

**Middle Rio Grande Housing Collaborative**

**Thursday, February 27, 2025**

**3:00pm**

**Mid Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) Board Room**

**809 Copper Ave NW, Albuquerque NM 87102**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of January 23<sup>th</sup> Minutes**
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
- 5. Public Comment**
- 7. Discussion:**
  - Update on funding process - MRCOG Staff**
  - Update on hiring process - Talia Freedman**
  - Draft ByLaws - Marah deMuele**
- 8. Announcement of March Meeting**

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3:00 p.m.

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**A P P E A R A N C E S**

TALIA FREEDMAN, Chair

DAN MAJEWSKI, Vice Chair

STEVE ANAYA, Member

LAWRENCE RAEL, Member

IAN ROBERTSON, Secretary

BEFORE: PAUL BACA PROFESSIONAL COURT REPORTERS

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## 1 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

2 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Okay. So we're gonna call  
3 our meeting to order for the Middle Rio Grande Housing  
4 Collaborative, it's Thursday, January 23rd. Um, and we're  
5 gonna have roll call.

6 I'm Talia Freedman. I'm the Chair.

7 VICE CHAIR MAJEWSKI: Dam Majewski, Vice  
8 Chair.

9 MR. ANAYA: Steve Anaya, Member.

10 MR. RAEL: Lawrence Rael, Member.

11 MR. ROBERTSON: Ian Robertson, Secretary.

12 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Great. Um, do we have a  
13 motion to approve the agenda?

14 MR. ROBERTSON: I so move.

15 MR. RAEL: Second.

16 CHAIR FREEDMAN: All those in favor? Aye.

17 VICE CHAIR MAJEWSKI: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

19 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Okay. Do we have a motion to  
20 approve the minutes from, uh, December 19th meeting?

21 MR. ROBERTSON: I so move.

22 MR. RAEL: Second.

23 CHAIR FREEDMAN: All those in favor? Aye.

24 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

1 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Okay. We will take a few  
2 minutes to see if there's any Public Comment from either  
3 in the room or on Zoom.

4 Okay. If there's, uh, no Public Comment,  
5 we'll move to our one Action Item of the day, which is  
6 that we need to approve the annual Open Meetings Act  
7 Resolution, um, which was provided to us in our packet, I  
8 have a copy of it here, but it's better in our packet,  
9 um, and we need to approve that every single year, right,  
10 Mara [ph 0:01:32]?

11 MARA: Yes, Madam Chair, right.

12 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Um, so do we have a motion  
13 to approve the OMA for this year?

14 MR. ROBERTSON: So I move.

15 MR. RAEL: Second.

16 CHAIR FREEDMAN: On all those in favor?

17 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

18 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Great. Um, okay. So then we  
19 move on to our Discussion Items. Um, and I don't know, do  
20 you have any update on how the account setup is going  
21 with MRCOG? We're, we're kind of at a point where we  
22 can't do much financially.

23 MS. MONTANARI: Madam Chair, I'd like to  
24 invite Vangie Gabaldon up to the --

25 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Oh great. Thank you so much.

1 MS. GABALDON: Hello. Vangie Gabaldon, I'm a  
2 Special, Special Projects Coordinator and Fiscal Agent  
3 Manager for MRCOG, and I do a ton of other things that I  
4 don't go into. I volunteer and I guess I'm MRCOG's staff,  
5 that's what I --

6 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Yes.

7 MS. GABALDON: I've got volunteered to give  
8 you a very brief update on the establishment of account.  
9 I know it's been a long, tedious, uh, process, so back  
10 and forth emails from the bank and MRCOG, but we're  
11 seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.

12 According to the bank who was communicating  
13 with us last week, COG should be set up by the end of  
14 this month.

15 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Oh, terrific.

16 MS. GABALDON: And once the account is set  
17 up, and they let us know that it's final, that it's  
18 finally final, the process of the transfer of the funds  
19 can commence, and we will let Kendra know or, uh, whoever  
20 we're communicating with, uh, when that will be so the  
21 process can start quickly.

22 Uh, I heard you say you were -- there was  
23 some issues with, uh, expenditures. I don't know if, uh,  
24 they're immediate or imminent, or if you need to get to  
25 them right away. Uh, but until the funds are transferred,

1 | um, unless there's an emergency of expenditure of funds,  
2 | we can have a discussion of how we cover those [inaudible  
3 | 0:03:51].

