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Columbia Economic Development Corporation

**MINUTES**  
**COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**Tuesday, April 27, 2021**  
**One Hudson City Centre, Suite 301**  
**Hudson, NY 12534**

Due to public health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, the Columbia Economic Development April 27, 2021 Annual Meeting will be held at 8:30am via Zoom Meeting. The public will have an opportunity to hear the meeting live and provide comments. Comments can be provided via email before and during the meeting to [mtucker@columbiaedc.com](mailto:mtucker@columbiaedc.com). Please check the meeting agenda posted on the CEDC's website [www.columbiaedc.com](http://www.columbiaedc.com) for further instructions to access the virtual meeting and for updated information.

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) Board of Directors was held via ZOOM Meet due to COVID-19 on April 27, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by David Fingar, Chair.

*List of attendees is attached.*

Mr. Fingar opened the meeting at 8:30am. He welcomed the attendees to the 2021 CEDC Annual Meeting. Mr. Fingar thanked the Board of Supervisors, F. Michael Tucker, CEO/President and the CEDC staff for their work over the past year. Chairman Matt Murell spoke to the attendees and was followed by Mayor of the City of Hudson, Kamal Johnson, NYS Senator Daphne Jordan and NYS Assemblyperson Didi Barrett. Mr. Tucker introduced the event's keynote speaker Dr. Carlee Drummer of Columbia-Greene Community College.

Mr. Tucker thanked the speakers and reviewed the past year with the attendees. He thanked the staff for their diligence and hard work over the past year. Mr. Tucker then turned the meeting over to Mr. Fingar for the business section of the meeting. Mr. Fingar called for a motion to approve the CEDC's 2020 annual meeting minutes from October 14, 2020. *James Calvin made the motion, seconded by Sarah Sterling to approve the minutes as presented. Carried.*

Mr. Fingar introduced CEDC Treasurer John Lee to present the CEDC financials. Mr. Lee presented a brief overview of the audited financials to the attendees. He reviewed the original 2020 CEDC budget as well as the revised 2020 budget for the attendees. He noted CEDC was on budget through March 31, 2021. He noted a summary of the financials was available in the 2020 Annual Report. *With no questions presented, James Calvin made a motion, seconded by Richard Cummings to approve the report as presented. Carried.*

Mr. Fingar asked Gary Spielmann the chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee. Mr. Spielmann presented the slate of directors to serve a three year term ending on May 1, 2024. The slate is as follows:

David Fingar  
Derek Grout  
Anita Otey  
Sarah Sterling  
Ruth Adams  
Tarah Gay

Mr. Spielmann presented Michael Molinski to complete a term ending May 1, 2023 for the Members consideration. Mr. Fingar called for a motion to approve the appointments as presented. *Richard Cummings made a motion, seconded by Sarah Sterling to approve the appointments as presented. Carried.*

*With no other business to be conducted, and no public comment, Mr. Fingar called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Spielmann made a motion, seconded by Sarah Sterling to adjourn the meeting. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:06am.*

*Respectfully submitted by Lisa Drahusuk*