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## **COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION NOTICE OF MEETING**

Please take notice that there will be a meeting of the Columbia Economic Development Corporation Governance and Nominating Committee held on May 12, 2021 at 8:30am, Via ZOOM for the purpose of discussing any matters that may be presented to the Committee for consideration. Join Zoom meeting:

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Dated: May 12, 2021

Sarah Sterling, Secretary, Columbia Economic Development Corporation

### **CEDC Governance and Nominating Committee Agenda**

#### **Chairman:**

#### **Members:**

James Calvin

David Fingar

James Lapenn

Kenneth Leggett

Sarah Sterling

1. Minutes, April 19, 2021\*
2. CEDC Board Terms and Vacancies
3. Committee Assignments New Board Members
4. CEDC Strategic Planning
5. Other Business
6. Public Comment

#### **Attachments:**

Draft April 19, 2021 Minutes

CEDC Board Terms and Vacancies

\* Requires Approval



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**Meeting Minutes  
COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
GOVERNANCE and NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
Monday, April 19, 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 April 19, 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 8:30am by Gary Spielmann, Chair.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived/Departed
James Calvin	Committee Member	Excused	
David Fingar	Committee Member	Present via Zoom	
James Lapenn	Committee Member	Present via Zoom	
Kenneth Leggett	Committee Member	Excused	
Gary Spielmann	Committee Chair	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	
Natasha Vaughn	Register Star	Present via Zoom	

**Minutes:**

*Mr. Fingar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lapenn to approve the minutes of February 17, 2021. Carried.*

**Board Candidate Interviews:**

Mr. Spielmann noted the Committee would be interviewing three candidates for the current vacancies. He introduced Anita Otey to the Committee. Ms. Otey gave an overview about her community involvement and interests. *Mr. Fingar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lapenn to enter into Executive Session under Section 105 of the Public Officers Law for the purpose of: the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or*



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*corporation. Carried. Executive Session was entered at 8:51am. Mr. Fingar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sterling to exit Executive Session. Carried. Executive Session was exited at 9:01am.*

Mr. Spielmann welcomed Tarah Gay to the meeting. Ms. Gay gave an over view of her businesses and her business experience. Mr. Tucker gave an overview of the Board terms and the loan program. *Mr. Fingar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sterling to enter Executive Session under Section 105 of the Public Officers Law for the purpose of: the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Carried. Executive Session was entered into at 9:19am. Mr. Fingar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lapenn to exit Executive Session. Executive Session was ended at 9:30am.*

## **2020/2021 County Contract:**

Mr. Tucker described the process he had gone through the previous year for the annual county contract, dealing with the reduced amount paid to CEDC by the County. Mr. Tucker asked if the 2021 County Contract could be approved subject to Mr. Howard's approval. *Mr. Fingar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sterling to recommend the draft contract as presented to the full board. Carried.*

Mr. Tucker stated the County had also asked that the 2020 County contract be approved as amended to reflect the reduction in the County contribution for 2020. *Mr. Lapenn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fingar to recommend the amended contract as outlined by Mr. Tucker to the full board. Carried.*

## **Board Candidate Interviews con't:**

Mr. Spielmann welcomed Mr. Molinski to the meeting. Mr. Fingar noted he had known Mr. Molinski for a number of years. Mr. Molinski outlined his background, businesses and noted his passion for assisting other business people. *Mr. Fingar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sterling to enter Executive Session under Section 105 of the Public Officers Law for the purpose of: the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Carried. Executive Session was entered into at 9:50am. Mr. Fingar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lapenn to exit Executive Session. Carried. Executive Session was ended at 9:54am*

*Ms. Sterling made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lapenn to recommend all three candidates to the full board for consideration. Carried.*

Mr. Fingar thanks Mr. Spielmann for guiding the process.

*Having no further business and no public comments, the committee meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Fingar, seconded by Mr. Lapenn. Carried.*

*Respectfully submitted by Lisa Draushuk*