4 | CHAIR FREEDMAN: Okay.

5 | MS. GABALDON: In time.

6 | CHAIR FREEDMAN: Thank you so much.

7 | MS. GABALDON: You're welcome. If there's any  
8 | questions, um --

9 | CHAIR FREEDMAN: Yes.

10 | MS. GABALDON: Yeah. [Inaudible 0:04:00].

11 | MR. RAEL: Uh, Vangie, uh, real quick, just  
12 | for purposes of your understanding and our understanding,  
13 | 'cause we're all on the same page. There's, there's  
14 | basically, uh, three, three, uh, uh, account -- not  
15 | accounts, but funds that we need to go into [inaudible  
16 | 0:04:17].

17 | Yeah.

18 | MS. GABALDON: Yes.

19 | MR. RAEL: There's an appropriations amount  
20 | from the legislature, and then there's half a million  
21 | dollars from the county and half a million dollars from  
22 | the city going to [inaudible 0:04:28] account.

23 | So at least that's, uh, is that your  
24 | understanding of what the accounts [inaudible 0:04:33]?

1 MS. GABALDON: Yes. And those funds will be  
2 transferred into one account, right. And, and the, uh,  
3 appropriate personnel will be put on the -- on the  
4 signatures and whatever the bank requires. Well, and  
5 MRCOG will act as your fiscal agent during this process,  
6 right?

7 MR. RAEL: Right.

8 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Mm-hmm.

9 MS. GABALDON: Yeah.

10 MR. RAEL: Okay. All right. Thank you.

11 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Thank you so much.

12 MS. GABALDON: Welcome.

13 MR. ROBERTSON: Madam Chair, may I ask you a  
14 question on this?

15 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Yes. Yeah.

16 MR. ROBERTSON: Does that setup, uh, is it  
17 affecting -- we can cover to the next item [inaudible  
18 0:05:09] that get direct correspond to [inaudible  
19 0:05:12] and we need that account set up in order to  
20 finalize that process?

21 CHAIR FREEDMAN: I don't think we need the  
22 account set up in order to finalize it, but we would need  
23 it set up in order for someone to start, because we would  
24 have to start paying.

1 MR. ROBERTSON: Right. That's [inaudible  
2 0:05:25].

3 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Yeah. Absolutely.

4 Um, okay. And so in terms of the, um,  
5 Executive Director position, I think we're gonna kind of  
6 combine that maybe with, um, setting up a meeting, but we  
7 do have, um, uh, an applicant that is ready to, um, have  
8 an interview.

9 And, um, so, and I spoke to her the other  
10 day just to give her an idea of what we were doing and  
11 where we are. I think she actually is a really strong  
12 candidate. Um, and so I think she's pretty eager to set  
13 up an appointment, and I think we are eager to find the  
14 right person.

15 So, um, she -- well, I left my notebook in  
16 my car with her schedule in it, um, but I think she's  
17 pretty readily available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.  
18 And so I wonder if we can take a moment to maybe pull a  
19 couple of options together that would work for everyone  
20 to set up a special meeting.

21 Um, and Mara, do we need about a week's  
22 notice, we have to give a week's public notice about  
23 meetings, is that right?



1                   MARA: For a special meeting, it's three  
2 days' notice, and a regular meeting, it's 10 days'  
3 notice.

4                   CHAIR FREEDMAN: Okay. Um, and I, I would  
5 defer, um, Monica is, is not here right now, but I would  
6 -- I would defer to her. Um, that's three days posting of  
7 the notice. And I know for Monica, there's probably an  
8 additional day or two where she has to take the  
9 appropriate steps to get that notice published and take  
10 care of it.

11                   MARA: Yeah.

12                   CHAIR FREEDMAN: So I, you know, I see your  
13 inclination --

14                   MS. GABALDON: About a week anyway. Yes, her  
15 special meeting really kind of fits the, the parameters  
16 to get.

17                   CHAIR FREEDMAN: Plus, we want to give the  
18 candidate time to move things around that she needs to  
19 so.

20                   Um, so that would maybe put us into next  
21 week or even the first week of February.

22                   VICE CHAIR MAJEWSKI: Okay.

23                   CHAIR FREEDMAN: Okay. I think that probably  
24 works for [inaudible 0:07:27].

1 MR. ROBERTSON: So Monday, Monday, the 3rd,  
2 will be the first Monday of February.

3 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Mm-hmm.

