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# *Committee Meeting*

of

## JOINT STATE LEASING AND SPACE UTILIZATION COMMITTEE

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**LOCATION:** Committee Room 7  
State House Annex  
Trenton, New Jersey

**DATE:** June 25, 2015  
3:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Senator Nicholas P. Scutari, Chair  
Assemblyman Thomas P. Giblin  
Robert A. Romano



**ALSO PRESENT:**

Carl T. Costantino  
*Office of Legislative Services*  
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**COMMITTEE NOTICE**

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE STATE LEASING AND SPACE UTILIZATION COMMITTEE**

**FROM: SENATOR NICHOLAS P. SCUTARI, CHAIRMAN**

**DATE: June 17, 2015**

**SUBJECT: COMMITTEE MEETING – June 25, 2015**

The State Leasing and Space Utilization Committee will meet Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 3:00PM in the State House Annex, Committee Room 7 on the second floor, Trenton NJ 08625.

The public may address comments and questions to Carl T. Costantino, Committee Aide, or make status and scheduling inquiries to Mark S. Kaminski, Committee Secretary, at (609) 847-3355.

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**STATE LEASING AND SPACE UTILIZATION COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA  
JUNE 25, 2015**

TAB#	NPL#	LEASING ACTION
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**Approval of Transcription of October 16, 2014 meeting**

**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

- 1     **4673**   **Division of Child Protection & Permanency, 80 West Grand, Elizabeth, NJ**  
New ten (10) year lease with termination rights.
- 2     **4527**   **Division of Child Protection & Permanency, 53 Knightsbridge Rd.,**  
**Piscataway, NJ**  
Five (5) year extension at existing location at a reduced rental rate.
- 3     **3869**   **Division of Child Protection & Permanency, 690 Broadway, Bayonne, NJ**  
Five (5) year extension at existing location at a reduced rental rate and with termination rights.
- 4     **4674**   **Division of Child Protection & Permanency, 333 Route 9 South, Bayville, NJ**  
New lease at new location – Ten (10) year term with termination rights.

**JUDICIARY**

- 5      3264    **Chancery Divison, 10 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ**  
Five year extension.
- 6      4093    **Appellate Division, 216 Westmont Ave, Westmont, NJ**  
Short term extension at existing location pending bid process.

**DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY**

- 7      4423    **Division of Gaming Enforcement, 1300 Atlantic Ave., Atlantic City, NJ**  
Two (2) year lease extension.
- 8      4455    **Marine Police, 51 Lake Road, Wildwood, NJ**  
Five (5) year lease extension with one (1) five (5) year option.
- 9      4442    **Division of State Police, 810 Bear Tavern Road, Ewing, NJ**  
Five (5) year extension at existing location at a reduced rental rate.

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

- 10     4397    **Workers Compensation, 1386 Route 22, Lebanon, NJ**  
Five (5) year extension at existing location at a reduced rental rate.
- 11     4352    **One Stop Career Center, 75 South Main Street, Phillipsburg, NJ**  
One year extension pending relocation pending relocation.

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

- 12     4443    **Housing Assistance, 100 First Street, Hackensack, NJ**  
Five (5) year extension at existing location with a reduced rental rate.

**MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION**

- 13     1125    **Motor Vehicle Commission, Plainfield Inspection Station**  
**1600 S. Second Street, Plainfield, NJ**  
Three (3) year extension at existing location.

**DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY**

- 14     3918    **Office of the Public Defender, 20 E. Clementon Rd, Gibbsboro, NJ**  
Five (5) year extension at existing location with cost savings and expansion.
- 15     3888    **Office of the Public Defender, 5914 E. Mains Street South,**  
**Mays Landing, NJ**  
Five (5) year extension at current location with reduced rental rate and  
termination rights.

**VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES**

- 16     4523    **Children & Families, Law & Public Safety,**  
**Four Echelon Plaza, Voorhees, NJ**  
Five (5) year extension at current location reduced rental rate.
- 17     4021    **Parking for Multiple Tenants in Halsey Street sites, 606-706 Broad**  
**Street, Newark, NJ**  
Two (2) year extension with cost savings.

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**SENATOR NICHOLAS P. SCUTARI (Chair):** Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome to the Joint State Leasing and Space Utilization meeting.

Can we have a roll call?

