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Columbia Economic Development Corporation

**Meeting Minutes**  
**COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**GOVERNANCE and NOMINATING COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, March 2, 2022**  
**One Hudson City Centre, Suite 301**  
**Hudson, New York**

A special meeting of the Columbia Economic Development Corporation Governance and Nominating Committee was held on March 2, 2022 at 8:30am for the purpose of interviewing candidates for consideration of filling a CEDC Board seat and any other matters that may be presented to the Committee for consideration.

The meeting was called to order at 8:46am by Sarah Sterling, Chair.

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

**Candidate Interviews:**

Ms. Sterling called for a motion to enter Executive Session. *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 8:46.*

*Mr. Fingar made a motion seconded by Ms. Gay to exit Executive Session. Carried. Executive Session was exited at 9:42am.*

Ms. Sterling stated the Committee had interviewed two candidates Rick Rector and Michael Hochman to be considered for CEDC Board seats. *Mr. Calvin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fingar to recommend Mr. Rector as a candidate to the Full Board at the next meeting. Carried.*



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*Ms. Gay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fingar to recommend Mr. Hochman as a candidate for a vacancy on the CEDC board to the Full Board at their next meeting. Carried.*

**Minutes:**

*Mr. Fingar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gay to approve the minutes of February 15, 2022. Carried.*

*Having no further business and no public comments, the committee meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Fingar, seconded by Mr. Calvin. Carried.*

*Respectfully submitted by Lisa Draushuk*