4 MR. ROBERTSON: [Inaudible 0:07:37].

5 VICE CHAIR MAJEWSKI: [Inaudible 0:07:43]  
6 timeslot three to four.

7 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Um, yes. I couldn't do  
8 anything on the Friday, I don't think at all. Monday is  
9 quite open for me. So, um, I don't think it has to be the  
10 3:00 timeslot. It could be anytime. There's time that  
11 works better for all of us.

12 MR. RAEL: I'm fine with Monday as well and I  
13 think this is better, so.

14 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Yeah. Me, too.

15 MR. ANAYA: Monday, the 2nd?

16 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Monday, the 3rd.

17 VICE CHAIR MAJEWSKI: Um, 3rd, 3rd.

18 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Yeah. Does that work for  
19 you, Steve?

20 MR. ANAYA: Yeah.

21 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Yeah?

22 MR. ANAYA: I can't -- I can't do a three to  
23 four to that day, but also, I, you know, we only need  
24 four out of five. So I could do it other times that day  
25 [inaudible 0:08:27].

1 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Okay. And what's your day  
2 like then?

3 MR. ANAYA: Um, so I do have time in the  
4 afternoon [inaudible 0:08:32].

5 CHAIR FREEDMAN: What about a morning time,  
6 then? Maybe 10:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.

7 MR. ANAYA: Well, I can do -- I can do 11.  
8 Does that work for [inaudible 0:08:42]?

9 MR. ROBERTSON: Either 10 or 11.

10 CHAIR FREEDMAN: 11 works for me.

11 MR. ROBERTSON: Copy.

12 CHAIR FREEDMAN: For us? Awesome. Okay. So  
13 we'll tentatively say Monday, February 3rd, 11 a.m. for  
14 our, um, interview meeting.

15 I will reach out to her, um.

16 MR. ROBERTSON: Monica as well.

17 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Yeah. Well, at first, I'll  
18 reach out to the candidate to make sure she's available,  
19 but I think she'll make herself available.

20 MR. ROBERTSON: Yeah.

21 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Um, and would we be able to  
22 do the same little small room that day, do you think? I  
23 know you probably [inaudible 0:09:14].

1 MS. MONTANARI: Madam Chair, I have  
2 [inaudible 0:09:14] conference room or reception. How  
3 many people would you need to see?

4 CHAIR FREEDMAN: It would, I think, probably  
5 just be us and maybe a couple others.

6 MS. MONTANARI: Okay.

7 CHAIR FREEDMAN: So [inaudible 0:09:24] A-  
8 ish.

9 MS. MONTANARI: So conference room.

10 CHAIR FREEDMAN: [Inaudible 0:09:31] Mara, my  
11 Legal Security blanket.

12 MARA: It's an honor.

13 CHAIR FREEDMAN: No offense, [inaudible  
14 0:09:39].

15 MR. ANAYA: No offense. She invites  
16 [inaudible 0:09:41].

17 CHAIR FREEDMAN: She's yours, too, so you --

18 MR. RAEL: Madam Chair and Members of the  
19 Committee, are we interviewing, and if you like, making  
20 an offer or just interviewing them, you know, back and  
21 having another discussion, 'cause I just don't wanna  
22 spend more than one meeting [inaudible 0:09:58].

23 CHAIR FREEDMAN: I -- no. I agree. I think we  
24 interview, go into closed session, decide with making an  
25 offer, and I call her literally later that day.

1 MR. RAEL: So let's -- if you don't mind  
2 sharing the résumé of the individual [inaudible 0:010:16]  
3 beforehand.

4 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Yeah.

5 MR. RAEL: So that if, if some of us know who  
6 this person is, we may obviously [inaudible 0:10:22], but  
7 just -- we make sure we [inaudible 0:10:24].

8 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Sounds good. So -- and I do  
9 have a question in terms of sharing documents from a  
10 rolling forum standpoint. Is it appropriate for me to  
11 send something out to the entire commission as long as  
12 they don't respond back to all of us together?

13 Like sharing the résumé of the candidate,  
14 we'd like to share it ahead of time. Is it -- or is that  
15 something that I should send to Abigail and Monica, and  
16 have them share?