**MR. COSTANTINO (Committee Aide):** Sure.

Senator Scutari.

**SENATOR SCUTARI:** Here.

**MR. COSTANTINO:** Assemblyman Giblin.

**ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN:** Here.

**MR. COSTANTINO:** And Deputy Treasurer Romano.

**DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO:** Here.

**MR. COSTANTINO:** Senator, you have three members in attendance. You have a quorum.

**SENATOR SCUTARI:** Great. Welcome, everyone.

We need the Open Public Meetings Act read.

**MR. COSTANTINO:** Sure.

Notice of this meeting was provided to the Secretary of State, the Trenton *Times*, and the State House Press on June 22, 2015, as part of the Open Public Information Act.

And now we need to move for the new Chairman. This is the first meeting of the year, so we need to elect a new Chair.

Do we have a motion?

**ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN:** I'll make a motion that we give an opportunity to Senator Scutari to serve as Chairman again.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Thank you, Mr. Assemblyman.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: Second.

MR. COSTANTINO: Senator Scutari.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Assemblyman Giblin.

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: And Deputy Treasurer Romano.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Senator, you have three votes in the affirmative, zero in the negative. You continue to be Chairman.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Great.

MR. COSTANTINO: Congratulations.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Thank you, everyone.

The first order of business is the approval of the October 16, 2014, meeting minutes.

Any discussion on the meeting minutes? (no response)

Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion for the--

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: I'll entertain a motion -- I'll make a motion, Mr. Chairman, for the minutes to be approved as presented.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: I'll second that.

MR. COSTANTINO: Okay.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Move and second.

Roll call, please.

MR. COSTANTINO: Sure.

Senator Scutari.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Assemblyman Giblin.

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: And Deputy Treasurer Romano.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Senator, you have three votes in the affirmative, none in the negative. The motion to approve the previous minutes of October 16 is approved.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Okay, great.

All right. Let's get down to business.

Tab No. 1, the lease for 80 West Grand Street, is being held for today's purposes. So we'll go on to the next: 2, 3, and 4 which are the remaining leases on the Department of Children and Families.

Mr. Connery.

**CHARLES J. CONNERY:** Thank you, sir.

As you said, the first three are for Children and Family; they are items 4527, 3869, and 4674.

The first one is a short-term, five-year extension in Piscataway, with a cost savings. It's a five-year lease.

The second one is on Broadway in Bayonne; that's a five-year lease where we reserve the right to vacate early since we're working with DCF to go to bid and locate a new site in the long-term.

And the third one is a long-term lease which was procured through our bid process; it's a 10-year lease which will net us substantial savings over what we're currently paying at their site in Lakewood.

If you have any questions, I'd be happy to address them.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Okay. Any questions on the proposals?

(no response)

Okay, I'll entertain that-- We do them individually, though.

MR. COSTANTINO: No, we're actually going to be approving--

SENATOR SCUTARI: Two, three, and four at the same time?

MR. COSTANTINO: We'll do 4527, 3869, and 4674. Correct, Chuck? Is that what you presented?

MR. CONNERY: Yes, correct.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Okay. So we'll take those as a grouping.

May I have a motion on those proposals?

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: I'll make a motion, Mr. Chairman.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: I second.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Move and second.

Roll call, please.

MR. COSTANTINO: Okay.

Senator Scutari.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Assemblyman Giblin.

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: And Deputy Treasurer Romano.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Senator, you have three votes in the affirmative, zero in the negative. The motion to approve NPLs 4527, 3869, and 4674 is approved.



SENATOR SCUTARI: Okay. The next two NPLs are for the Judiciary.

Mr. Connery.

MR. CONNERY: Yes, sir. Those are NPL 3264 and 4093.

The first one is a five-year lease extension with Bergen County in Hackensack, at Bergen County Courthouse. That's for the Chancery Division; that was with a modest increase to Bergen County.

The second one is a short-term extension of an Appellate Division lease in Camden County. That's being extended pending a bid process that we're currently in the midst of -- we're evaluating bids for a longer-term lease for that site.

SENATOR SCUTARI: I just have a question on the Judiciary leases, starting with No. 5.

I thought they had to provide us that space. I didn't know we leased it from the County.

MR. CONNERY: They do, but we lease it. Well, I think--

SENATOR SCUTARI: Well, that doesn't exactly make sense.

