



EBC Evening Program

Evolving Role of the BRA and the MEPA Office *Featuring BRA Director Golden and MEPA Director Buckley*

Wednesday, September 21, 2016
Foley Hoag LLP | Boston, Massachusetts

AGENDA

6:00 p.m. Welcome

- Daniel K. Moon, President and Executive Director, EBC
- Alicia Barton, Counsel, Foley Hoag, LLP

6:10 p.m. Update from the Boston Redevelopment Authority

- Brian Golden, Director, Boston Redevelopment Authority

*The **Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA)** is a Massachusetts public agency that serves as the municipal planning and development agency for Boston, working on both housing and commercial developments. The BRA leads and is responsible for urban planning, regulation of major real estate development, and management of significant real estate assets owned by the agency. Its primary goal is to work with Boston businesses and developers in order to provide direction for development in the city of Boston.*

6:35 a.m. Update from the Office of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act

- Deirdre Buckley, Director
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*The **MEPA Office** conducts environmental impact reviews of certain projects requiring state agency action as required by the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). On behalf of EEA Secretary Matthew Beaton, the MEPA Office conducts reviews of the environmental impacts of development projects and other activities that require one or more State Agency Actions and that exceed MEPA review thresholds, as specified in the MEPA regulations. State Agency Actions include the granting of state permits or licenses, providing state financial assistance, or transferring state-owned land.*

7:00 p.m. Panel Discussion

Moderator: Fran Hoey, Senior Vice President, Tighe & Bond

Panel Members:

- Lisa Brothers, Chairman and CEO, Nitsch Engineering, Inc.
- Michelle Landers, Executive Director, Urban Land Institute
- Erika Spanger-Siegfried, Senior Climate Analyst, Union of Concerned Scientists

8:00 p.m. Adjourn

SPEAKERS

Deirdre Buckley, Director

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Deirdre Buckley is the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Review and Director of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA). She advises EEA Secretary Matthew Beaton on the adequacy of environmental review documents and the consistency of projects with state environmental policy and regulations. She represents the Secretary in meetings with project proponents, municipalities and environmental groups and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the MEPA Office and its staff.

Deirdre has over 20 years experience in environmental policy and planning. She served as a MEPA analyst for a decade prior to her appointment as Director; reviewing more than 250 projects and assisting in the development and implementation of the MEPA Greenhouse Gas Policy and Protocol. Prior to joining MEPA, she served as the Assistant Director for Air Policy and Planning and as a Special Projects Coordinator at the Office of Coastal Zone Management.

Deirdre graduated from the University of Colorado in Boulder in 1991 with a B.A. in International Affairs and Latin American Studies. She became fluent in Spanish while studying at the University of Costa Rica in San Juan. She lives in Brookline, Massachusetts with her partner, two perfectly behaved children and a small, unruly garden.

Brian Golden, Director

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Brian Golden, in December 2014, upon the recommendation of Mayor Martin J. Walsh, became the Director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority and Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (BRA/EDIC) after receiving the approval of the agency's Board of Directors. As Director, he leads a staff of more than two hundred professionals who are responsible for urban planning and reviewing major real estate development proposals submitted to the agency. Brian was initially appointed to a senior staff position at the BRA in 2009 and served as Acting Director of the agency for most of 2014.

Brian was elected four times to the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He represented Boston's Allston-Brighton neighborhood from 1999-2005 and served as Vice Chair of both the Joint Education Committee and the Joint Government Regulations Committee. He also co-chaired the Commission on School Building Assistance, which successfully worked to overhaul the state policy that governed school construction funding.

Brian left the legislature to join the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy as a Commissioner until 2007. From there, he served as New England Regional Director of the United States Department of Health and Human Services until 2009.

Brian is a Colonel in the US Army Reserve. He was commissioned a First Lieutenant in 1993 and served on active duty until 1996. While in the Reserve, he has returned to active duty multiple times, with assignments in Bosnia (2001-2002) during the NATO-led peacekeeping mission; Iraq (2005), where he worked to reform detention operations in the wake of the Abu Ghraib scandal; Sierra Leone (2011, 2012), where he led a US team responsible for training security officials in preparation for a presidential election; and the West Bank, Jordan, and Israel (2013), where he managed an institutional reform program within the Palestinian Authority's West Bank security sector.

Brian graduated from Boston Latin School, Harvard College, and the College of William and Mary's School of Law. He also received a Master's Degree from the US Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

PANEL MODERATOR

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Fran is Tighe & Bond's Business Unit Leader directing the firm's efforts in the Renewable Energy, Education, Healthcare, and Real Estate markets. He has served in a lead design and management role for many of our largest and most complex development projects. Fran is a Director of the firm, and also sits on the Board of Directors for the Environmental Business Council (EBC) of New England, as well as the Leadership Teams for the EBC Renewable Energy Committee and the EBC Connecticut Chapter. Fran has over a decade of experience on the Board, and is currently Chairman, of a large municipal electric company with electric generation, distribution, and transmission facilities – as well as natural gas distribution, state-of-the-art LNG vaporization, and advanced fiber optic network. He was recognized by the Boston Society of Civil Engineers for his public service efforts focusing on hydroelectric, gas, electric, and energy issues with the Lester Gaynor Award. He was recently invited by Secretary Sullivan to serve on Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Adaptation Advisory Committee, which will advise the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs on how to address the potential impacts of climate change.