17 MARA: Probably easiest if it's the IPU on  
18 that.

19 CHAIR FREEDMAN: A conduit?

20 MARA: Yeah. The conduit. Um, they, they  
21 function these styles and, and Monica are kind of  
22 functioning as board administrators, which, which is a  
23 really important function and something that we imagine  
24 the Executive Director will step into one day, kind of  
25 the neutral independent source that, that can provide

1 information in a way, um, beyond any, any concern to you.  
2 And, and it's an aid to the commissioners as well to have  
3 that person available for distribution, for scheduling  
4 distribution, all of those things.

5 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Okay. That's good [inaudible  
6 0:11:31].

7 MARA: Yeah. And we thank Monica and we thank  
8 Abigail for having played this role for a year.

9 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Yeah.

10 MARA: [Inaudible 0:11:38] a year now, such  
11 as [inaudible 0:11:39].

12 CHAIR FREEDMAN: The [inaudible 0:11:39] is  
13 inside Abigail.

14 MARA: Yeah.

15 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Um, okay. So I will 11:47]  
16 Abigail. I'll send you guys the résumé and then  
17 [inaudible 0:11:49].

18 Okay. Um, and then, Lawrence is gonna give  
19 us an update on, um, a contract with, uh, Kelly  
20 O'Donnell, that we might have done if we had been ready  
21 financially, but we figured out other ways.

22 MR. RAEL: Right. So, uh, we had talked about  
23 the, um, Kelly O'Donnell [inaudible 0:12:12]. Let me back  
24 up. We had talked about hiring someone to help us during  
25 the legislative session in Santa Fe, and, um, and there's

1 | been some discussions about Kelly O'Donnell [inaudible  
2 | 0:12:24].

3 | CHAIR FREEDMAN: [Inaudible 0:12:26].

4 | MR. RAEL: [Inaudible 0:12:26] we will, at  
5 | least, [inaudible 0:12:28] had talked to us about  
6 | potentially maybe working with us on, on a contract.

7 | CHAIR FREEDMAN: Mm-hmm.

8 | MR. RAEL: And it's going to be able to  
9 | [inaudible 0:12:40].

10 | MS. COLBURN: Gosh.

11 | VICE CHAIR MAJEWSKI: Amanda Colburn, can you  
12 | put your, uh, your, uh, [inaudible 0:12:46]? Thanks.

13 | MR. RAEL: Anyway, so the, uh, sorry about  
14 | that.

15 | VICE CHAIR MAJEWSKI: But let's go to the  
16 | official minutes.

17 | MR. RAEL: And, um, we with -- we had, uh,  
18 | put the contract together, and, uh, with the scope of  
19 | services to work primarily on the legislative agenda in  
20 | Santa Fe, um, and helping support the resolution that we  
21 | all have to ask at this, um, committee -- at, um,  
22 | previous meeting.

23 | And, um, the thought was to try and get it  
24 | done through our -- through our funds that we had

1 available from both the city and the county, uh, to have  
2 her, uh, work, the legislature.

3 The contract is for \$35,000. And so it met  
4 the threshold, if you will, of, of not necessarily having  
5 to go through the formal process, but to give her a  
6 contract to do the work.

7 Um, the dilemma was that, as we were moved  
8 through it in our haste, and, and I will say, I'll take  
9 responsibility for that, on my haste, to try and get it  
10 done during the holidays so that we could hit the ground  
11 running once the legislature, uh, started.

12 Um, we found out that both, um, our fiscal  
13 agent didn't have a -- basically, the accounts that she  
14 just reported on. Um, and the city and the county, uh,  
15 both had their structures that they have to go through  
16 for these kind of contracts.

17 So in visiting with, um, with, uh,  
18 Commissioner Baca, Commissioner Baca decided, "Well,  
19 look. Why don't I just step in and let's just do the  
20 contract, and I'll pay for it with, with her own  
21 discretionary funds that each commissioner has to get the  
22 ball rolling and to get the contract in place?"

23 And so the county staff, that with  
24 Commissioner Baca, again, um, basically put together a  
25 contract on behalf of the collaborative to the county's



1 process so that when you get her on contract to start the  
2 work.

3 So she's officially on contract, uh, for the  
4 collaborative to do, uh, to work for us, uh, as it  
5 relates to the legislative session.

6 Um, for full disclosure as well is, is  
7 Commissioner Baca, uh, asked her to do a couple of things  
8 on behalf of the county, uh, I think to evaluate a couple  
9 of programs that quite frankly relate to the legislature  
10 in the sense of how there might be some opportunities to  
11 support some other, uh, low income, um, housing projects  
12 or programs that the legislature may be considering.

