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Commissioner

## **New York State Natural Fiber Textile Development Workgroup**

October 11, 2023—2pm-5pm  
10B Airline Drive, Albany NY 12235, Apple Orchard Conference Room  
55 Hanson Place, Brooklyn NY, Shirley A. Chisholm State Office Building

### **Agenda**

***Natural Fiber Textile Development Workgroup Mission:*** To study, evaluate, and develop ways to increase the natural fiber textile industry's contribution to the NYS economy and increase private investment in the industry within, and outside of, New York State.

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Commissioner Richard Ball, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets  
Nicole Leblond, Deputy Commissioner, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets  
Allison Argust, Director of Industry Development, Empire State Development

#### **2. Review Statute**

Kathryn Davis, Workgroup Coordinator, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

#### **3. Open Meetings Law\***

Katie Howard, Counsel's Office, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets  
Review of Extraordinary Circumstances Resolution

#### **4. Information on Empire State Development Programs**

Allison Argust, Director of Industry Development, Empire State Development

#### **5. Overview of Division Programs for Fiber Producers**

Kathryn Davis, Workgroup Coordinator, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

#### **6. Natural Fiber Textile Development Discussion**

Kathryn Davis, Workgroup Coordinator, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

#### **7. Break**

#### **8. Innovative Solutions Discussion**

Kathryn Davis, Workgroup Coordinator, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

#### **9. Next Steps**

Kathryn Davis, Workgroup Coordinator, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

#### **10. Closing Remarks**

Commissioner Richard Ball, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

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