

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Oneida County Local Development Corporation

November 15, 2024

584 Phoenix Drive, Rome, NY /Webex Video/Teleconference

Members Present: Steve Zogby, David Grow, Aricca Lewis, and Kristen Martin.

Members Present WebEx: Franca Armstrong, Tim Reed.

EDGE Staff Present: Shawna Papale, Tim Fitzgerald, Laura Cohen, Maureen Carney, Marc Barraco, and Mark Kaucher.

Others Present: Mark Levitt, Levitt & Gordon.

Others Present Virtual: Laura Ruberto and Linda Romano, Bond, Schoeneck & King; Jenna Peppenelli, Levitt & Gordon.

S. Zogby called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

Minutes – September 20, 2024

S. Zogby presented the draft September 20 meeting minutes for review. A. Lewis requested that the spelling of her name be corrected. **A. Lewis moved to approve the September 20, 2024 meeting minutes with the suggested correction. K. Martin seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.**

2025 OCLDC-EDGE Staff Services Contract

S. Zogby introduced the proposed 2025 Staff Services Agreement contract with EDGE. There are no substantial changes to the 2025 contract over the 2024 contract. M. Levitt has reviewed and approved the proposed contract. D. Grow mentioned that funding is available if additional staff or other support is needed to help EDGE carry out the OCLDC's mission and goals. **A motion to approve the 2025 Staff Services Agreement with Mohawk Valley EDGE was made by A. Lewis, seconded by K. Martin, and carried 6-0.**

NYSEDC Memo and Request for Funding

S. Papale shared a memo with the members, in which NYSEDC describes its upcoming partnership with The Business Council of New York to advocate for a more competitive business environment in New York State. NYSEDC is requesting support from its member organizations. The OCIDA has already committed to a \$2,500 contribution; if the OCLDC were to match this contribute of \$2,500, the Agency would be able to host a round table discussion between local businesses, NYSEDC, and the Business Council. M. Carney stated that this expense would come out of the OCLDC's 2024 budget. With no further discussion, **A. Lewis motioned to approve contributing \$2,500 to the NYSEDC/Business Council Competitiveness Project. K. Martin seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.**

2025 Meeting Schedule

S. Papale presented the OCLDC's 2025 proposed meeting schedule. S. Papale noted that the December 2025 meeting be moved to Dec. 12. Members and staff agreed to this change.

Adjournment

With no further business, S. Zogby asked for a motion to adjourn. At 9:12 AM **A. Lewis motioned, and K. Martin seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Tim Fitzgerald