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## MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Directors  
September 3, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance was held at 4:31 P.M. on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, in the Legislative Chamber, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair St., Kingston, NY 12401.

The following Board Members were present:

Lisa Berger Vice Chair  
Brian Woltman  
Marc Rider  
Lynn Archer  
Ward Todd  
Burton Gulnick Jr.

Chief Financial Officer:

Christopher J. Rioux, CPA, Deputy Commissioner of Finance

Ulster County Office of Economic Development Staff:

Suzanne Holt  
Andrew Zink

Additional Attendees:

Dennis Doyle Director of Planning  
Geddy Sveikauskas Hudson valley One  
Steve Kelly Ellenville Regional Hospital  
John Gavaris Ellenville Regional Hospital  
Victoria Reid Ellenville Regional Hospital

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Lisa Berger at 4:31 P.M.

## MINUTES

**Motion:** Marc Rider, seconded by Lynn Archer, moved to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2019 meeting. A copy of said minutes are on file.

**Vote:** The motion was adopted.

## FINANCIALS

Lynn Archer followed up on Mad Batters being late on their July and August loan payments. Andrew Zink informed the Board he reached out to Mad Batters multiple times about the late payments with no response. The Board had a general discussion about how to handle these situations in the future. CJ stated that late fees are charged for missed payments as deterrence.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

## PRESENTATION

Steve Kelly, Victoria Reid, and John Gavaris presented on the various renovations the Ellenville Hospital is moving forward with. They reviewed some of the programs the hospital offers and how expanded office space for staff can improve services. Steve asked the Board to consider reopening the Ellenville Million fund. The Hospital did not apply for several reasons with one of them being that former Chair Lonstein was on their hospital board and he saw it as a conflict of interest to apply for EM funds while she was Chairing the UCEDA Board. John Gavaris stated that the estimated cost of the project will be \$188,510.00. Steve Kelly emphasized that these renovations will occur no matter what, but the financial assistance from the EM fund will go a long way.

### **Ellenville Million Contract Reopening**

**Motion:** Brian Woltman, seconded by Burt Gulnick Jr., moved to reopen the Ellenville Million fund to accept new contracts.

**Vote:** The motion was adopted.

### **Ellenville Million "Healthcare" Category**

**Motion:** Marc Rider, seconded by Lynn Archer, moved to have staff draft a resolution requesting the legislature to add a "Healthcare" category to the Ellenville Million fund not to exceed \$188,510.00.

**Amended Motion:** Marc Rider, seconded by Brian Woltman, moved to request the legislature to consolidate all remaining Ellenville Million funds into the "Healthcare" category.

**Vote:** The motion was adopted.

## OLD BUSINESS

### **Luminary Publishing Invoice #75435**

**Motion:** Marc Rider, seconded by Burton Gulnick Jr., moved to approve payment of invoice #75435 for Luminary Publishing, dated August 16, 2019, in the amount of **NINE-HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$950.00)**.

**Vote:** The motion was adopted.

### **Shadowlands Stages Invoice #60**

**Motion:** Brian Woltman, seconded by Lynn Archer, moved to approve payment of invoice #60 for Shadowlands Stages in the amount of **TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00)**.

**Vote:** The motion was adopted.

### **By-laws Amendment**

CJ explained that the Finance and Audit committee are supposed to be separate committees, but under UCEDA they've existed as a joint committee. After a recommendation from the auditor that the two committees separate, the by-laws amendment does just that.

**Motion:** Ward Todd, seconded by Brian Woltman, moved to approve the by-laws amendment establishing the Finance and Audit committees as separate from each other.

**Vote:** The motion was adopted.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### **Suzanne's Resignation**

Suzanne Holt announced her resignation from her positions as Director of Ulster County Economic Development and President and CEO of UCEDA effective September 13, 2019.

**UCEDA Procedural Conversation**

Dennis Doyle raised the issue of how UCEDA documents will be signed without a Chairperson or CEO. Jen Clark reviewed the by-laws, but it was not clear if Lisa Berger could sign documents as Acting Chair. This is an issue to be resolved before the next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nobody asked for the privilege of the floor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Marc Rider, seconded by Brian Woltman moved to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote:** The motion was adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 PM.

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Ward Todd, Secretary