MR. CONNERY: Well, perhaps there may be a difference with the Chancery Division.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Okay.

MR. CONNERY: And actually Judiciary, I think, is represented here if they want to address that.

SENATOR SCUTARI: But the Chancery Division is just a division, just like the Civil Division and the Criminal Division. That doesn't -- that's why I wasn't really sure why we are paying for space when

I'm pretty sure that, like in Union County, the Courthouse is-- We don't lease the Union County Courthouse from the County of Union.

MR. CONNERY: I may be wrong, but I think the statute suggests that we should be in the courthouse wherever possible; but it does not require them to provide the space.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Who do you have here from the Judiciary?

MR. CONNERY: It does require them to provide security as well.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Come on up.

MR. COSTANTINO: Can you come on up and identify yourself for us, please?

**P A T R I C K N O T A R O B E R T O:** I'm Patrick Notaroberto, Administrative Supervisor with the Judiciary Facilities Management Unit.

SENATOR SCUTARI: How are you doing?

MR. NOTAROBERTO: Good.

SENATOR SCUTARI: So why--

MR. NOTAROBERTO: Statute, I think it's 2B:6-1, spells out the requirements for the space. This is for the General Equity Court, and under the statute the county is required to provide the space, but the State is obligated to pay for it.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Is that for everything?

MR. NOTAROBERTO: That's for the courtroom space -- for the leased space. The salaries and all are -- they're State employees.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Right. But I'm saying, is that for every single courthouse? I don't remember--

MR. NOTAROBERTO: No -- well, yes, yes.

SENATOR SCUTARI: So you're saying that we have a lease with them?

MR. NOTAROBERTO: Union County -- we do have a-- Yes, we do. We have a lease for General Equity.

SENATOR SCUTARI: And we're paying the County to use the space?

MR. NOTAROBERTO: Yes. Just for General Equity; that's per statute.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Just General Equity?

MR. NOTAROBERTO: Yes.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Huh.

MR. NOTAROBERTO: The State is obligated to pay for Supreme Court chambers, Appellate Division chambers, Tax Court, and General Equity. General Equity, in the courthouse, is the only thing that the State House pays for. The others are provided at the County--

SENATOR SCUTARI: And that's per statute?

MR. NOTAROBERTO: Yes.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Doesn't that seem crazy? So you get the Equity judge, sitting next to the Civil judge. We don't pay for the Civil judge's space, but we have to pay for the Chancery judge's space. Right? I mean, is that how -- that's how it works?

MR. NOTAROBERTO: Yes.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Doesn't that seem a little nonsensical?

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: What's that statute again? Excuse me, Mr. Chairman?

MR. NOTAROBERTO: It's 2B:6-1.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Doesn't that seem a little, I don't know, nonsensical?

MR. NOTAROBERTO: I'm just the facilities guy. (laughter)

SENATOR SCUTARI: I know that.

MR. COSTANTINO: He's looking to you.

SENATOR SCUTARI: That's a good one.

Well, all right, maybe it seems nonsensical to me; I don't know.

MR. NOTAROBERTO: That's been in there since I've been in Facilities for 19 years, and that's the way it's been.

SENATOR SCUTARI: I just don't remember doing one of those.

MR. NOTAROBERTO: I know when the consolidation of the courts came--

SENATOR SCUTARI: Right.

MR. NOTAROBERTO: --all the other expenses were picked up. But these are spelled out in the statute to remain there. I don't know what the history is, and why it's like that.

SENATOR SCUTARI: That might be my second idea for a bill today.

MR. COSTANTINO: Yes, sure.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Wow. Yes, I knew about the Appellate Division, and the Supreme Court, and the Tax Court; this just seems--

Okay. You have the Chancery--

MR. NOTAROBERTO: Because they're obligated to be in the courthouse, and so they have to--

SENATOR SCUTARI: Right.

MR. NOTAROBERTO: They're supposed to be there.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Right, but you would think they would give us the space. (laughter)

**P A U L C A M P A N E L L A:** (off mike) They give us security, though. They have to provide security.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Right, yes. They give us the Sheriff's Officers.

MR. CAMPANELLA: That's right.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Yes, they usually have about six per courtroom, sometimes eight if they're bored. (laughter)

Okay, all right. Well, I'm going to look into that.

Thank you very much. I appreciate that.