Fran holds professional registrations in two disciplines, civil and structural. He earned his bachelor of science in civil engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute; is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED AP); and holds professional registrations in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, and New York.

PANEL MEMBERS

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Lisa Brothers has over 29 years of experience in the design, construction, and management of roadway, site development, sustainable design, and infrastructure-related projects. As President/CEO, Lisa is responsible for the vision, growth strategy, strategic direction, and overall performance of the firm. She also serves as Principal-in-Charge of many of the firm's design projects. Lisa uses her strong technical abilities, management and people skills to make vital contributions within Nitsch Engineering, to clients of Nitsch Engineering, and to the operation of the professional engineering societies she helps lead.

A registered professional engineer in Massachusetts, Lisa is involved in a wide range of professional activities. She served as President (2010-2011) of the American Council of Engineering Companies/Massachusetts (ACEC/MA). Currently she serves on the ACEC/MA Board as National Director and also is a member of the Government Affairs Committee. She is past President (2003-2004) of WTS Boston and currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Public Art Committee. Lisa is proud to be an alumna of University of Massachusetts-Lowell (UMass-Lowell): she is a member of the Chancellor's External Advisory Board, past Chair and a member of the College of Engineering/Industrial Advisory Board, and a member of the Center for Women and Work Advisory Board. In 2006, Lisa was co-chair of the Transportation and Construction Committee for the Massachusetts Government Appointments Project (MassGAP). She was an appointed member of the Town of Wilmington Conservation Commission (1995-2005) and was an Overseer for the Boston Architectural College (2005-2008). She is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), and a Fellow of ACEC.

Lisa holds a BSCE from the University Massachusetts-Lowell, an MBA from Northeastern University, and is a 2004 graduate of ACEC National's Senior Executive Institute.

Her contributions to her community have been well recognized by a range of organizations. In 2008, Lisa was named Woman of the Year by Women's Transportation Seminar-Boston Chapter. The Boston Society of Civil Engineers presented Lisa with its 2004 Citizen Engineer Award. In 2003, UMass-Lowell recognized her contributions and presented her with the Francis Academy Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award. She was honored with a 2002 Pinnacle Award as an Emerging Executive from the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. In 2001, Lisa received the BSCES Lester Gaynor Award in recognition of her exemplary service as a public official in Wilmington, Massachusetts.

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In her role as Executive Director, Landers works with leaders in the region's real estate market and provides the Boston/New England District Council with strategic guidance. Rising through the ranks in the District Council, Landers has been responsible for member engagement and public outreach, working with members and communities in administering the District Council's Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) program to provide land use recommendations to under-resourced local governments and public agencies. Overseeing a dozen active committees and local product councils, Landers works closely with the staff, Advisory Board, Management Committee and member leaders to accomplish the goals of the organization.

Prior to joining ULI, Landers served as the manager of marketing and events for the Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce and Industry where she managed a multifaceted community marketing program and organized community and Chamber member events. Landers received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of New Hampshire. She lives in Boston with her husband.

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Erika Spanger-Siegfried, a senior climate analyst in the Climate and Energy Program at UCS, currently manages UCS's analytical work on climate impacts and preparedness, work that is intended to shed

light through new research and outreach on ongoing local impacts, current efforts to cope, and the urgency of high-level action. Erika also managed the Energy-Water Initiative (EW3), a multi-year program aimed at raising awareness of the energy-water connection, particularly in the context of climate change, and motivating and informing effective low-carbon and low-water energy solutions. Ms Spanger-Siegfried formerly managed the Northeast Climate Impacts Assessment (NECIA), a collaboration between UCS and a multi-disciplinary team of more than 50 scientists from across the region that explored future climate change in the Northeast states and the impacts on key sectors.

Prior to joining UCS in 2005, Ms. Spanger-Siegfried was an associate scientist at the Boston Center of the Stockholm Environment Institute, where for six years her work focused on understanding and building the adaptive capacity of vulnerable populations and sectors in developing countries. Earlier in her career, Ms. Spanger-Siegfried worked with the Harvard Center for Health and the Global Environment and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Environmental Laboratories. She has served on several relevant advisory bodies, including the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee.

Ms. Spanger-Siegfried has a master's degree in energy and environmental analysis from Boston University and a bachelor's degree in fisheries biology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Upcoming EBC Programs

- Sep 22: RI Chapter Program – Climate Change Implications for Infrastructure and Sea Level Rise
- Sep 27: NH Chapter Program – Managing PCB Impacted Building Materials
- Sep 29: Solid Waste Management Conference – “Talking Trash”
- Oct 4: Energy Resources Program: Wind Turbine Noise Update
- Oct 4: Program Series with MassDEP Leadership – Southeast Region Leadership Team
- Oct 5: Energy Resources Program – Massachusetts Omnibus Energy Legislation
- Oct 13: Water Resources Meeting with David Ferris, Division of Watershed Permitting
- Oct 13: Construction & Demolition Program – Understanding the Issues Involved in Demolition
- Oct 14: Energy Resources Program – Invasion of the Offshore Wind Turbines
- Oct 20: Connecticut Chapter Program – Managing PCB Impacted Building Materials
- Oct 20: EBC & LSPA Young Professionals Networking Night at Harpoon Brewery
- Oct 21: New Hampshire Chapter Program – Briefing from NH DES Divisional Leadership Team
- Oct 25: Program Series with MassDEP Leadership – Northeast Region Leadership Team
- Oct 27: RI Chapter Program – Windows on Providence – Forward Thinking Development