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Columbia Economic Development Corporation

**MINUTES**  
**COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**Annual Members Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 14, 2020**  
**Via ZOOM**

The annual meeting of the Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) Members was held Via Zoom on October 14, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 8:00am. by David Fingar, Chair of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Fingar welcomed the attendees to the CEDC 2020 Annual Members Meeting. He acknowledged the sponsors of the event and thanked CEO/President F. Michael Tucker, Board and staff. He thanked Chairman of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors, Matt Murell for the support received over the past year. Mr. Fingar then introduced Chairman Murell as the next speaker. Chairman Murell thanked CEDC on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for their assistance and noted the County as a whole was being challenged by the pandemic.

Mr. Murrell was followed by speakers: Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul; Mayor of the City of Hudson, Kamal Johnson; NYS Senator Daphne Jordan, NYS Assemblywoman Didi Barrett and National Grid's Economic Developer- Katie Newcombe.

Mr. Tucker thanked the speakers and reviewed CEDC's past year. He outlined CEDC's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, all done in conjunction with their partners. He noted the road ahead would not be easy. He thanked the Board of Supervisors, Board and Staff. Mr. Tucker then introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Carlee Drummer, Columbia Greene Community College President.

Mr. Tucker then turned the meeting over to Chair David Fingar for the business portion of the meeting. Mr. Fingar called for a motion to approve the Annual Meeting minutes of April 2019. *Ms. Sterling made a motion seconded by Mr. Stickles, to approve the minutes as presented. Carried.*

Mr. Fingar presented CEDC Treasurer, John Lee to present the annual Treasurer's Report. Mr. Lee gave an overview of the past year's financials. He directed attendees to the CEDC website for the 2019 audited financials.

Mr. Fingar presented Gary Spielmann to present the Slate of Directors. Mr. Spielmann stated the Governance and Nominating Committee presented the following slate of directors to the corporate members for approval:

Collin Brown – Columbia Tree Service

Richard Cummings III – Mulhern Gas

Kenneth Leggett – Ken Leggett Contracting

Eric Mortenson – Pulver Glass  
Brian Stickle – The Bank of Greene County

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sterling to approve the slate of officers as presented for a three year term expiring on May 1, 2023. Carried.

Mr. Fingar thanked all those who attended, the Columbia County Board of Supervisors, meeting sponsors, corporate members, and the CEDC Board members  
The meeting adjourned at 9:06am.

*Respectfully submitted by Lisa Draushuk*

membership	attendance	Last Name	First Name	Company
	x	518-392-7701		
	x	518-469-7768		
	x	518-598-7267		
	x	518-755-9022		
	x	518-851-3916		
	x	518-943-2600		
	x	518-965-8911		
x	x	Adams	Ruth	Art Omi
x	x	bassin	art	town of ancram
	x	Beaury	Robert	Town of Germantown
x	x	Blass	Kenneth	Blass Marketing
	x	Bucci	Michael	UHY LLP
x	x	Calvin	Jim	New York Association of Convenience Stores
	x	Caponera	Ronald	Columbia County
	x	Chameides	Michael	Columbia County Board of Supervisors
	x	Chameides	Emily	Hudson Area Association Library
	x	Cocroft	Christopher	
x	x	Cummings	Rick	Mulhern Gas
	x	Cutler	Dru	Spaceman Sound
	x	Daverington	Kianga	Daverington PLLC
	x	DeFeo	Eric	
	x	DePietro	Thomas	Hudson Common Council President
x	x	Dillon	Tambra	Hudson Opera House, Inc.
	x	Donellan	Armen	Hudson Jazzworks Inc.
	x	Drahusuk	Lisa	CEDC
x	x	Drummer	Carlee	Columbia-Greene Community College
x	x	Fingar	David	Mid Hudson Cablevision
	x	Frishkopf	John	Klocke Estate Holdings
x	x	Hemmerlein	Jennifer	Friends of Clermont
x	x	Howard	Andrew	Freeman Howard
x	x	Isaacs	Margot	The Olana Partnership
	x	Johnson	Kamal	Mayor, City of Hudson
x	x	Jones	Tony	Roe Jan Publishing
	x	Keeler	PJ	Columbia County Treasurer
x	x	Keeler	Brian	Columbia Memorial Health
x	x	Kiplinger	Jeffrey	Jeffrey Kiplinger LLC
	x	Komarnicki	Vanessa	NYS Assemblymember Didi Barrett's Office
	x	Lane	Martha	Columbia Economic Development Corporation
x	x	Lapenn	James	Unaffiliated
x	x	Lee	John	Saturn Industries, Inc.
	x	Long	Sidney	
	x	Lull	Maria	Schoenfeld French & Lull Real Estate
	x	Mackerer	Kelly	PS21: Performance Spaces for the 21st Century
x		Malone Jackson	Lisa	Shaker Museum
	x	Martin	Randall	
	x	McNary	Erin	CEDC
	x	McTiernan	Veronica	Friends of Copake Grange #935
	x	Musmann	Linda	
x	x	Nardone	Christopher	Columbia Greene Workforce NY
	x	Nitschke	Ian	Peggy Lampman Real Estate
	x	Petraglia	Alexandre	Hudson City Digital
	x	Prashad	D. Savi	RISA Management Corp.
	x	Rich	Ronald	Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail
	x	Roumier	Etienne	Hudson Valley Creamery
	x	Sanborn	Stephen	Roving actors' Repertory Ensemble Inc.
x	x	Sawyer	Sean	The Olana Partnership
	x	Sears	Moriah	New Lebanon Library
	x	Seftner	Lynn	Questar III
	x	Sioussat	Pierce	Bioforce USA
x	x	Spielmann	Gary	Kinderhook Memorial Library
	x	Spro	Edward	Morvillo Abramowitz Grand Iason & Anello P.C.
x	x	Sterling	Sarah	House Hudson Valley
x	x	Stickles	Brian	The Bank of Greene County
	x	Stiffler	Edward	Columbia Economic Development Corp.
x	x	Torchia	Michael	Sickler, Torchia Allen & Churchill CPA's PC
	x	Trombley	Jane	City of Hudson / Common Council
	x	Tucker	Michael	Columbia Economic Development Corporation
x	x	Vanderlan	Christine	Columbia Land Conservancy
	x	Vaughn	Natasha	The Register Star
	x	Wellman	Madison	Congressman Antonio Delgado's Office
	x	Wilber	Carol	CEDC
	x	Wordon	Gunnar	NY assembly
	x	Zweig	Brian	
	x		Donal	
	x		David	