MR. NOTAROBERTO: You're welcome; thank you.

SENATOR SCUTARI: And obviously the Appellate Division-- I knew that before.

Okay. Any other questions? (no response)

If there are no other questions, can we get a motion to release NPLs 5 and 6?

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: I'll move it, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Thank you, Assemblyman.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: And I'll second it.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Okay -- moved and second.

Roll call, please.

MR. COSTANTINO: Sure.

Senator Scutari.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Assemblyman Giblin.

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: And Deputy Treasurer Romano.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Senator, you have three votes in the affirmative, zero in the negative. The motion is approved for NPLs 3264 and 4093.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Thank you.

Next is the Department of Public Safety.

MR. CONNERY: Thank you, sir.

The next three are for Law and Public Safety; they're NPLs 4423, 4455, and 4442.

The first is a lease in Atlantic City for the Division of Gaming Enforcement. This is a two-year extension; we're currently in the process of evaluating more global needs in Atlantic City. And we're coming up on an end-of-a-term there. We have two large leases in Atlantic City that we need to address and make sure we're sized right and can address both the staffing needs and a nice, economical lease as well.

The second one is a Marine Police lease in Wildwood that's for their boat slips for the Marine Police. And that's with a modest reduction in cost.

And the third one is the Division of State Police, and also a Criminal Division group, that occupies space in 810 Bear Tavern Road. That's a five-year extension at an existing location. We were successful in reducing the rent with our landlord.

And if there are any questions -- unless there are any questions, I submit these for your approval.

SENATOR SCUTARI: So No. 2 is just the leasing of the boat slips.

MR. CONNERY: Yes.

SENATOR SCUTARI: That would be pretty impossible to own those. (laughter)

But the question I have is the Ewing location, because I know that we've been doing more acquisition when it comes to the State Police Division headquarters. What's the status or analysis that was made with respect to this location?

MR. CONNERY: Well, this is-- At the request of Law and Public Safety, we extended this because this particular operation has worked very well for them. They've done a very good job of backfilling space on their main campus. This particular location has good synergy for them in terms of access to their main campus and to Law and Public Safety in downtown Trenton. The rental rate, we believe, is below market, and in our view this was a favorable lease for the State.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Okay.

Any other questions on the Public Safety NPLs? (no response)

Okay, seeing none, I'll entertain a motion.

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: Move it.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: I second it.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Roll call, please.

MR. COSTANTINO: Senator Scutari.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Assemblyman Giblin.

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: And Deputy Treasurer Romano.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Senator, you have three votes in the affirmative, zero in the negative. The motion to approve NPLs 4423, 4455, and 4442 carries.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Okay.

The next two NPLs are No. 10 and 11 from the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

MR. CONNERY: Thank you, sir. That's NPLs 4397 and 4352.

The first one is a Workers Comp court in Lebanon, New Jersey, which I believe you may be familiar with from our last meeting. That's a five-year lease extension. We went back to the landlord and, at the direction of Labor, we significantly reduced the size of that space and accrued further savings.

The second lease is a One-Stop Center in Phillipsburg. This is a short-term lease extension that tides us over pending a long-term lease that we've negotiated with Warren County College -- Community College, excuse me -- which is actually sort of a model that Labor is pursuing with local county colleges.

To clean up something on the record -- on Tab No. 10, 4397, that was being submitted under the Appropriation Act language, which allows us to extend leases with cost savings. There is a typo on our certification page, just so we're clear. It's minor, but it should read "2015-



2016,” where it says “2016-2017 budget;” and “2014-2015,” where it says “2015-2016.”

SENATOR SCUTARI: Okay. Now, No. 10 was the one that we had some questions on the last time.

MR. CONNERY: Yes.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Is someone here on that?

MR. CONNERY: Yes, there is. We have someone from Labor if you have any particular questions.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Hello.

**A N N T I M M O N S:** I’m Ann Timmons; I’m the Assistant Commissioner of Administrative Services for the Department of Labor.

SENATOR SCUTARI: How are you doing?

MS. TIMMONS: Okay.

SENATOR SCUTARI: So tell us about this location.

MS. TIMMONS: All right.

SENATOR SCUTARI: There was consideration to closing that location, correct?

MS. TIMMONS: Yes, there was.

