ed, but we're both in the same boat.

But I do want to thank you, Governor, for your moving this through in really less, three years. It's really meant a lot. And the entire Legislature. And Bobby Zirkin has been really helpful to us and Senator DeGrange, as well as Adrienne Jones. So it's a --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: And I think a couple of these delegates maybe standing over here to your --

DR. MANNING: Yeah. Exactly. Yeah. We appreciate all the work that they've done. And for me retiring it's really the culmination of all the expansion that we've done over 17 years and it really means that we're going to be able to do a lot more than we're doing. I spoke --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Did this enter into your decision making when you finally got this done after 17 years you could finally leave --

(Laughter.)

DR. MANNING: Basically. Although I said to someone, you know, everybody is congratulating me on retiring. I said, I don't know, my wife just said I think I'm going to try to send you back to your staff. So retirement is not quite what it's cracked up to be.

But the one other thing I wanted to mention too is that we're very respectful and very aware of the fact of Rosewood's history. As an educational institution with programs in nursing and healthcare and social work and sociology and a variety of other areas I want you to know that we are, you are going to hear some of the folks from the Arc that we're very respectful of their perspective and we hope to be able to do some collaborating going forward in that area.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We're going to hear from them as soon as your group --

DR. MANNING: To all of you, I want to thank you very much, Governor. Thank you --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you for all of your hard work.

DR. MANNING: Thanks a lot.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: And if any of the others would want to say something, we'd love to hear from them.

DELEGATE MORHAIM: Good morning, Governor. Good morning, Secretary. Good morning, Comptroller. Just a couple of quick points. Dan Morhaim, House of Delegates. It's been my honor to work with Senator Zirkin and my colleagues Delegates Stein and Hettleman, and the ones before, and especially Stevenson University on this issue. Thank you for your leadership.

A couple of quick points. One, the entire region is behind this. Every community group we've talked with, we've worked with, and everybody is behind this and the opportunity to turn Rosewood from really what are some falling down buildings and a toxic waste dump into ball fields that will be also serviced for the community is a remarkable step.

Stevenson is now the third largest private college in Maryland and it continues to grow. And so this vote also is a legacy vote. Because it will, this vote today will reap benefits for ten, 20, 30, 40, 50 years as this academic institution grows, people come to Stevenson from out of state, many will choose, if they are not already in Maryland, will choose to stay here with a great education. So this is a big day and we thank you very much.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Delegate. Good morning.

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DELEGATE HETTLEMAN: I'll just add a couple of things. I'm Shelly Hettleman, the newest member of the team in the House of Delegates and a member of the Appropriations Committee. And --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Shelly, and maybe you can say it finally happened when you got involved?

(Laughter.)

DELEGATE HETTLEMAN: Thank you, Governor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- came in at the end but closed out strong.

DELEGATE HETTLEMAN: Thank you, Governor. But I'd just like to thank you for your past support, your sticking with this, your latest, your new support since you've been on board, and we really appreciate it both from the Treasurer and the Comptroller and the Governor.

This is very important to the community. It's in the heart of the community. It's a big piece of land and we look forward to working with Stevenson and the community to continue to see its success. So thank you very much.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Good morning, Delegate.

DELEGATE STEIN: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. Delegate Dana Stein. And I'll reiterate the thanks to all of you for your continued support for this project.

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In terms of impact in our area, in our district, this project is at the very top of the list. It is a great win for the community. And the work that Stevenson will be doing in redeveloping Rosewood and building new campuses there will only further enhance the rising reputation of the University.

I want to thank my colleagues and I want to especially thank Senator Zirkin who has been the leader of our efforts over these many years in getting to this day; and also thank President Manning who has done tremendous work during his tenure at Stevenson and the impact of his work will be felt by many future generations of students at Stevenson. So many thanks to him as well. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well thank you very much. And again, I'm just very pleased that after all of your many years of effort that it's finally becoming a reality. And you know, I appreciate all of your hard work to get to this point. And particularly obviously Kevin Manning, but the guy who was lobbying the heck out of me since I was elected was Senator Zirkin. So thank you for being the leader. Thank you all very much.

And we also have signed up --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Could I just ask --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Oh, sure. Yeah, sure.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I just want to thank Senator Zirkin and Delegate Morhaim and Delegate Hettleman and Delegate Stein for being here and for showing up and getting the job done.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: And Kevin Manning coming out of retirement --

TREASURER KOPP: And Kevin Manning.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- that means, you know, he got up off the couch.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Is the President still here? Still here?

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, Mr. President, could you come up just for a second because I do have a quick question for you. I mean, yeah please, it may be premature. But what exactly is the timeframe and the use of this property that --

DR. MANNING: I think it's part, right, part of the agreement. But I mean, we're going to obviously be developing it holistically over the next ten years. But I think in terms of the remediation and some of the basic things that have to be done, they all have to be done within the next three years.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Mm-hmm.

