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FACT SHEET

Columbia Economic Development Corporation 2018 Organizational Meeting

Hudson, NY – The annual organizational meeting of Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) was held on January 30, 2018 at 4303 Route 9, Hudson, New York 12534.

CEDC Board Members present were Tony Jones, David Fingar, Richard Bianchi, Sarah Sterling, Ruth Adams, James Champion, Patricia Finnegan, Triona Fritsch, John Lee, Gary Spielmann, Colin Stair and Maria Suttmeier. Also present were CEDC President and CEO F. Michael Tucker, CEDC Counsel Andrew B. Howard, and CEDC staff members Lisa Drahusuk, Martha Lane, Erin McNary, Edward Stiffler and Carol Wilber.

The Board of Directors unanimously passed the 2018 Annual Housekeeping Resolution, which included the following:

1. **Confirmation of Regular Corporation Meeting Schedule.** The 2018 Corporate Meeting Schedule to be the last Tuesday every month at 8:30 a.m. The Board of Directors meeting dates are:

January 30, 2018 – Annual Re-Organization Meeting

February 27, 2018

March 27, 2018

April 17, 2018

April 24, 2018 – Annual Meeting

May 22, 2018

June 26, 2018

July 31, 2018

August 28, 2018

September 25, 2018

October 23, 2018

November 27, 2018

December 18, 2018

2. **Election of Officers of the Corporation.** With full board approval, the board voted to keep the same slate of officers as the previous year, the officers and appointments are as follows:

Tony Jones, Chairman

David Fingar, Vice Chairman

Richard Bianchi, Treasurer

Sarah Sterling, Secretary

3. **Appointment of President and Chief Executive Officer.** F. Michael Tucker of Tucker Strategies, Inc. was re-elected to serve as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation with Full Board in agreement.
4. **Appointment of Accounting Firm.** Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci CPA's, P.C. was appointed the accounting firm for the Corporation.
5. **Appointment of Corporate Counsel.** Freeman Howard, P.C. was appointed counsel to the Corporation.
6. **Appointment of Bank of the Corporation and Accounts.** The Corporation's Depositories were appointed for the year 2018.
7. **Approval and Confirmation of Corporate Policies.** Approved with Full Board agreement:

Board Reimbursement and Attendance Policy
Code of Ethics
Conflict of Interest
Defense and Indemnification of Officers and Employees
Employee Manual
Equal Employment Opportunities
Financial Disclosure Policy
Investment Policy
Loan Policy Manual
Minority and Women Business Enterprise Policy
Procurement Policy
Property Disposition Policy
Record Retention Policy
Whistleblower Policy

8. **Appointment of Committee Members.** The 2018 committee assignments were appointed for the following committees: Executive Committee, Audit & Finance Committee, Governance & Nominating Committee, Loan Committee, and the Workforce & Education Committee.

Board Chairman Tony Jones presented the Chairman's Report, which included updates on current job growth figures, Hudson DRI and ongoing projects throughout the county.

President F. Michael Tucker presented the 2017 Annual President's Report, which outlined the corporation's accomplishments and successes of the previous year.

The Board of Directors voted to approve CEDC's contract with the Columbia County Board of Supervisors.

The meeting concluded with a presentation of the Corporation's new website by Tom Williams and Chris Lastovicka of Paradox Consulting.

Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC), the leading economic development organization in Columbia County, is committed to strengthening the county's tax base through economic development and job creation while maintaining the quality of life so desired by the people who live and work here. For more information about CEDC's programs and services, visit our website at www.columbiaedc.com.