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**Meeting Minutes**  
**COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**GOVERNANCE and NOMINATING COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, August 16, 2022**  
**One Hudson City Centre, Suite 301**  
**Hudson, New York**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Economic Development Corporation Governance and Nominating Committee was held on August 16, 2022 at 8:30am for the purpose of hearing any matters that may be presented to the Committee for consideration.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Sarah Sterling, Chair.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived/Departed
James Calvin	Committee Member	Present in person	
David Fingar	Committee Member	Present in person	
Tarah Gay	Committee Member	Present in person	
Kenneth Leggett	Committee Member	Present in person	
Sarah Sterling	Committee Member	Present in person	
F. Michael Tucker	President/CEO	Present in person	
Andy Howard	Counsel	Present via Zoom	
Jessica Gabriel	Senior Economic Developer	Present in person	
Lisa Drahushuk	Administrative Supervisor	Present in person	
Martha Lane	Business Development Director	Present in person	
Cathy Lyden	Bookkeeper	Absent	

**Minutes May 10, 2022:**

*Mr. Calvin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leggett to approve the draft minutes from May 10, 2022 as presented. Carried.*

**Charter Review Update:**

Mr. Tucker anticipated having drafts of the revised charters ready for the next Governance and Nominating Committee meeting in November.

**Committee Appointments Update:**

Ms. Sterling reviewed the vacancies in the Committees and asked for a motion to assign Rachel Levine to the Loan Committee. *Ms. Gay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fingar to assign Ms. Levine to the Loan Committee. Carried.*

**Candidate Interviews:**

Ms. Sterling called for a motion to enter Executive Session, under Article 7 Section 105 (f) of the Public Officers Law for the purpose of discussing the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a



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particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation . *Mr. Fingar made the motion, seconded by Ms. Gay to enter Executive Session under Article 7 Section 105 (f) of the Public Officers Law for the purpose of discussing the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Carried. Executive Session was entered at 8:37 am.*

*Mr. Fingar made a motion seconded by Mr. Leggett to exit Executive Session. Carried. Executive Session was exited at 9:08am.*

Ms. Sterling asked for a motion to recommend both candidates to the full board. *Mr. Leggett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fingar to recommend Mr. Balazar and Mr. Johnston as Board candidates to the Full Board at their next meeting. Carried.*

## **Strategic Planning Update:**

Mr. Tucker and Ms. Gabriel updated the Committee on the strategic planning.

## **Board and Committee Attendance Report:**

The Committee reviewed the report.

## **Saratoga Economic Development vs NYS Authority Budget Office:**

Mr. Tucker and Mr. Howard reviewed the case with the Committee.

*Mr. Tucker asked the Committee to enter Executive Session under Article 7 Section 105 (f) of the Public Officers Law for the purpose of discussing the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Carried. Executive Session was entered at 9:30 am*

*Mr. Leggett made a motion seconded by Mr. Fingar to exit Executive Session. Carried. Executive Session was exited at 9:33am.*

*Having no further business and no public comments, the committee meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Ms. Gay. Carried.*

*Respectfully submitted by Lisa Draushuk*