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Long Island Power Authority's

COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Thank you for serving on the Long Island Power Authority's Community Advisory Board. Your passion for service and dedication to improving our local community is truly commendable. Together, we share a steadfast commitment to grassroots initiatives, making your involvement on this Board both essential and invaluable to our mission of providing clean, reliable, and affordable energy to our 1.2 million customers across Long Island and the Rockaways.

Our Community Advisory Board plays a crucial role in addressing the issues that impact our region. Since this Board's inception, we have made meaningful progress in many ways. As LIPA's Acting Chief Executive Officer, I am committed to strengthening our partnership with the Board and improving our communication channels to ensure that your voices are both heard and represented in our decision-making processes. Engaging with you more frequently and meaningfully is of the utmost importance.

As we move forward, please know that your active participation on the Board is vital to our collective success.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Tuesday, September 17.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Rhodes". The signature is written in a cursive, professional style.

John Rhodes
Acting CEO

In 2017, LIPA created a Community Advisory Board to demonstrate our commitment to stakeholder engagement and public transparency. This 27-member Board is appointed by LIPA's Chief Executive Officer and provides guidance on issues of importance to both LIPA and the communities we serve. Key areas of focus include but are not limited to, reliability and resiliency, equity, energy efficiency, climate change, and clean energy initiatives.

The Community Advisory Board is intentionally diverse, representing leaders from a wide range of sectors, including energy, education, business, economic development, local government, finance, Indigenous Nations, labor, and civic organizations.

The Board's primary objective is to build upon relationships that members have with their communities across Long Island. By doing so, the Board can provide valuable insights to LIPA's management team so we can more effectively engage our customers and communities and be more responsive to their needs. Integrating the voices of your constituencies is crucial for ensuring that LIPA can both meet and exceed expectations.

The Board is tasked with several key responsibilities, including planning and advising on rate structure, service interruptions, accessing energy programs, implementation of renewable energy projects, and performance-enhancing technologies in homes, schools, businesses, and municipalities.

Additionally, the Board plays a role in identifying community investments, supporting emergency response efforts, assisting with storm preparedness, and identifying potential initiatives that align with LIPA's mission.

Most importantly, the Board will expand its focus to include climate justice, energy democracy, and equity. To do this, LIPA is adding representatives from disadvantaged communities in locations identified by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act to the Board.

LIPA will provide the Board with the information necessary to provide feedback and suggest programs and services that will benefit low-income and fixed-income ratepayers, local small businesses, and vulnerable communities. These outcomes are central to addressing energy inequities and promoting economic stability within underserved neighborhoods because they drive social and economic development by empowering communities, reducing energy burdens, and enhancing the overall quality of life for residents.

Together, we will look to the Board to assist us in building effective partnerships between LIPA and the community. To do this, members should, on an ongoing basis, identify community priorities and obtain customer input then work with the LIPA management team to design and implement sustainable community-based efforts to address customer needs.

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Phil Andrews

President of the Long Island African American Chamber of Commerce, Inc

- Phil Andrews is the President of the Long Island African American Chamber of Commerce, Inc. New York State's largest African American Chamber. He is also the Founding President of the African American Small Business Foundation, Inc. and the Past President of the 100 Black Men of Long Island, Inc.
- He is the President Emeritus of the Black Public Relations Society-New York Inc. which is New York's Premier organization for Image Makers and Strategists in Public Relations.
- Phil's work has been featured in multi-platform publications including the Long

Island Business News, Black Star News, The New York Beacon, Amsterdam News, Minority Business Review, The Network Journal, and more. He has appeared on WABC Here and Now and NBC's Positively Black.

- He currently serves on the advisory board of WA Public Relations Company, the Board of Directors of the Interfaith Nutrition Network, and the Long Island Association. Phil has served on several Board of Directors including the Roosevelt Chamber of Commerce, Roosevelt Kiwanis, Hempstead Chamber of Commerce, and Bronx Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Chamber of Commerce.
- After serving several years in the US Navy and Army Reserves, Phil attended York College and John Jay College. He graduated from paralegal school and had a nearly twenty-year career in law enforcement.



Jason Cofield

Executive Director of Tribal Operations, Shinnecock Nation

- Jason Hansana-Cofield currently serves the Shinnecock Nation as the Executive Director of Tribal Operations. In this position, he provides daily and long-term operational oversight of all Shinnecock Tribal departments and programs.
- While serving as Executive Director, Jason attended both Harvard Business School Tribal Leadership Program and Dartmouth Tribal Leadership Academy.
- Prior to serving as Executive Director, Jason was the Coordinator of Good

Health and Wellness in Indian Country and the Coordinator for the Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program.

