

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

- DATE:** December 2, 2021
- LIVE STREAMED:** This meeting is being live-audio streamed and made accessible on the Agency's website at [www.ecidany.com](http://www.ecidany.com).
- PRESENT:** Rev. Mark Blue; Johanna Coleman; Colleen DiPirro; Hon. William Krebs; Richard Lipsitz; Hon. Glenn Nellis; Laura Smith; David State; Lavon Stephens; and Maria Whyte
- EXCUSED:** Denise Abbott; Hon. April Baskin; Hon. Bryon W. Brown; Brenda W. McDuffie and Paul Vukelic
- OTHERS PRESENT:** John Cappellino, President & CEO; Beth O'Keefe, Vice President of Operations; Mollie Profic, Chief Financial Officer; Jamee Lanthier, Compliance Officer; Grant Lesswing, Director of Business Development; Atiqa Abidi, Assistant Treasurer; Robbie Ann McPherson, Director, Marketing & Communications; Brian Krygier, Director of Operations Technology; Carrie Hocieniec, Operations Assistant; Pat Smith, Senior Bookkeeper; and Robert G. Murray, Esq., General Counsel/Harris Beach PLLC
- GUESTS:** Alex Carducci and Lisa Hicks, on behalf of City of Buffalo

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 November 4, 2021 Policy Committee meeting were presented. Upon motion made by Mr. Nellis to approve of the minutes, and seconded by Mr. Krebs, the aforementioned Policy Committee meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**PROJECT MATRIX**

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

At this point in time, Mr. Blue joined the meeting.

## **UNIFORM TAX EXEMPT POLICY AMENDMENT**

Mr. Cappellino reviewed the requirement for, and history of the Countywide Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (“UTEF”), including rationale for same and amendments made, from time to time, to the UTEF in 2001, 2010 and thereafter.

At this point in time, Ms. Whyte joined the meeting.

General discussion ensued. Mr. Cappellino confirmed that a subsequent meeting will be had with the IDA Leadership Counsel and notices of the UTEF amendment will be sent to affected taxing jurisdictions soliciting input with a goal of approving the UTEF amendment effective date of March 1, 2022.

## **MWBE UPDATE**

Ms. Whyte presented members with an update on the draft MWBE Policy.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Lipsitz adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Dated: December 2, 2021

  
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Gerald Manhard, Assistant Secretary