**MINUTES**

Meeting of the Board of Directors

November 4, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance was held at 4:02 P.M. on Monday, November 4, 2019, in the Karen Binder Library, 6th Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair St., Kingston, NY 12401.

The following Board Members were present:

Sarah Haley

Ward Todd

Brian Woltman

Lynn Archer

Burton Gulnick Jr.

Amanda LaValle

The following Board Member was absent with notice:

Marc Rider

Chief Financial Officer:

Christopher J. Rioux, CPA, Deputy Commissioner of Finance

Ulster County Office of Economic Development Staff:

Lisa Berger

Andrew Zink

Barbara Loughran

Additional Attendees:

Geddy Sveikauskas Ulster Publishing

Jen Clark Ulster County Attorney’s Office

Julius Collins Ulster County Legislator, District 15

John Gavaris Ellenville Regional Hospital

Debbie Briggs Ellenville Regional Hospital

Victoria Reid Ellenville Regional Hospital

Ashima Butler Ellenville Regional Hospital

Danielle Ciancio Ellenville Regional Hospital

Shanna Nigro Ellenville Regional Hospital

Judy Seal Ellenville Regional Hospital

Brittany Reitano Ellenville Regional Hospital

Maria Gonzalez Ellenville Regional Hospital

Tonya Stokes Ellenville Regional Hospital

Brandon Bogert Ellenville Regional Hospital

Bob Rue Ellenville Regional Hospital

Phil Coombs Ellenville Regional Hospital

The meeting was called to order by Sarah Haley at 4:01 P.M.

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**Motion:** Lynn Archer, seconded by Burton Gulnick Jr., moved to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2019 UCEDA meeting with an amendment to show that Jen Clark was present.

**Vote:** The motion was adopted.

**FINANCIALS**

**Motion:** Burton Gulnick Jr., seconded by Sarah Haley, moved to approve the financials for the periods ending September 30, 2019 and October 31, 2019.

**Vote:** The motion was adopted.

**Audit RFP**

CJ states that we need to put out an RFP for a new audit contract through the years 2019 and 2021 because the contract ran out for the 2018 year. He asks for a motion to work with the Purchasing Department on moving ahead with an RFP.

**Motion:** Burton Gulnick Jr., seconded by Brian Woltman, moved to begin RFP in conjunction with the Purchasing Department.

**Vote:** The motion was adopted

**OLD BUISNESS**

**Gamex, LLC**

Lisa Berger states that she has reached out to Gamex, LLC to acquire additional financial information for the UCEDA Board to review and they have not responded. Sarah Haley expresses concern for releasing one of the partners in the business from their personal guarantee and suggests the Board formally ask them for more financial information.

**Motion:** Sarah Haley, seconded by Lynn Archer, moved to send a letter to Gamex, LLC requesting more financial information and stating under what conditions the UCEDA Board is willing to release one of the partners from their personal guarantee.

**Vote:** The motion was adopted.

**Ellenville Million Contract Amendment**

Lisa Berger explains that the Ellenville Million contract amendment required for the new “Healthcare” category has passed the legislature and needs to be approved by the Board for Ellenville Regional Hospital to be paid out with the remainder of the overall Ellenville Million fund.

**Motion:** Brian Woltman, seconded by Ward Todd, moved to approve the Ellenville Million contract amendment.

**Vote:** The motion was adopted.

**Allowing for Reallocation of Funds**

The Board must vote to allow funds from the original buckets to be transferred to the new “Healthcare” bucket.

**Motion:** Brian Woltman, seconded by Ward Todd, moved to allow for Ellenville Million funds in original buckets to be allocated to the new “Healthcare” bucket.

**Vote:** The motion was adopted.

**Reallocation of Funds to “Healthcare” Bucket**

The Board must vote to move all remaining funds from original buckets to the “Healthcare” bucket.

**Motion:** Sarah Haley, seconded by Lynn Archer, moved to allocate all remaining Ellenville Million funds into the “Healthcare” bucket.

**Vote:** The motion was adopted.

**Allocation of “Healthcare” bucket funds to Ellenville Regional Hospital**

**Motion:** Lynn Archer, seconded by Brian Woltman, moved to allocate all funds in the “Healthcare” bucket to Ellenville Regional Hospital for their previously presented renovation plans.

**Vote:** The motion was adopted.

Phil Coombs stands up to thank the Board for providing Ellenville Regional Hospital with such important financial assistance.

**NEW BUISNESS**

**Skype/Teleconference Procedure Policy**

**Motion:** Amanda LaValle, seconded by Brian Woltman, moved to adopt new Skype/Teleconference Procedure Policy.

**Vote:** The motion was adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nobody asked for the privilege of the floor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion**: Burton Gulnick Jr., seconded by Lynn Archer, moved to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote**: The motion was adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 PM.

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Ward Todd, Secretary