



Theresa Ward
Chairperson

**ACCEPTED BY BOARD
MEMBERS ON 03/29/18**

MINUTES
SCEDC ANNUAL/REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2018

PRESENT

Theresa Ward, Chair
Grant Hendricks, Vice Chair
Peter Zarcone, Treasurer
Anthony Giordano, Secretary
Sondra Cochran, Member

ABSENT

Gregory T. Casamento, Member
Kevin Harvey, Member

ALSO PRESENT

Louis Bekofsky, Suffolk County EDC, Executive Director/CEO
Regina Zara, Suffolk County EDC, Deputy Executive Director/CFO
Angela Glaser, Suffolk County EDC, Executive Assistant
Anthony J. Catapano, Suffolk County IDA, Executive Director
Kelly Morris, Suffolk County IDA, Deputy Executive Director
John McNally, Suffolk County IDA, Associate Director Marketing & Outreach
Daryl Leonette, Suffolk County IDA, Executive Assistant
Regina Halliday, Suffolk County IDA, Bookkeeper
William Weir, Partner, Nixon Peabody
Melissa Bennett, Counsel, Barclay Damon
Andrew Komaromi, Partner, Harris Beach PLLC
James Madore, Reporter, Newsday
John Lombardo, Suffolk County Community College
David Chauvin, Vice President, Zimmerman/Edelson, Inc.
Robert Trotta, Suffolk County Legislator
Christina Delisi, Legislative Aide, Suffolk County Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory
Kimberly Scalice, Legislative Aide, Suffolk County Legislator Tom Cilmi

Bridget Stokes, Wyandanch Community Development Corporation
Robert Lane, Regional Planning Association
Moses Gates, Regional Planning Association
George Papadopoulos, Professional Physical Therapy Management LLC

The January 25, 2018 Annual/Regular Meeting of the Suffolk County Economic Development Corporation was held in Media Room #184, in the Lower Level of the H. Lee Dennison Building, 100 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY, and was called to order by Theresa Ward at 12:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Ward opened the public comment portion of the Suffolk County Economic Development Corporation Meeting.

Legislator Robert Trotta came forward to address the public comment portion of the SCEDC meeting by saying that he wanted to give a comment involving an IDA project, Siena Village, and needed to state it at this time because he had to leave. He said he was disappointed by Theresa Ward's comments that it was all a misunderstanding. He stated that over 100 Section H senior citizen residents who received a tax break had individually received a letter on January 5, 2018, stating that their tenancy would be terminated on January 8, 2018 (3 days later) because they were either short by a dollar on their rent, or were 3 minutes late with the rent payment. He said some residents were so upset they were crying and two had to be hospitalized as a result.

Legislator Trotta also informed the Board that the Section H senior citizen residents had also received a second letter from Siena Village dated January 16, 2018, stating that if they did not sign the housing rules by February 1, 2018, Siena Village would be mandated to start eviction proceedings, which he noted was after stating that sending out the first letter was a mistake.

Legislator Trotta went on to say that he was very upset for his constituents and urged the IDA Board to take the matter seriously because he felt that Siena Village was lying when they said it was all a mistake. He continued by saying that he went to meet with some of the women and interviewed the woman in charge and stated that he was very upset with the attitude that it was all a mistake. He said the organization had a history of doing this throughout the country, and he felt it clearly was not a mistake. He urged the IDA Board to research the matter, thanked them for their time, and left the meeting.

Discussion ensued and Theresa Ward asked if, for the record, IDA staff had gone there and a letter had been sent, so that it was inaccurate to say that there was no response.

Tony Catapano, the IDA Executive Director, addressed the issue by saying that he immediately contacted the property management office. He said that the property manager was not available to speak with him because she was already meeting with

the residents, and that he followed up by going to the site the next day to meet with her. He stated that everyone appeared to be quite pleasant and happy. The property manager told him that she had explained the situation to the residents and that they understood.

Anthony Giordano asked if the letter the IDA sent and the letter that was received in response could be made part of the public record. Mr. Catapano affirmed that it could.

Sondra Cochran indicated that under HUD rules, for eviction in New York, Siena Village would have had to give 30 days' notice, especially for Section H, and not 10 days' notice. Mr. Catapano explained that the onsite property manager had just started in early December and the 10 days to vacate letters were dated December 29, 2017. The property manager said the Company has on-line form documents that it uses, and she had pulled the wrong form documents.

Mr. Giordano commented that he would have liked to address Leg. Trotta's comment about Siena Village having a history of doing this had Leg. Trotta not left the meeting. Mr. Catapano stated that an online search resulted in some findings, but that the same would apply to most companies where situations occur and then end up being rectified.