Based on the questions that were asked in the previous meeting, we went back; we worked with then-Chief Judge Calderone to really analyze that site to determine whether or not it was being properly utilized, and if there were issues with the actual location. In the detailed analysis that was performed, we discovered a couple of things. One of the more significant things was that a significant number of the cases heard at Lebanon -- those claimants were actually -- their physical locations, their physical addresses were much closer to our New Brunswick office, and also

to our Mount Arlington office. But the way our system would schedule things, it dealt with zip codes. So that really did prove that the location was not ideal for the majority of the people who were actually having their court cases heard there. So we looked at that.

We also looked at the fact that over the last 10 years plus, we went from judge numbers in the 50-plus to -- we were down to only 43 judges, and we were looking at another 3 judges retiring in a very short period of time. So again, part of the analysis was: Did we have available courtrooms in our other locations to cover those cases, and would there be an administrative ease of reducing the number of court sites? Because our judges rotate from courtroom to courtroom; not all judges are assigned on a full-time basis to a singular court.

The other issue is you also have rotating groups of individuals from the Division of Risk Management when it's a State-related case, and you also have a rotating group of Deputy Attorneys General.

So our initial reaction was it made the most sense to actually eliminate this lease. But then we were asked to delve further into much more specific detail of the location of the claimants -- the litigants. And so what we actually determined, at that point, was that the Lebanon site was appropriate, particularly for those individuals -- strangely enough -- who are not New Jersey residents, but are employed in the State of New Jersey. We also looked at the fact that the immediate proximity -- what was the case load that typically occurred there. So we then determined instead of closing, if we reduced the number of courtrooms from three to one we could cover that new load. We could then -- and we actually did it -- we reprogrammed our scheduling application. Instead of just being purely zip-

code based, to be much more intelligent in its scheduling to ensure that individuals were scheduled at the courthouses that were closer to their home locations.

So again, we basically cut our square footage in half; we reduced, again, the number of courtrooms from three to one; we eliminated two of the chambers. And what we're basically going to do is have a two-judge rotation out of that courtroom, where you will have a morning judge who will then use the chambers; we're going to convert one of the conference rooms to a secondary chamber, and then we'll have another judge come in, in the afternoon.

So again, the important thing is we cut the lease in half; we negotiated a lower price for the square footage, thanks to the folks in Property Management; and we can continue to serve the clients in the immediate proximity. And those clients who live a further distance from this location will now have the opportunity to go to other sites.

SENATOR SCUTARI: I think there was one other issue as well, with the statutory requirement--

MS. TIMMONS: Yes.

SENATOR SCUTARI: --of having a Workers Comp Court in most, if not all, counties in New Jersey. But it turned out to be a pretty significant savings as a result of the analysis.

MS. TIMMONS: Yes.

SENATOR SCUTARI: I mean, we reduced the square footage usage in a courtroom from 6,800 to just 3,700, correct?

MS. TIMMONS: Yes.

SENATOR SCUTARI: How much is the change in the annual lease at this point now, from what we had to what we are? Because I just--

MR. CONNERY: Well, we are figuring we are saving \$70,000 a year, \$350,000 over the 5-year term.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Look at that -- see? We're doing some stuff.

MS. TIMMONS: And just so you know: With regards to that statutory issue, we did go and we investigated. There was a decision by the Appellate Court in 1988 that basically said you are only required to have the Workers Comp case held in the home county if the employee lives in the county, the employer lives in the county; and the accident occurred in the county at the business site, which is also in the county. And what we determined, and we've always practiced -- that if those three criteria are met, the 1988 Appellate decision clearly states that we have the ability to have a temporary site to hold that actual hearing. And the Commissioner, in consultation with some local officials throughout the County, and through other counties, has commitments from different municipalities -- things like that -- that if we ever have cases that meet those three criteria and the individual wants to have their case heard in their home county, that we have sites that we can use at either no cost or very, very minimal cost.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Okay, great.

Thank you very much.

MS. TIMMONS: Okay.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Okay, having all that new information -- and you have done some great work here -- I'll entertain a motion on NPLs 10 and 11.

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: I'll move them.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: I'll second.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Roll call.

MR. COSTANTINO: Senator Scutari.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Assemblyman Giblin.

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: And Deputy Treasurer Romano.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Senator, you have three votes in the affirmative, zero in the negative. The motion to approve for NPLs 4397 and 4352 is approved.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Thank you.

