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Columbia Economic Development Corporation

**MINUTES DRAFT  
COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
Executive Committee  
Tuesday, March 4, 2025  
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 March 4, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 8:30am by James Calvin, Chair.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived/ Departed
James Calvin	Chair	Present in person	
Tarah Gay	Vice-Chair	Present in person	
Bryan Mahoney	Treasurer	Present via Zoom	
Michael Molinski	Secretary	Absent	
Richard Cummings	Committee Member	Present in person	
Andrew Howard, Esq	CEDC Counsel	Present in person	
F. Michael Tucker	President/CEO	Present in person	
Lisa Drahushuk	Administrative Supervisor	Present in person	
Alondra Isidro	Project Manager	Present in person	
Cat Lyden	Bookkeeper	Present in person	
Steve Vandenburg	Business Development Specialist	Present in person	
Riley Werner	Administrative Assistant	Present in person	

Mr. Calvin called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

### **Consent Agenda:**

**Minutes, December 10, 2024**

**Executive Committee Charter**

**Executive Committee Annual Evaluation**

**2024 Committee Discharged Duties**

*Ms. Gay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cummings to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
Carried.*

### **Strategic Planning:**

Mr. Tucker stated there was a followup meeting with the consultants after the strategic planning session with the full board on February 25th. He stated it included a discussion of the County and its available resources, which should be addressed in the strategic plan. He stated nothing was finalized but they would get more board input. He felt CEDC's accomplishments need to be better communicated in the plan.

Mr. Calvin discussed moving from the four pillar concept to one with a main objective with the other topics surrounding it. Mr. Cummings agreed that a center with other topics “orbiting” was a much clearer concept.

**Annual Meeting:**

Mr. Tucker stated he and Mr. Calvin had reviewed the options and had decided to hold the annual meeting at Columbia Greene Community College.

*Upon a motion made by Mr. Cummings and seconded by Ms. Gay, the board entered executive session at 8:41am to discuss personnel and financial matters pursuant to Section 105.1.f of the New York State Open Meetings Law. The board exited executive session at 9:05am upon a motion made by Ms. Gay and seconded by Mr. Cummings.*

**Public Comment:**

*With no further business and no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06am upon a motion by Mr. Cummings and seconded by Ms. Gay. Carried.*

*Respectfully submitted by Lisa Drafushuk*