



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, Warren County (EDC)
Minutes of February 14, 2024, Meeting of the Board of Directors

Present:

Mitch Amado – Chair/Treasurer
Kathy Muncil – Vice Chair/Chair of Audit & Finance Committee
Laura Ladu – Secretary
Dr. Kristine Duffy – Representative, SUNY Adirondack
Mike Wild – Representative, Warren County
Judy Calogero – Representative, City of Glens Falls
Sue Corney – Director/Chair of Governance Committee
Melanie Weber, (g)row
Ashley Walden, ORDA

Absent:

Mike McLarty – Finch Paper
John Strough – Representative, Town of Queensbury

Guests: Nathan Etu, Town of Queensbury

Staff:

Jim Siplon – President
John Wheatley – Vice President
Diane Dumouchel – Director, Finance
Tricia Hartle – Economic Development Coordinator
Autumn Shaughnessy – EDC Intern

On February 14, 2024, the Board of Directors for the Economic Development Corporation met in person at 11 South Street, Suite 201 Board of Directors Meeting. The following items were discussed:

1. **Welcome & Call to Order:** 8:02 a.m. Chair Amado welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.
2. **Reports of Committees:**
Audit & Finance Committee: Chair Kathy Muncil provided a report on the Audit & Finance Committee meeting held on February 13, 2024, reviewing the January 2024 Financials, including Assets and Liabilities and P&L.

Governance Committee: Chair Corney provided a report on the Governance Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2024. The Committee is recommending the appointment of Ashley Walden, CEO & President of ORDA, replacing retiring CEO & President of ORDA Michael Pratt. Resolution before the EDC Board. Briefly reviewed discussion about press releases – more detailed below by President Siplon; reviewed 2024 EDC membership.

3. **President/Staff Report:** President Jim Siplon discussed dialogue with the Governor's office, offering Warren County as a venue to host the Governor's Budget in the next 4-6 weeks and is proposing SUNY ADK host the event.

President Siplon highlighted a gathering of regional peers, including the IDA, various economic development leaders and groups and Chambers of Commerce for Washington, Warren and Saratoga counties to advance some ideas in response to the recent closure(s) and next steps.

He further discussed the draft Press Releases of announcing the appointments of the EDC Board of Directors as well as EDC Membership Campaign and other points of interest and expressed continued releases of relevance to draw on accomplishments and responsibilities of the EDC Warren County.

Vice President Wheatley provided monthly report on business activity by category and outreach & engagement activity with large employers.

4. **Approvals/Resolutions:**

The following were approved by unanimous vote and passed unanimously:

- January 2024 Financials – motion made by Kathy Muncil, seconded by Laura Ladu
- January 17, 2024 EDC BOD Meeting Minutes – motion made by Judy Calogero, seconded by Laura Ladu
- Resolution No. 20240214-1 to Appoint Ashley Walden to the EDC Board of Directors – motion made by Sue Corney, seconded by Laura Ladu.

5. **Other Business:** none

6. **Executive Session:** None

7. **Adjournment:** Upon no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Sue Corney seconded by Laura Ladu and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 a.m.