The next is the Department of Community Affairs.

MR. CONNERY: Yes, sir, that's NPL 4443 -- that's a housing unit with the Department of Community Affairs in Hackensack. It's a five-year lease extension at a reduced rental cost. Again, this is based on the budgetary language that allows us to extend leases with rental reductions. We're anticipating that there will be similar language in the upcoming budget -- the 2015-2016 budget -- and will only go forward if that language appears there.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Okay.

Any questions on that? (no response)

Seeing, none, I'll ask for a motion.

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: Move it.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: Second.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Roll call.

MR. COSTANTINO: Senator Scutari.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Assemblyman Giblin.

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: And Deputy Treasurer Romano.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Sir, you have three votes in the affirmative, zero in the negative. The motion to approve for NPL 4443 is approved.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Next is the Motor Vehicle Commission -- Plainfield Inspection Station.

MR. CONNERY: Yes, sir. This is NPL 4443 -- or, excuse me, 1125; that's Motor Vehicle Inspection Station. They have a long history at this site. They've asked us to extend this lease for an additional three years; there's a modest increase with the landlord.

And unless you have any questions, we would submit this for your approval.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Any questions on the Motor Vehicle Inspection Station? (no response)

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: Move it.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: Second.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Roll call.

MR. COSTANTINO: Senator Scutari.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Assemblyman Giblin.

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: And Deputy Treasurer Romano.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Sir, you have three votes in the affirmative, zero in the negative. The motion to approve NPL 1125 carries.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Thank you.

Next is the Department of the Treasury.

MR. CONNERY: Thank you, sir.

The next two are NPLs 3918 and 3888. The first one, NPL 3918, is the Public Defender Office in Gibbsboro, New Jersey. This is a five-year extension with cost savings, and we've added a small amount of space due to growth that has occurred in this program over the last several years.

Unless you have any questions, we would submit that one for your approval.

The second one is in Mays Landing, the Public Defender's Office. And, again, that's a five-year lease extension with cost savings. We also reserve the right to vacate a certain portion of the space to allow the Public Defender to potentially realign certain staff if they need to.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Okay.

Any questions on the Treasury? (no response)

Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion on NPL Nos. 14 and 15.

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: Move it.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: Second.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Roll call.

MR. COSTANTINO: Senator Scutari.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Assemblyman Giblin.

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: And Deputy Treasurer Romano.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Sir, you have three votes in the affirmative, zero in the negative. The motion to approve NPLs 3918 and 3888 is approved.

SENATOR SCUTARI: And finally are NPL Nos. 16 and 17.

MR. CONNERY: Yes, sir. That's NPL 4523 and 4021. NPL 4523 is a lease site for both Law and Public Safety lawyers who represent the Division of Children and Families, as well as a large block of space for the Division of Children and Families. This is a five-year lease extension at that site with substantial cost savings over that term.

The second one is a parking lease up in the City of Newark that's tied into our two large leases in Newark -- the two Halsey buildings are referred to. And that's a two-year lease; it's basically structured to coincide with our existing lease there while we sit that out. That's a lease with cost-savings as well.

SENATOR SCUTARI: I mean, that's a big building on a skinny little street that you use there. And I think you have the Concorde in there, and a number of other things.

MR. CONNERY: Yes.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Okay, all right.

Any questions on those matters? (no response)



Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion on NPLs 4523 and 4021.

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: Move it.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: Second.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Roll call, please.

MR. COSTANTINO: Senator Scutari.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Assemblyman Giblin.

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: And Deputy Treasurer Romano.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Senator, you have three votes in the affirmative, zero in the negative. The motion to approve NPLs 4523 and 4021 is approved.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Okay.

MR. COSTANTINO: And I think we have wrapped it up.

SENATOR SCUTARI: That's it. No new business or any issues? (no response)

Seeing none, I'll ask for a motion to adjourn.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: I'll move it.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Second.

Roll call.

MR. COSTANTINO: Senator Scutari.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: Assemblyman Giblin.

ASSEMBLYMAN GIBLIN: Yes.

MR. COSTANTINO: And Deputy Treasurer Romano.

DEPUTY STATE TREASURER ROMANO: Yes.

SENATOR SCUTARI: Okay; bye-bye.

**(MEETING CONCLUDED)**