- He is a proud veteran of the United States Air Force.
- Jason is an enrolled citizen of the Shinnecock Indian Nation, where he resides. He is a husband and father of four. Jason has been an active participant in his Shinnecock culture since birth. He has danced throughout Indian Country representing his Eastern Woodland Indigenous Culture. He is known all over Turtle Island for his beadwork and regalia making taught to him by his grandmother and Shinnecock elders. Shinnecock elders and elders throughout Indian Country have passed on stories and oral history that he now shares with his children, grandchildren, and Sister Tribes. Jason takes pride in his service to his Nation, teaching and passing on culture to the youth in his community through language, plant and medicine identification, planting and harvesting, hunting and gathering, fishing, beading and regalia techniques, drumming and singing, storytelling, and passing on oral history.
- Jason serves on the following Boards: Suffolk County Community Advisory Board for the Arts, New York Offshore Wind Environmental Justice Technical Working Group, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management New York & New Jersey Environmental Justice Forum, and Solar Uncommon Dialogue Tribal Clean Energy.



Ann Emrick

Deputy Director for Operations, Brookhaven National Laboratory

- Ann Emrick is the Deputy Director for Operations at the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Brookhaven National Laboratory.
- Emrick, a longtime Brookhaven Lab employee, oversees organizations that provide the bulk of support services for the Lab, including the operation and maintenance of more than 300 buildings, several of which are unique, world-class scientific facilities. She also works closely with the Lab's senior leadership team on day-to-day operations and strategic planning for the Lab's future.
- During Emrick's 36 years at Brookhaven Lab, she has served in progressively more impactful leadership roles across Brookhaven, the Battelle-affiliated labs, and the DOE complex. Most recently, Emrick was the Directorate Chief Operating Officer (DCOO) for the Lab's Environment, Biology, Nuclear Science & Nonproliferation Directorate, the

Computational Science Initiative, and the Advanced Technology Research Office. In this role, she coordinated operations for a diverse research portfolio of more than 250 staff and \$100 million annual budget.

- Prior to her DCOO role, Emrick was the research Operations Manager for the Environment, Biological & Computational Sciences Directorate from 2000 to 2015 and a staff specialist in the Biology Department from 1992 to 2000. Ann joined the Lab in 1987 as a scientific associate in the Biology Department, where she worked on DOE's Low Dose Radiation Research Program.

- She earned her B.S. in Biological Sciences from St. Joseph's University, and her M.S. in Technological Systems Management from Stony Brook University. Emrick lives in East Patchogue, NY.



Adrienne Esposito

Executive Director of Citizens Campaign for the Environment

- Adrienne Esposito is the Executive Director of Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE). CCE is a non-profit organization working in New York and Connecticut to protect natural resources and public health.
- CCE has 6 offices and conducts research, lobbying, and public education on diverse environmental campaigns. Such campaigns include groundwater protection, land use planning, protection of coastal water, estuary, ocean, and of the Great Lakes, toxic waste remediation, pesticide reduction, renewable energy campaigns, energy planning, clean air, and public health issues.
- Ms. Esposito holds a BA in Geology and Environmental Science from Long Island University, CW Post.



James Hodge

- James Hodge is an asset to the city of Long Beach. He demonstrates his love for people by giving back to the City of Long Beach through activism and outreach ministry. Mr. Hodge worked for the City of Long Beach for 23 years and has been a long-time executive committee member for the Long Beach NAACP. In December 2005, he was elected as the youngest member of the Board of Trustees for the MLK Center. A year later, he was elected vice-chair of the board and served as the Board Chair until October of 2021.
- For his service to the community after Superstorm Sandy in 2012, Mr. Hodge was awarded the Long Beach Sandy Heroes Service Award. When the

COVID-19 virus spread throughout the Long Beach Community, he again took action, setting up a food grab-and-go distribution site that provided over 350 meals a day to residents in need.

- Mr. Hodge has served and volunteered in various facets of both county and city community-focused organizations. He is a member of the Nassau County Police Commissioners Community Council and the Coalition of Underage Drinking. Mr. Hodge has received over 70 awards and citations, some of which represent recognition from federal, state, and local governmental bodies. Among his many awards, one of the major honors that Mr. Hodge has received was an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from the Anointed By God Ministries Alliance and Seminary, which was awarded to him for his years of service to his community and dedication to its betterment.
- Mr. Hodge graduated with honors from the Central Biblical School of Broadcasting. He was also an On-air Radio personality and Program Director for "Gospel All Night Through the Morning" on WGBB A.M. 1240 to carry on the vision of founder Bishop J.K. Jefferson. James's tenure in the program lasted 12 years.



