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Meeting Minutes
COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
GOVERNANCE and NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 12, 2021
One Hudson City Centre, Suite 301
Hudson, New York

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Columbia Economic Development Corporation Governance and Nominating Committee was held on May 12, 2021 at 8:30am for the purpose of discussing any matters that may be presented to the Committee for consideration. This meeting was not open to the public due to COVID-19, but they may attend and participate in the meeting via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 8:33am by James Calvin, Acting Chair.

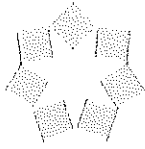
Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived/Departed
James Calvin	Committee Member	Present via Zoom	
David Fingar	Committee Member	Excused	
James Lapenn	Committee Member	Present via Zoom	
Kenneth Leggett	Committee Member	Present via Zoom	
Sarah Sterling	Committee Member	Present via Zoom	
F. Michael Tucker	President/CEO	Present via Zoom	
Andy Howard	Counsel	Present via Zoom	
Lauren Cranna	Business Development Partner	Present via Zoom	
Lisa Drahushuk	Administrative Supervisor	Present via Zoom	
Martha Lane	Business Development Director	Present via Zoom	
Cat Lyden	Admin/Bookkeeping Assistant	Present via Zoom	
Erin McNary	Bookkeeper	Present via Zoom	
Tarah Gay	CEDC Board Member	Present via Zoom	
Anita Otey	CEDC Board Member	Present via Zoom	

Minutes:

Ms. Sterling made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lapenn to approve the minutes of April 19, 2021. Carried.

CEDC Board Terms and Vacancies:

Mr. Tucker reviewed the groups and the members contained in each. He noted Group 1 currently had 2 vacancies. Mr. Calvin asked if the document required approval. Mr. Tucker referred the question to Mrs. Drahushuk. She explained that the sheet distributed was for informational services only. It served to show the committee the current and upcoming vacancies due to term limits as outlined by the CEDC By-Laws. Mr. Tucker stated he and Mr. Howard would review the by-laws to determine if the term limits would apply to the corporation officers as well as the directors.



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Committee Assignments New Board Members:

Mr. Tucker stated Mr. Fingar was reaching out to the new Board members. He stated the new board members would be invited to attend all Committee meetings until they were formally assigned a committee. He stated the assignments would be made in the near future.

CEDC Strategic Planning:

Mr. Tucker noted the four pillars of the earlier strategic plans were still viable. He felt reviewing the allocation of resources under each objective and task under each pillar would be important. He felt it was important to better define what CEDC is doing.

Mr. Tucker stated he had contacted Mary Ellen O'Loughlin who had been retained in the past. He stated he would be reviewing other candidates as well for the task. He stated he would circulate the current Strategic Plan to the Board in advance of the CEDC Full Board meeting.

Other Business:

Mr. Tucker stated the Governor had announced round ten of the Regional Economic Development Council competition with \$750 million in state funding, with \$200 million of which is available to capital driven projects. He stated the deadline was July 30th.

Mr. Tucker stated the County had reached out to him to discuss a process that would enable the gaps in the county broadband coverage to be identified. He noted the County wished to be able to identify those without broadband, the cost of getting them broadband and an option for providing them with broadband from a different provider if their current provider was unwilling or unable. He stated it appeared the County would ask CEDC to undertake the project which would be covered by an additional contract. He stated the expectation was CEDC would engage a consultant and oversee that consultant to do the broadband work. He noted currently there were two groups interested in the project. He noted there would be additional details at the full board meeting on May 25th.

Mr. Calvin thanked Ms. Otey and Ms. Gay for attending the meeting. *Having no further business and no public comments, the committee meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Ms. Sterling. Carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Dralushuk