



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, Warren County (EDC)

Minutes of November 21, 2023 Meeting of the Board of Directors

Present:

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

John Strough – Representative, Town of Queensbury

Mike McLarty – Finch Paper

Absent:

Mitch Amado – Chair/Treasurer

Staff:

Jim Siplon – President

John Wheatley – Vice President

Diane Dumouchel – Finance & Compliance Director

Tricia Hartle – Economic Development Coordinator

Public:

David Dammerman, The Grove Venture Lab

Melanie Weber, (g)row

On November 21, 2023, 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:** at 8:03a.m. Vice Chair Muncil welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.
2. **Reports of Committees:**
Audit & Finance Committee: Vice Chair Muncil provided a report on the Audit & Finance Committee meeting held on November 14, 2023, including the Committee's discussion regarding the higher cost of the EDC Annual Luncheon and the appropriateness of categorizing this as an investment. The event set the stage going forward for the future. Vice Chair Muncil also reported on the committee's discussion regarding the County's budget process and depending on the approved allocation, the EDC may need to revisit the budget that was approved for the PARIS report for October 1st.

Governance Committee: Chair Corney provided a report on the Governance Committee Meeting held on November 15, 2023. The 2024 EDC BOD Calendar was brought up and recommended by the Committee to change the date from the third Tuesday of the month to the third Wednesday of the month avoiding conflicts with other local Chambers and organizations. Board moved to approve the revised schedule (see resolution below). The Governance committee also advanced the recommendation to appoint Melanie Fronhofer Weber to the EDC Board of Directors, filling the unexpired term of Libby Correno to May 1, 2026. See Resolution below. Chair Corney summarized the discussion regarding the 2024 Membership Campaign to include additional information on areas of economic impact and next steps on the freshwater center concept in the packets. Going out the week after Thanksgiving.

3. **President/Staff Report**: President Jim Siplon and Vice President John Wheatley provided a short presentation on active business activity as well as new areas of focus to include Freshwater Economic Impact; Housing Advancement; Microbusiness & Entrepreneurial; North Country Hydro Collaborative; Broadband & Celler Gap strategy and regional Biomed Growth & Support.

President Siplon discussed efforts to pursue a housing collaboration with Warren County and Microbusiness engagement.

4. **Approvals/Resolutions**:
Resolution to adopt the 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule motion made by Kathy Muncil, seconded by Dr. Kris Duffy, approved by unanimous vote.

The following were approved by unanimous vote; motion made by Judy Calogero, seconded by Laura Ladu:

- October 2023 Financials
- October 17, 2023 EDC BOD Meeting Minutes
- Resolution to appoint Melanie Weber to the EDC Board

Resolution No. 20231121 -1 Adopt 2024 BOD meeting schedule.

Resolution No. 20231121-2 – to Appoint Melanie Weber to the EDC Board of Directors

5. **Other Business**: none
6. **Executive Session**: None
7. **Adjournment**: Upon no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by John Strough, seconded by Laura Ladu and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m.