Jeannine Maynard, MSW, LCSW

Co-Facilitator at Greater Uniondale Area Action Coalition (GUAAC) - Uniondale Community Council, Inc

- Jeannine G. Maynard, MSW, LCSW, currently serves as the Co-Facilitator and Founder of the Greater Uniondale Area Action Coalition (GUAAC), Vice President & Clerk of the Uniondale Community Land Trust, member of the Uniondale School District Bond Oversight Committee, and the Co-chair of the Sands NY Community Environmental Sub-Committee. She also serves on the leadership team of the Transportation Diversity Council, Inc.
- She is the 2023/2024 honored recipient of the Hofstra University Center for

Civic Engagement's Michael D'Innocenzo Award for Outstanding Contribution to Constructive Public Dialogue on Long Island.

- She is a life-long Nassau County resident and a Uniondale area community activist, living in the Uniondale UFSD area of Hempstead for more than 37 years.
- Ms. Maynard retired in late 2022 as a New York State Licensed Clinical Social Worker, directing behavioral health programs at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Brooklyn. Prior to that she was a Uniondale Community Council Youth Project Program Director for more than 15 years, where she developed as a local community leader.
- Ms. Maynard's post-graduate career spans more than 46 years of experience with direct clinical services, management, program development and directorship roles in community mental health and non-profit programs, youth programs, and collaborative partnerships.
- Ms. Maynard is an alumna of Adelphi University School of Social Work, Master of Social Work (MSW) class of 1978, a retired Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), and holds a post-graduate certificate in not-for-profit leadership from Adelphi's School of Social Work inaugural class of 2011.



Luis Vazquez

President/CEO, Long Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

- Luis Vazquez is the President of the Long Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and President and CEO of the National Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on Health. Partnering with the Greater New York Hospital Association, Northwell Health, and state and local government agencies, the mission of the NHCCH is to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and implementation of programs that eliminate health disparities by creating access to quality healthcare.

- His recent appointments include executive board member for the Long Island Association and the Central American Refugee Center (CARECEN). Over the years, Vazquez has served as the acting chairman of the Nassau County Heritage Festival and a member of the Glen Cove Knights of Columbus, the Elks Club, the Nassau County Public Utility Agency, the Nassau County Hispanic Parade Committee, the WLIW Channel 21 Community Affairs Advisory Committee, the Molloy Multicultural Advisory Committee and Hofstra for Hempstead/Hempstead for Hofstra Committee. He served as the commissioner of Glen Cove Housing Authority, a member of the Glen Cove Board of Appeals, the Council for the Arts on the North Shore, Inc., and a past mentor and arbitrator with the Glen Cove Dispute Resolution Center and the Verizon Consumer Advisory Panel.

- Raised in Glen Cove, Luis Vazquez attended LIU Post and graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice as well as a certificate in Paralegal Studies. He subsequently received his New York Real Estate Sales Associate License and was employed by Coldwell Banker Real Estate in Locust Valley before joining Nassau County Government. In 1990, Luis Vazquez served the Office of the Nassau County Executive as the executive director of the Coordinating Agency for Spanish Americans.

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GOVERNOR HOCHUL ANNOUNCES START OF CONSTRUCTION ON NEW YORK'S LARGEST OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT

924-Megawatt Sunrise Wind to Power Approximately 600,000 Homes Once Completed in 2026

New York's Fifth Offshore Wind Solicitation Now Open with Proposals Due September 9

Governor Hochul today announced the start of construction on New York's largest offshore wind project, Sunrise Wind, a 924-megawatt project developed by Ørsted. Once completed, the project will provide enough clean energy to power approximately 600,000 New York homes. Building on [New York's 10-Point Action Plan](#), the Governor also announced the issuance of New York's fifth offshore wind solicitation to advance the next wave of clean energy development projects off the state's coast, with final proposals due on September 9, 2024.

"We're growing New York's green economy, building clean energy, and expanding economic opportunities for all New Yorkers," Governor Hochul said. "By breaking ground on Sunrise Wind and advancing the next wave of offshore wind projects, New York is passing a tremendous milestone to combat climate change. These projects will create good-paying union jobs and demonstrate that New York is leading the nation to build the offshore wind industry."

Today's groundbreaking at the Boys and Girls Club of Bellport on Long Island officially kicked off the start of the Sunrise Wind project which will support more than 800 direct jobs during the construction phase of the project and will spur economic benefits from the Capital Region to Long Island – including a \$700 million investment in Suffolk County alone. It will be built under industry-leading project labor agreements ensuring local union labor's participation in all phases of construction. The project will be located approximately 30 miles east of Montauk, New York, with an approved transmission route connecting to the State's electricity grid at the Holbrook Substation in the Town of Brookhaven in Suffolk County.

As a mature project, Sunrise Wind has already completed all major federal and state permitting milestones and received approval of its Construction and Operations Plan (COP) from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on June 21, 2024.

