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Columbia Economic Development Corporation

MINUTES
COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Executive Committee
Wednesday, January 17, 2024
One Hudson City Centre, Suite 301
Hudson, NY 12534

A regular meeting of the Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) Executive Committee held in person and accessible to the public via Zoom on January 17, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 8:30am by David Fingar, Chair.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived/ Departed
David Fingar	Chair	Present in person	
James Calvin	Vice-Chair	Present in person	
Tarah Gay	Treasurer	Present in person	
Sarah Sterling	Secretary	Via Zoom	
Richard Cummings	Committee Member	Present in person	
Andrew Howard, Esq	CEDC Counsel	Present in person	
F. Michael Tucker	President/CEO	Present in person	
Martha Lane	Vice-President of Business Development	Present in person	
Chris Brown	Housing Development Coordinator	Present in person	
Stephen VanDenburgh	Business Development Specialist	Present in person	
Cat Lyden	Bookkeeper	Present in person	
Lisa Drahushuk	Administrative Supervisor	Present in person	
Riley Werner	Administrative Assistant	Absent	

Mr. Fingar called for an Executive Session 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 8:30am. Executive Session was exited at 8:49am on a motion by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Ms. Gay with all present voting in favor. Carried.

Minutes, December 6, 2023:

Ms. Gay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cummings to approve the minutes of December 6, 2023 as presented. Carried.

Consent Agenda:

Executive Committee Charter, 2023 Discharged Duties, 2023 Executive Committee Evaluation

Mr. Calvin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gay to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Carried.

2024 CEDC Agenda:

Mr. Tucker noted the focus for 2023 remained on the four pillars of CEDC. He noted some of the activities CEDC is involved in should be reviewed by the Board. He noted the success on the Housing front, stated the final paperwork had been received from the Office of Community Renewal for a \$375,000 grant for a Microenterprise grant program, for businesses with 5 or fewer employees including the owner. He stated the County was pleased with the Columbia Forward program and the Loan program continued to be successful. He outlined the various events CEDC has been involved with. Mr. Tucker handed out a snapshot of the loan program over a 9 year period. Ms. Lane reviewed the sheet with the committee.

Mr. Calvin thanked Mr. Fingar for his work over the years of his chairmanship. Mr. Tucker joined Mr. Calvin in thanking Mr. Fingar and Ms. Sterling for their assistance on behalf of himself and the staff.

Public Comment:

With no further business and no public comment the meeting was adjourned at 9:07am upon a motion by Mr. Calvin and seconded by Mr. Cummings.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Drafushuk