13 Um, very, uh, from my understanding, very  
14 minor work and, and the work has been done. Um, and she -  
15 - Commissioner Baca and I talked earlier today, but her  
16 primarily function will be is to represent the  
17 collaborative during the session.

18 Um, so I, I wanna make sure that at least  
19 from the collaborative standpoint that the process of  
20 writing it to the county just seemed to be the most expe-  
21 dited method of getting her on board to getting her  
22 to start doing the work.

23 Um, she is coming in next week. And, um, and  
24 so I've asked Kelly to reach out to all of you. Um, just

1 to touch base with each of the members of the  
2 collaborative.

3 And, um, and then I, you know, um, Talia and  
4 I talked about it. Our Chair and I talked about, she  
5 wanted me to maybe help her sort of be the center of, if  
6 you will, a conversation with, with, with Kelly to ensure  
7 that she's working on behalf of our programs [inaudible  
8 0:16:15].

9 Um, and so I'll be sort of the contact with  
10 Kelly. So if people wanna have a conversation or, or are  
11 concerned or, or just wanna get an update, um, from this,  
12 you know, [inaudible 0:16:25] on like collaborative, let  
13 me know, and, um, we'll be happy to make sure that we get  
14 you in touch with, um, with her.

15 And, uh, and look, I, I mean she knows the  
16 legislature well, she- she's worked for many years up  
17 there. She's got a good sense of, of what the issues are.  
18 Um, I think she's been touched base with Joseph, and I  
19 don't know. Uh, I asked her, Marcos, to visit with you. I  
20 don't know if she's done that yet, but --

21 MR. MARCOS: Oh yeah. [Inaudible 0:16:51].

22 MR. RAEL: But I think they're coming in.  
23 She's coming in next week and I think, uh, we'll try and  
24 get, get everybody sort of see into the process.

1           So my apologies to all of you for the, the  
2 sort of the, the around the, the horn kinda way to get to  
3 answer this, but the good news is we got there. And so,  
4 um, I just wanna make sure that, uh, that we're all  
5 focused on [inaudible 0:17:12] get that.

6           CHAIR FREEDMAN: Well, good. I have a  
7 question for you.

8           MR. RAEL: Uh-huh.

9           CHAIR FREEDMAN: When we were talking about  
10 the account, you mentioned three sources, I know this  
11 going back: city, county, and legislature.

12          MR. RAEL: Right.

13          CHAIR FREEDMAN: Um, is that a new  
14 development that there's funds from the legislature?  
15 Because as far as I knew, it was 500 [inaudible 0:17:29].

16          MR. RAEL: There's a capital outlay of \$2  
17 million to collaborative. It was from last year. That,  
18 um, still haven't, uh, uh, put into any kind of work yet.  
19 It's my understanding from, uh --

20          MR. MARCOS: That the [inaudible 0:17:48].

21          MR. RAEL: [Inaudible 0:17:48].

22          MR. MARCOS: [Inaudible 0:17:49] that we've  
23 been looking at putting into the 6th and Coal project.

24          MR. RAEL: Right.

1 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Oh, I see. So that's a  
2 capita, as opposed to, yeah, being administrative, the  
3 500, 500.

4 MR. MARCOS: Well, the five -- so I'm sure  
5 [inaudible 0:17:59]. So the 500, 500 as well was set up  
6 in the initial resolutions that you set up to form the  
7 collaborative, and then the 1.7 million was the capital  
8 allocation that came to the county to -- for the county  
9 to work with the collaborative [inaudible 0:18:14]  
10 project, which we've been [inaudible 0:18:16] and then  
11 separately [inaudible 0:18:19].

12 Now, each of the two were asked a hundred  
13 million to float in for, uh, the gap financing and  
14 different projects.

15 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Mm-hmm.

16 MR. MARCOS: And then the county has also  
17 asked for another million dollars in operational funds  
18 for the state to match what city and county putting  
19 together [inaudible 0:18:37] to match that as well this  
20 for operations [inaudible 0:18:41].

21 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Oh, terrific. Okay.

22 MR. MARCOS: So there's those different pots  
23 of funding that we've identified. So the crucial thing is  
24 to work with the work [inaudible 0:18:48] to set up the  
25 accounts so that we can each, the city and county put on

1 500,000, and so you can actually start expending that  
2 money on pieces, and then hopefully that the state, we  
3 can get that \$1 million as well.