Mr. Catapano said it was unfortunate that Leg. Trotta addressed the Siena Village issue at the SCEDC public comment portion, rather than the IDA public comment portion, of the Broad Meeting.

Ms. Ward agreed that it was off topic and, if there were no further public comments, the Board would continue with matters relating to the Suffolk County Economic Development Corporation and directed the Board's attention to the Annual/Regular Board Meeting Agenda of annual corporate resolutions.

A. Election of Officers

Upon motion made by Peter Zarcone, and seconded by Theresa Ward, it was:

RESOLVED, that the slate of Officers and Board Members should be as follows:

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| Chair | Theresa Ward |
| Vice Chair | Grant Hendricks |
| Treasurer | Peter Zarcone |
| Secretary | Anthony Giordano |
| Member | Gregory Casamento |
| Member | Sondra Cochran |
| Member | Kevin Harvey |

Unanimously carried 5/0.

B. Committee Assignments

a. Audit Committee

Upon motion made by Theresa Ward, and seconded by Peter Zarcone, it was:

RESOLVED, to accept the proposed Audit Committee assignments as follows:

Grant Hendricks, Chair
Anthony Giordano
Theresa Ward
Peter Zarcone

Unanimously carried 5/0.

b. Finance Committee

Upon motion made by Theresa Ward, and seconded by Peter Zarcone, it was:

RESOLVED, to accept the proposed Finance Committee assignments as follows:

Grant Hendricks, Chair
Anthony Giordano
Theresa Ward
Peter Zarcone

Unanimously carried 5/0.

c. Governance Committee

Upon motion made by Peter Zarcone, and seconded by Theresa Ward, it was:

RESOLVED, to accept the proposed Governance Committee assignments as follows:

Kevin Harvey, Chair
Gregory Casamento
Sondra Cochran
Theresa Ward

Unanimously carried 5/0.

d. Loan Committee

Upon motion made by Peter Zarcone, and seconded by Sondra Cochran, it was:

RESOLVED, to accept the proposed Loan Committee assignments as follows:

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| Chair | Theresa Ward |
| Vice Chair | Grant Hendricks |
| Treasurer | Peter Zarcone |
| Member | Kevin Harvey |
| Member | Gregory Casamento |

Unanimously carried 5/0.

C. Signatories on Corporation Accounts

Upon motion made by Sondra Cochran, and seconded by Peter Zarcone, it was:

RESOLVED, that the following officers be signatories on the Corporation's accounts:

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| Chair | Theresa Ward |
| Vice Chair | Grant Hendricks |
| Treasurer | Peter Zarcone |
| Secretary | Anthony Giordano |

Unanimously carried 5/0.

D. Corporation Counsel

Upon motion made by Peter Zarcone, and seconded by Grant Hendricks, it was:

RESOLVED, to continue to retain William Wexler, Esq. as Corporation Counsel for the Suffolk County Economic Development Corporation for 2018.

Unanimously carried 5/0.

E. Bond/Transaction Counsels

Upon motion made by Peter Zarcone, and seconded by Anthony Giordano, it was:

RESOLVED, to redesignate the following law firms as the Suffolk County Economic Development Corporation's Bond and Transaction Counsels for 2018:

Barclay Damon LLP
Harris Beach PLLC
Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP
Nixon Peabody LLP

Unanimously carried 5/0.

F. Accountants

Upon motion made by Grant Hendricks, and seconded by Peter Zarcone, it was:

RESOLVED, to continue to retain the Fuoco Group as the Suffolk County Economic Development Corporation's Certified Public Accountants for 2018.

Unanimously carried 5/0.

G. Review and Readoption of Corporation Policies

Ms. Ward proposed that the Corporation's policies be reviewed and readopted.

Upon motion made by Sondra Cochran, and seconded by Grant Hendricks, it was:

RESOLVED, to readopt the following policies:

- a. Investment Policy
- b. Disposition of Property Guidelines

Unanimously carried 5/0.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

MINUTES

Theresa Ward asked for a Motion to approve the Draft Minutes of the December 14, 2017 Meeting.

After further discussion and;

Upon a motion by Grant Hendricks, seconded by Theresa Ward, it was:

RESOLVED, to approve the December 14, 2017 SCEDC Board Meeting Minutes.

Carried 4/0; 1 Abstention

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Ward then asked for a Motion to adjourn the January 25, 2018 SCEDC Board Meeting.

After further discussion and;

Upon a motion by Peter Zarcone, seconded by Anthony Giordano, it was:

RESOLVED, to adjourn the Annual/Regular Meeting of the Suffolk County Economic Development Corporation.

Unanimously carried 5/0.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

The next Meeting of the Suffolk County Economic Development Corporation is tentatively scheduled for February 22, 2018.