This milestone builds on a series of significant offshore wind developments for the State in 2024, including the [completion](#) of the first utility-scale offshore wind farm in the U.S. Ørsted's South Fork Wind, [finalization of contracts](#) from New York's fourth offshore wind solicitation and a historic [groundbreaking](#) at the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal, which will support staging and assembly of offshore wind components and serve as an operations and maintenance hub for the Empire Wind 1 offshore wind project.

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority President and CEO Doreen M. Harris said, "I congratulate Ørsted on this momentous groundbreaking of Sunrise Wind, a catalyst for creating new family-sustaining job opportunities and bringing significant economic benefits to local communities. Today's shovels in the ground, paired with the launch of New York's fifth offshore wind solicitation, marks yet another step forward in advancing offshore wind in New York State, and realizing the potential of this powerhouse industry in accelerating the State's energy transition and growing our economy."

New York's Fifth Offshore Wind Solicitation (NY5)

Today's announcement also included the launch of New York's fifth offshore wind solicitation. The competitive solicitation, administered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), is a critical next step toward bolstering the State's growing large-scale renewable industry. The solicitation includes key provisions such as inflation indexing, labor provisions, stakeholder engagement requirements and disadvantaged community commitments that both ensures the most competitive process and brings the greatest value to all New Yorkers.

Final proposals for the offshore wind projects are due by 3:00 p.m. ET on September 9, 2024. Interested proposers can apply on NYSEDA's [website](#). A webinar will be held on July 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. ET to provide more information on the offshore wind solicitation and a future coordinated supply chain solicitation. Those interested in the webinar can register here and are encouraged to submit questions in advance to offshorewind@nyserda.ny.gov. NYSEDA will announce the results of this fifth offshore wind solicitation after contracts have been finalized and executed with awardees.

Group EVP and CEO Americas at Ørsted David Hardy said, "Sunrise Wind builds on the momentum from South Fork Wind as we deliver jobs, economic development, and clean power for hundreds of thousands of New York homes and businesses. We're successfully standing up a new American energy industry thanks to the outstanding leadership of the Hochul and Biden-Harris Administrations. We look forward to building New York's largest offshore wind project, helping the state meet its clean energy targets while strengthening the local offshore wind workforce and supply chain."

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said, "Today's groundbreaking marks the start of construction on Sunrise Wind—New York's largest job-creating and clean-energy producing offshore wind project that will change the energy landscape in New York for the better. Built with union labor, Sunrise Wind will provide clean energy for hundreds of thousands of New York homes and boost the regional economy. New York's energy needs are vast, and so is the urgent need to reduce the greenhouse gasses driving climate change, which is why I fought so hard to pass the historic Inflation Reduction Act to make projects like this possible. I'll continue working with Governor Hochul, the Biden administration, Long Island officials, labor and all stakeholders to move offshore wind and other renewable energy projects forward."

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand said, "The start of construction on the Sunrise Wind project marks a pivotal moment in New York's journey to advance clean energy across the state. The Sunrise Wind project not only is a momentous step toward a zero-emission electricity sector and delivering clean energy to New York households, but will also create hundreds of good jobs and spur economic growth throughout the state. I commend Governor Hochul for her dedication to advancing clean energy projects and I will continue to fight to secure federal resources to target air pollution and combat climate change."

U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Director Elizabeth Klein said, "Today's event is further proof that U.S. offshore wind energy is now a concrete reality. With an estimated 924 MW capacity to power hundreds of thousands of New York homes annually, Sunrise Wind represents a significant step toward achieving the Biden-Harris administration's and New York's ambitious offshore wind energy goals. BOEM is proud to join the State of New York and Ørsted in celebrating this milestone as we work together for a cleaner energy future, while providing good paying jobs and ensuring economic opportunities are accessible to all communities."

Empire State Development President CEO and Commissioner Hope Knight said, "The start of construction on Sunrise Wind marks a pivotal moment in New York's clean energy journey. This project not only advances our ambitious climate goals but also catalyzes significant economic growth, creating hundreds of good-paying jobs and driving substantial investment across the state. It's a testament to New York's leadership in the offshore wind industry and our commitment to building a sustainable, prosperous future for all New Yorkers."

Read the whole press release [here](#).

I. Opening Remarks

Tracey Edwards, LIPA Board Chair
John Rhodes, LIPA CEO

II. National Grid Ventures Operations Update

Jim Flannery, Chief Operating Officer US Northeast

III. PSEG Long Island Operations Update

Dave Lyons, Interim President and Chief Operating Officer

IV. LIPA Grant Update

Donna Mongiardo, LIPA Chief Financial Officer
Ken Kane, LIPA Senior Vice President of Investment Planning

V. Time-of-Day Rate Implementation

Suzanne Brienza, LIPA Director of Customer Experience
Steve Driscoll, LIPA Vice President of Customer Experience and Operation Services

VII. Roundtable Discussions

THANK YOU FOR SERVING ON LIPA'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD



