

RESOLUTION No. 2009-02

WHEREAS, the Task Force on the Future of Off-Track Betting in New York State ("OTB Task Force"), established by chapter 115 of the Laws of 2008 (§ 26), has formed and is meeting to fulfill its statutory duties, powers, and functions;

WHEREAS, the OTB Task Force is created to perform a purely advisory role, is not invested with decision-making authority to implement its initiatives, and does not serve as a required legal or practical step to action by any public officer or body, but is charged to advise on the future of off-track betting, an issue of public interest; and

WHEREAS, the OTB Task Force desires to foster public observance of its workings and valuable participation of the public in discharging its duties, powers, and functions;

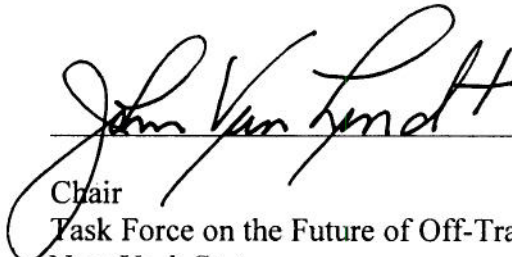
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

1. the OTB Task Force, at any official gathering for the purpose of conducting public business that it may conduct as a public body, shall conduct its public business in an open and public manner with sufficient and timely public notice and an opportunity for citizens to attend, observe, and listen to its deliberations and decisions;


2. the presiding officer of the OTB Task Force shall provide at any such public meeting a reasonable opportunity for input from members of the public in attendance, consistent with desires of the members in attendance and the need to conduct business in a reasonably expeditious manner, the meeting's purpose, decorum, and the relevance of the speaker's remarks; and

3. an audio recording of such public meetings shall be made and kept and a transcript shall be provided at reasonable cost to any person who requests it.

Adopted.



Chair
Task Force on the Future of Off-Track Betting in
New York State



Date
May 14, 2009