4 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Great. Mm-hmm.

5 MS. MONTANARI: [Inaudible 0:19:06]  
6 clarification [inaudible 0:19:10].

7 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Yes. Thank you.

8 MS. MONTANARI: [Inaudible 0:19:11]. Yup.

9 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Mm-hmm.

10 MS. GABALDON: Chair and Members, uh,  
11 Lawrence, you asked me a question about the appropriate -  
12 - the three pots of money, and MRCOG is only aware to  
13 transfer [inaudible 0:19:27]. And you mentioned that  
14 appropriation, is that an anticipated appropriation or?

15 MR. RAEL: So let me clarify, Madam Chair.  
16 Um, Marcos, um, is it my understanding or am I under the  
17 wrong impression that the money that the county got was  
18 for the collaborative, and the county was the recipient  
19 of the funds, or, uh, my -- we appropriated those funds  
20 to run process like three months ago.

21 MR. MARCOS: The, uh, one point venture  
22 [inaudible 0:19:57] \$1.7 million or \$1.8 million, that  
23 was appropriate from state capital outlay is appropriate  
24 to the county to work with the collaborative on the

1 housing project and that's where we work together to  
2 identify that for 6th and Coal.

3 MR. RAEL: All right.

4 MR. MARCOS: And we're working and the county  
5 is working on the development process for that. We're  
6 getting ready to release the joint venture RFP for  
7 [inaudible 0:20:18].

8 MR. RAEL: So Madam Chair and [inaudible  
9 0:20:19] just, um, my, uh, my mistake. The 1.7 is, is, is  
10 with the county staff.

11 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Okay.

12 MR. RAEL: So we just have to do this, but,  
13 but it was -- because it was -- the collaborative was  
14 involved in it, I didn't know if they were gonna put it  
15 into your pocket first before the county took it.

16 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Yeah.

17 MR. RAEL: Or if it went straight to the  
18 county's pocket, and they took it through our process. So  
19 in either case, you're good.

20 MS. GABALDON: So it is just the two sources  
21 [inaudible 0:20:44].

22 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Transfer into the back will  
23 be the million dollars, \$500,000 from each entity, right?

24 MS. GABALDON: Yeah. Initially.

25 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Okay.

1 MS. GABALDON: And then if we're lucky, and,  
2 and, and the legislature assigns that one million, then  
3 we'd have a third source of administrative funds.

4 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Oh okay.

5 MS. GABALDON: We just wanted to be very  
6 clear.

7 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Thank you.

8 MS. GABALDON: [Inaudible 0:21:03]

9 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Thank you.

10 MS. GABALDON: All right. Thank you.

11 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Um, any other?

12 MR. JOSEPH: Madam Chair, just [inaudible  
13 0:21:16].

14 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Yes.

15 MR. JOSEPH: I think -- and I just wanna  
16 [inaudible 0:21:19], um, to really support the choice  
17 that was made in terms of who you were hiring as a  
18 consultant for legislative services, legislative issues.  
19 She's topnotch, really knows her business, she's got a  
20 great reputation that the, um, that, that the legislative  
21 issues goes away round, roundhouse, and it's well  
22 respected, it's like very [inaudible 0:21:39].

23 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Yeah.

24 MR. MARCOS: [Inaudible 0:21:40] we do this  
25 working.

1 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Thank you. I, unless anyone  
2 has anything else on those items, I think our only thing  
3 we've already set up the meeting with the potential  
4 candidate.

5 Um, our next meeting is Thursday, the 27th.  
6 Um, at the same time, Thursday, February 27th.

7 All right. Almost, uh, called 911 almost. If  
8 you press this three times, it calls 911, so don't do  
9 that.

10 Um, and so I know there were some confusion  
11 around meeting times, but we're confirmed it is the  
12 fourth Thursday of the month, right?

13 FEMALE SPEAKER 1: Yes.

14 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Okay. I know we had a, um,  
15 different just for the one month with the holidays and I  
16 think that threw us all off.

17 So, um, so, uh, with that, I will, um,  
18 adjourn the meeting.

19 MR. RAEL: Thank you much.

20 CHAIR FREEDMAN: Thank you.

21 VICE CHAIR MAJEWSKI: Thank you.

22 CHAIR FREEDMAN: That's record time y'all.