SUMMARY STATEMENT

Item NO.: DRPA-10-060

SUBJECT: Placement of Items on Board Meeting Agenda

COMMITTEE:
Unfinished Business

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:
October 3, 2012

BOARD ACTION DATE:
October 17, 2012

PROPOSAL: That the Board direct that no item be placed on the Board meeting or committee agendas for DRPA and/or PATCO by any Commissioner, employee or officer of the Board without at least three (3) business days advanced notice to all Board members and employees, except in cases of true emergency or other extenuating circumstances. At least 48 hours in advance of a Board and/or Committee meeting, the public and media will also be notified of items to be addressed.

PURPOSE: To promote accountability, transparency, good government and fiscal responsibility at the DRPA and PATCO.

BACKGROUND: The Board typically receives its meeting packets less than one week before Board meetings. The same packet is provided to the public and media in advance of the meeting. However, there have been instances in which controversial and/or complex issues have not been presented to the Board with sufficient advanced notice. It is important to provide sufficient lead time for the Board and public to be fully informed and prepared to discuss significant issues at the full Board and Committee meetings.

SUMMARY:

Amount: N/A
Source of Funds: N/A
Capital Project #: N/A
Operating Budget: N/A
Master Plan Status: N/A
Other Fund Sources: N/A
Duration of Contract: N/A
Other Parties Involved: N/A
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That all board members deserve the opportunity to be fully informed and prepared to discuss significant issues that will be addressed at the monthly DRPA and PATCO board and committee meetings; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the public and media deserve the opportunity to have advanced notice of the complete meeting agendas for the board and committee meetings; be it further

RESOLVED: That the board hereby directs that no item be placed on the board meeting or committee meeting agendas for DRPA and/or PATCO by a board member, employee or officer of the board without at least 3 business days written notice to all board members and Corporate Secretary’s office; be it further

RESOLVED: That an agenda must be posted to the public and media for all board and committee meetings at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting; be it further

RESOLVED: That for the advanced notice rule is established by the Resolution may only be waived by a supermajority vote of the Board to approve a motion to waive the rule, such motion to include a declaration, with specificity, of the existence of a true emergency or other valid reason to waive the rule; and be it further

RESOLVED: That for the purposes of the Resolution, a “supermajority” shall consist of at least six votes from the Commissioners of each state.

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