DR. MANNING: And so we are going to start -- keep in mind that we've been really working on this pretty extensively for five years. We actually have, you know, visual displays and all kinds of things for the property. So we're ready to move on it. But we do have the environmental issues.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yeah.

DR. MANNING: And they have to be, and they are very technical and they are going to have to be approved, and that's going to take probably at least a year. But while that's taking place we'll be involving the community, the faculty, staff, board, and we have a new President coming in July 1. So they will all be involved over the next 12 months. So I would say you are really going to be seeing progress within a year, but you may see some progress, we may see some progress within the next couple of months.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Well it's your visionary leadership and your elected team that results in this.

DR. MANNING: That's right.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And hats off to --

DR. MANNING: And we're very grateful to them. They have been supportive with Senator Zirkin for a long time.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: So let me just throw in the taxpayers, because they are happy, or going to be happy, because since Treasurer

Kopp and I on a previous Board of Public Works voted to make this land surplus -
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DR. MANNING: Right.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- and I think that was 2010 if I'm not mistaken, we've spent \$17 million taking care of what everybody concedes was an unacceptable condition.

DR. MANNING: It was very expensive to hold onto it.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. I think we spent \$17 million of the taxpayers' money over the last seven years. So thank you for coming up with the vision. And if you could keep us involved on the details of what kind of academic buildings and athletic facilities --

DR. MANNING: Yeah. We will.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- after the clean up is finished --

DR. MANNING: The other --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- that would be great.

DR. MANNING: Excuse me, but the other benefit to the State too is that we have many first generation students attending Stevenson University and many of whom stay in the State after they graduate as compared to some of the other institutions around the country. So it's really, it's a very significant investment in Rosewood, I think.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great. Thank you, Mr. President.

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TREASURER KOPP: Could I just add my two cents? I think it started when I was actually a member of Delegate Hettleman's committee working with the Senator. And that was some time ago. But the combination of the county, the State, the Legislature, the executive branch, the University, its regents, and its leader Dr. Manning, has been tremendous. And it's taken a long time but we have checked off, I believe, all of the boxes. We know the future use. We know how it's going to be remediated. We know the savings to the State and the investment in the students. And I am convinced that this is one of the best investments we can make and we have made. And while Villa Julie, as you know, I believe was a wonderful institution --

DR. MANNING: Right.

TREASURER KOPP: -- which served a great purpose --

DR. MANNING: It did.

TREASURER KOPP: Stevenson University incorporating that purpose and so much more has really put Maryland on the map --

DR. MANNING: Thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: -- and has paid off in terms of both students, faculty, and community. And --

DR. MANNING: Yeah.

TREASURER KOPP: -- I, Kevin, want to thank you again --

DR. MANNING: Thank you very much --

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TREASURER KOPP: -- for all you've done.

DR. MANNING: -- for all of this. And you know, from the standpoint of retiring and leaving after 17 years, this is a perfect moment. I know you're not doing this as a gift to me. But thank you. I really appreciate it.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: It's a great way to go out and like do a mike drop.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Because where are you going to go from here, you know?

DR. MANNING: Boy, this guy is really good, what he did. I said to someone, it's the first time I think in the 17 years that we got on the front page of the *Baltimore Sun*. We've never done that before.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: See that?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Very good.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well it took you long enough.

DR. MANNING: So collaboration --

TREASURER KOPP: -- be the K. Manning Campus of Stevenson University?

DR. MANNING: There is a, well, they named the Kevin J. Manning Academic Center, which is connected to both of these campuses.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And if I could, Governor, just ask quickly the Veterans Cemetery, I take it, Nelson, is that your responsibility to make sure that the Veterans Cemetery part of this proposal, you've got that under control?

MR. REICHART: We're still working on that. We have a lot to do yet but we're still working on it.

DR. MANNING: And I told Nelson, too, that our constituencies at Stevenson, first generation, parents and the students, are very sensitive to the importance and value of these kinds of things. So we're really expecting that to be a real plus in terms of it adjoining the campus.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. And apparently there is some legislation that requires money from hospital sales to go to disabled programs and I want to make sure that is front and center. I guess that's the Governor's responsibility more than --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well we're going to hear from --

DR. MANNING: Yeah, I believe that, I believe they are going to -

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- Laura Carr, who is the Board President of the Arc, I think is waiting to talk with us.

DR. MANNING: I believe the President of the Arc is going to talk about that.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: You're going to be supportive as an institution for --

DR. MANNING: We spoke this morning --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- whatever is fair?

DR. MANNING: -- and we spoke about some possible ideas and ways of collaborating.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Excellent.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Maybe we can hear from Laura Carr --

DR. MANNING: Yeah, thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- Board President of the Arc of Maryland. And then we have Ken Capone, Director of Public Policy for People on the Go of Maryland. Good morning.

MS. CARR: Good morning. I'm Laura Carr, President-Elect, I don't take office until July 1, of the Arc Maryland.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I'm just going to go ahead and call you Madam President.

