

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Special Meeting
Minutes
December 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Andrea Macari at 8:05 a.m. in the Central Office Conference Room. Present were Trustees Cashman, Colacioppo, Ludmar, Mosca and Svendsen. Also present was Superintendent Dr. Christopher Zublionis. There was no one from the public present.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Macari led the Board members in the pledge of allegiance.

Prior to voting, the Board thanked the community for reaching out and providing information on the potential impact of this project on the District. By becoming a party to this proceeding, the District is erring on the side of caution.

On motion of Trustee Ludmar and seconded by Trustee Colacioppo and all in favor, it was:

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the participation in Article VII Certification Proceeding

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2024, New York Transco LLC and the New York Power Authority filed an Application with the New York State Public Service Commission seeking a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need pursuant to Article VII of the New York Public Service Law to construct, operate, and maintain an approximately 89.7-mile underground transmission line, known as the Propel NY Energy Project, (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, Article VII of the New York Public Service Law requires that a full review of the need for and environmental impact of the siting, design, construction, and operation of major transmission facilities in New York State and, further, establishes the forum in which community residents can participate with members of state and local agencies in the review process (“Article VII Certification Proceeding”); and

WHEREAS, the New York Public Service Commission (“PSC”) is authorized to grant certain entities party status to the Article VII Certification Proceeding, where the Public Service Commission determines such intervention is “likely to contribute to the development of a complete record or is otherwise fair and in the public interest.” 16 N.Y.C.R.R. § 4.3(c)(2); and

WHEREAS, parties to an Article VII Certification Proceeding have the opportunity to participate in the proceeding, and be heard on procedural matters impacting the case, including scheduling, engaging in discovery, filing and responding to motions, filing expert testimony, and participating in evidentiary hearings, filing legal briefs, and participating in settlement negotiations; and

WHEREAS, the Article VII Certification Proceeding for the Project is pending under New York State Public Service Commission under Case No. 24-T-0446; and

WHEREAS, portions of the proposed Project fall directly within the geographical boundaries of the North Shore Central School District and have the potential to impact the School District, its property, its operations, and its educational instruction, and further pose potential health and safety concerns to the District’s staff, students, and school community;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to seek party status in the Article VII Certification Proceeding to ensure that any impacts of the Project upon the School District are properly reviewed and analyzed;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes its legal counsel, Ingerman Smith, LLP, to take all necessary action, including the preparation and

submission of the necessary filings with the New York State Public Service Commission to request party status in PSC Case No. 24-T-0446 on behalf of the School District;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, should party status be granted, that the Board of Education further authorizes Ingerman Smith, LLP, to take all necessary action to prepare and submit any and all documents necessary to effectuate said participation in the Article VII Certification Proceeding and to participate in the Article VII Certification Proceeding on behalf of the School District.

At 8:10 a.m. on motion of Trustee Ludmar and seconded by Trustee Colacioppo and all in favor, the Board convened an executive session in the conference room to consider the appointment of a particular person or persons.

At 10:40 a.m. on motion of Trustee Mosca and seconded by Trustee Cashman and all in favor, the Board came out of executive session and adjourned the meeting.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk