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*Honorable Ruben Diaz Jr., Bronx Borough President*

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**Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes**

March 19th, 2020

Members Present: Evonne Capers, Micheal Nelson, Jannie Armstrong, Virginia Bird, Matthew Martinez, Rosa Peraza, Lillie Steed, Laura James, Clarita Baillon, Margie Espinosa, Lisa Sanchez, Julisa Hamilton, Reggie Powell, Carrie Taft, Jacquetta Whaley

Economic Development: Tatiana Rivera presented on the proposed expansion of Empire State Casino to a full gaming casino. The expansion is estimated to result in an increase from 400 to 3,000 union jobs as well as \$300 million to local communities, with 25% going to The Bronx. The Yonkers City Council is supportive of the bill but ultimately, the decision will be made by the state legislature. The committee recommended approval by the full board with 9 in favor and 6 opposed.

*Honorable Ritchie Torres,*  
*City Council Member, 15<sup>th</sup> Council District*

*Honorable Rafael Salamanca,*  
*City Council Member, 17<sup>th</sup> Council District*