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Meeting Minutes
COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
GOVERNANCE and NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 7, 2023
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 November 7, 2023 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	
Sarah Sterling	Committee Member	Present in person	
Kenneth Leggett	Committee Member	Absent	
F. Michael Tucker	President/CEO	Present via Zoom	
Andy Howard	Counsel	Present in person	
Chris Brown	Housing Development Coordinator	Absent	
Martha Lane	Administrative Supervisor	Present in person	
Stephen VanDenburgh	Business Development Specialist	Absent	
Lisa Drahushuk	Administrative Supervisor	Present in person	
Cathy Lyden	Bookkeeper	Present in person	
Riley Werner	Administrative Assistant	Present in person	

Slate of Officers:

Ms. Sterling called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. *Mr. Fingar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gay to enter Executive Session under NYS Public Officer’s Law §107 1.f. to discuss 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 into at 8:30am. Executive Session was exited at 8:52am on a motion by Mr. Fingar, seconded by Mr. Calvin with all present voting in favor. Carried.*

Candidate Interview:

Ms. Sterling welcomed Rachel Puckett to the meeting. Mr. Fingar noted he had known Ms. Puckett for her entire career with Mid-Hudson Cablevision. The Committee introduced themselves to Ms. Puckett. Ms. Puckett gave a detailed description of her background and experience. She noted Mid-Hudson Cablevision serves both Columbia and Greene Counties.



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Mr. Calvin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fingar to enter Executive Session to discuss board candidates *under Public Officer's Law §107 1.f. to discuss 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 into at 9:08am. Executive Session was exited at 9:23am on a motion by Mr. Calvin, seconded by Ms. Gay with all present voting in favor. Carried.*

Minutes, August 15, 2023:

Ms. Sterling called for a motion to approve the minutes of August 15, 2023. *Ms. Gay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Calvin to approve the minutes as presented. Carried.*

Board Opening:

Mr. Fingar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gay to recommend Rachel Puckett to fill a vacancy on the CEDC Board. Carried.

Board and Committee Attendance:

Ms. Sterling noted the attendance sheet was in the meeting packet.

Slate of Officers:

Ms. Sterling stated the slate of officers being proposed was: Chair: James Calvin, Vice Chair: Rick Rector, Treasurer: Tarah Gay, Secretary: Michael Molinski. *Mr. Fingar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Calvin to recommend the proposed slate of officers to the full board. Carried.*

Having no further business and no public comments, the committee meeting was adjourned at 8:52 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Fingar, seconded by Mr. Calvin. Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Draushuk