MS. CARR: That's fine. I like that title.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Rather than President-Elect.

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MS. CARR: The Arc Maryland works to create a world where children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities have and enjoy equal rights and opportunities. One of the ways that we have worked towards that goal is to advocate for more funding for people with IDD on the waiting list for services.

In 1994 the Community Services Trust Fund was established through legislation sponsored by Senator John Cade and Delegate James Hubbard with the goal of reducing the waiting list. The law provides that the annual interest of the net earnings derived from the sale or long term lease of property or equipment of a State residential center go to provide services to people with IDD on the waiting list who have the most elderly caregivers.

When Great Oaks was closed in 1996, \$8 million was deposited into the fund. Great Oaks is now Riderwood. It took two years for funding to reach people in need whose caregivers were between the ages of 80 and 100 years old, people who were afraid to die and leave their disabled adult children with no one to care for them.

This year the James W. Hubbard Inclusive Higher Education Grant Program was passed and signed into law. The grant program aims to get Maryland colleges and universities to develop and offer inclusive programs for students with intellectual disabilities.

While the sale of Rosewood for a dollar eliminates the possibility of extending funding to some of the nearly 8,000 people on the waiting list through equity fund interest earnings, it does open possible opportunities for people with IDD. The Arc urges Stevenson University, and I'm very happy to have had a chance to speak with President Manning, in collaboration with the State of Maryland and the developmental disabilities community, to help create opportunities in the form of jobs on the new campus and scholarship offers to support the goals of individuals with IDD. We also encourage Stevenson University to collaborate with the disability community to develop a history of Rosewood with a permanent home in the Stevenson Library, or archives as the President suggested. The lives of people with IDD who lived and died at Rosewood deserve to be remembered.

MR. CAPONE: My name is Ken Capone. I will make this short but I thought it was important for People on the Go, which is Maryland's statewide self-advocacy group, come speak to you today because we have members who once resided at Rosewood but never thriving in the community.

The closure of Rosewood was a very important day for people with disabilities. We are glad to see Stevenson University able to use the land for higher education. We have come a long way from people living in an institutional setting to community living, just like we have come a long way from segregation in schools to inclusive education and from workshops with people with

disabilities being employed. But with that being said, we need more people with disabilities participating in post-secondary education.

This partnership between the State and Stevenson, along with the recent passage of the James W. Hubbard Inclusive Higher Education Grant Program that encourages Maryland's colleges and universities to develop and offer inclusive programs to students with intellectual disabilities, we would like to see Stevenson University honor the history of this property and create programs and scholarships that encourage people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to pursue higher education. After all, if not for the developmental disabled community this opportunity would not exist for Stevenson's expansion. Thank you for your time.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much, Ken.

(Applause.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Ken and Laura, thank you both very much for joining us today. And you know, we are very appreciative of the incredible work that you do. We have visited some of the Arc facilities around the State and we've been putting more money into this and we've been pushing for exactly what Ken was just speaking with us about, having more opportunities for intellectually disabled folks to get to college. And I'm sure we'll be working with the University to try to find some opportunities to help both of your organizations.

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You know, the sale of the property, we would have liked to have sold the property for \$100 million and given all the interest to the Arc. But we didn't get any money for it. But it's going to go to a good use and we'll continue to work together at the State level along with all of our colleges and universities to try to continue to work hard to address your needs. But thank you both for coming to talk with us this morning.

MS. CARR: Thank you very much.

TREASURER KOPP: Governor, could I just ask Laura, I go back a long ways, in fact to the origin of the predecessor of this bill and just want to say so you and the world know it was a gentleman named Monroe Karasik, who was the leader of what was then Arc and Montgomery Arc --

MS. CARR: Yes.

TREASURER KOPP: -- who actually pushed the original bill through the Legislature to see that funding supported people moving from institutions to the communities. And I think it has served Maryland terrifically well. It was built upon and our former colleague Jim Hubbard was a great leader and expanded it. But I hope you all tell your friends, your neighbors, your community about Monroe Karasik and the leadership that he took.

MS. CARR: Oh, absolutely. The Karasik family has been just, they were, you know, pillars of our community. They just always were extremely helpful to moving our mission forward.

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TREASURER KOPP: Thanks.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well thank you both very much for your involvement in advocating for your communities and thanks for being here.

MS. CARR: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any other questions on this item, Item 6? Any other questions on the remainder of the DGS Agenda?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval, in the interest of having the fastest BPW meeting in history.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I told the Comptroller and the Treasurer before we walked in the room, I'm shooting for the fastest in history. I don't know how many millions we spent in the short period of time --

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- but it was a good one.

TREASURER KOPP: But spent on some very --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Very important programs. Is there a second to the Comptroller's motion to approve?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

TREASURER KOPP: Oh yeah.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Three-nothing. Congratulations to everybody. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Whereupon, at 11:00 a.m., the meeting was concluded.)