

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
(RDC)**

- DATE AND PLACE:** November 18, 2020, held via telephone 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 Board meeting is being live-streamed and made accessible on the Erie County Industrial Development Agency website at www.ecidany.com.
- PRESENT:** Rev. Mark E. Blue, Hon. Bryon W. Brown, Hon. Joseph Emminger, Hon. Brian Kulpa, Richard Lipsitz, Hon. Glenn R. Nellis, Hon. Mark C. Poloncarz, Hon. Darius G. Pridgen, Sister Denise Roche and Kenneth A. Schoetz
- EXCUSED:** Denise Abbott, Hon. Diane Benczkowski, James Doherty, Dottie Gallagher, Hon. Howard Johnson, Tyra Johnson, Brenda W. McDuffie, Renee Wilson and Art Wingerter
- OTHERS PRESENT:** John Cappellino, President & CEO; Mollie Profic, Chief Financial Officer; Karen M. Fiala, Vice President/Secretary; Atiqah Abidi, Assistant Treasurer; Gerald Manhard, Chief Lending Officer; Beth O’Keefe, Business Development Officer; Grant Lesswing, Business Development Officer; Brian Krygier, Systems Analyst; Carrie Hocieniec, Administrative Coordinator; Lori Szewczyk, Director of Grants; Robbie Ann McPherson, Director, Marketing & Communications, and Robert G. Murray, Esq., General Counsel/Harris Beach PLLC
- GUESTS:** Andrew Federick, Erie County Senior Economic Development Specialist and Deputy County Executive Maria Whyte

There being a quorum present at 12:57 p.m., the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Buffalo and Erie County Regional Development Corporation was called to order by Mr. Lipsitz who presided over the meeting in the absence of Chair McDuffie.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 28, 2020 meeting of the members were presented. Mr. Pridgen moved and Mr. Nellis seconded, to approve of the minutes. Mr. Lipsitz called for the vote, and the minutes were then unanimously approved.

REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS/INFORMATION ITEMS


M&T Bank Resolution. Ms. Profic outlined a request for approval for a new RDC bank account with M&T Bank. As a sub-recipient of Federal CARES Act Funding, the RDC must establish a separate bank account for the receipt and disbursement of these funds. M&T Bank's standard public funds resolution is included herein and made a part of these minutes. The signers on this account will be the same signers who are authorized as signers for the other RDC bank accounts. Establishing this account will allow the RDC to begin accepting funds and closing loans under this program, providing much needed capital to the local business community.

Mr. Kulpa moved and Sister Denise seconded to approve the M&T Bank Public Funds Resolution. Mr. Lipsitz called for the vote and the motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Lipsitz then tabled the remaining items on the agenda to the next meeting on December 16, 2020.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Lipsitz adjourned the meeting of the Agency at 12:56 p.m.

Dated: November 18, 2020



Karen M. Fiala, Secretary