

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE
ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

MEETING: June 3, 2021, at Erie County Industrial Development Agency (the “ECIDA” or “Agency”), meeting held via phone conference. Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order 202.1, as amended from time to time, issued in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, suspended Article 7 of the Public Officers Law to the extent necessary to permit any public body to take actions without permitting in public in-person access to such meetings and authorized such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or other similar service, provided the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceedings and that the meeting is recorded and transcribed.

LIVE STREAMED: This meeting is being live-audio streamed and made accessible on the Agency’s website at www.ecidany.com.

PRESENT: Denise Abbott; Hon. April Baskin; Rev. Mark Blue; Colleen DiPirro; Hon. William Krebs; Richard Lipsitz; Brenda W. McDuffie; Glenn Nellis; David State; Lavon Stephens; Paul Vukelic and Maria Whyte

EXCUSED: Bryon W. Brown; Johanna Coleman and Laura Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: John Cappellino, President & CEO; Mollie Profic, Chief Financial Officer; Karen M. Fiala, Vice President/Secretary; Grant Lesswing, Business Development Officer; Brian Krygier, Systems Analyst; Carrie Hocieniec, Administrative Coordinator; Robbie Ann McPherson, Director of Marketing and Communications; Jamee Lanthier, Compliance Officer; Beth O’Keefe, Business Development Officer; Atiqa Abidi, Assistant Treasurer and Robert Murray, Esq., General Counsel/Harris Beach PLLC

GUESTS: Alex Carducci on behalf of the City of Buffalo; Lisa Hicks on behalf of the City of Buffalo; Seth Piccirillo on behalf of the Buffalo Niagara Partnership

There being a quorum present at 9:02 a.m., the Meeting of the Policy Committee was called to order by Mr. Lipsitz.

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 13, 2021 Policy Committee meeting were presented. Upon motion made by Mr. Nellis to approve of the minutes, and seconded by Mr. Blue, the aforementioned Policy Committee meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

PROJECT MATRIX

Mr. Lipsitz reviewed the Agency's Project Matrix. Mr. Lipsitz directed that the report be received and filed.

SOLAR PILOTS

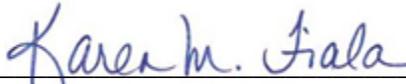
Mr. Cappellino reviewed recent amendments to the New York IDA Act and to the NY Real Property Tax Law that encourage renewal energy project investment, including solar and wind, and that specifically define same as eligible for IDA financial assistance. Mr. Cappellino reviewed taxation treatment of solar projects through the NY Real Property Tax Law Section 487 law, and discussed IDA PILOT treatment of same, via a per mega-watt fee, by providing examples of PILOT schedules throughout the state. Mr. Cappellino also discussed general concepts and ideas that the IDA should consider as it develops a Renewal Energy System policy to provide predictability for solar/wind investors that may seek ECIDA assistance. General discussion ensued. Mr. Lipsitz then asked Agency staff to prepare a draft policy/guidance for consideration at the next Policy Committee.

MWBE UPDATE

Ms. Whyte provided an update to members.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Lipsitz adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Dated: June 3, 2021



Karen M. Fiala, Secretary