



**Accepted Minutes
EDC Annual/Regular Meeting
March 20, 2025**

Present: Sarah Lansdale, Chair
Kevin Harvey, Vice Chair
Cris Damianos, Sceretary
Greg Casamento
Josh Slaughter
Brian Beedenbender

Excused Absence: Sondra Cochran, Tresurer

Also Present: K. Kelly Murphy, Executive Director/CEO
Willian Wexler, Esq. Agency Counsel

Ms. Sarah Lansdale, Chair who is presiding over the Meeting today indicated that the documents for this meeting can be accessed and are posted to the EDC's website at <https://www.suffolkecd.org/resources/> under the Board Meetings tab.

The Regular Meeting of the Suffolk County Economic Development Corporation held in Media Room #184 located on the lower level of the H. Lee Dennison Building, 100 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788, was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Ms. Sarah Lansdale, Chair of the EDC.

ROLL CALL

This is the March 20, 2025, Regular Board Meeting of the Suffolk County Economic Development Corporation and for the record, we do have a quorum present. Members of the public may attend the meeting.

SCIDA MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Lansdale asked if there were any public comments and Ms. Murphy indicated that Legislator Trotta would like to comment.

Yes, thank you for having me. I was, you know, my favorite thing is giving the most unfavorite thing is giving tax breaks to apartment buildings. And my favorite one is in Selden, where 56 kids are going to the school. There's a burden on the school district. And Billy Wexler wrote a very nice letter, and it was very naturally true. And when I read it, I hesitated before coming here and probably going to the Commack School District, basically in some substance. What the letter said Was it really didn't affect class size. There was no other people there, and that there was no strain on the school district. Then I went to the Commack School District, and I walked in my old high school, and there was a media room bigger than this, with Bloomberg Television screens around it unbelievable, learning how to do stock trading and how the market worked. They were in another room, and there was a mock courtroom where they wanted to be law enforcement or lawyers. Then when another room in the library looked like something out of a college library. So just because the students weren't affected, the education was affected, because if they were paying their fair share, maybe the vacuum schools could have the features that Commack had, there's always an effect reaction. Thank you.

NEW BUSINESS –

KKM: So, you have before you the packet for the annual meeting. It includes the election of officers, committee assignments, the signatories of corporations, corporate counsel, Bond counsel staff, also the review and readoption of corporation policies, which include disposition of property guidelines and the investment policy, the schedule of meetings for year, and that is the complete packet before you there have been no changes from last year. All the assignments remain the same. Billy. And I know we ask this question every year, can they make one motion?

WW: En mass? Yes, okay.

After further discussion and:

Upon a motion by Josh Slaughter, seconded by Cris Damianos, it was:

RESOLVED to accept the motion.

Unanimously carried 6/0/1.

KKM: Great, so you can have before you in a packet, a complete resolution, which was prepared by Andrew, along with a description from the MacArthur Business Alliance. The resolution before you today is authorizing the procurement in conjunction with MacArthur Business Alliance and funding of the cost of the preparation of an economic impact analysis of the business district located within the surrounding area of the MacArthur Airport. MacArthur airport is also known as Long Island hub, and they do work through advocacy, networking and collaborative efforts. They represent the interests of business, commerce, and industry, not for profit, professionals. Call them the MBA, seeking a partnership and collaboration with us, the corporation, in connection with the procurement and funding of the cost of the preparation of this impact analysis. So, they have taken preliminary steps in defining this is what is included in the back of your packet. They are asking for a contribution of up to \$75,000 Dollars to cover the cost of this analysis. In return, we have requested that they provide us with full accounting and receipts, a final scope of the work and cost of the work. If that work exceeds \$75,000, we've also asked for their assurance that they will cover any delta between the \$75,000 and what that scope costs.

We also have stated that we want to receive a draft of the analysis with the opportunity to provide review and comment, the final version needs to include the Suffolk County EDC logo, and pretty much you know what, what is being proposed. I am happy to answer any questions. Sarah, did you want to add anything about this?

SL: A perfect summary. Thank you. Kelly, terrific - questions from the board.

CD: Yes. What is the higher cost of this? I know you're saying we're determining up to 75K 125,000 on that.

KKM: They have not provided - they haven't awarded the scope, yet they were waiting to see if they were going to receive the assistance from us. So again, that's why we put in - duly noting what you just mentioned, that if it goes beyond 75 that they will be responsible for those additional expenses.

CD: Is anybody else contributed to this?

KKM: Not at the moment, there is some conversation regarding other contributions.

JS: Yeah, so I was going to ask, because I know, you know, this is the EDC. Islip town, Brookhaven town. They kind of split up this region. I know they have their own IDAs. Do they also have some sort of EDC within the towns.

KKM: I'm not sure. I don't believe so.

JS: to Chris's question, you know, they also have similar agencies through this type of work, if they've been approached about contributing at all?

KKM: They have been approached. They are in discussion with both Brookhaven and Islip.

JS: I know we don't know the full cost yet. I mean, is there a way to have this split evenly?

KKM: We can make that request question absolutely.

JS: And the MacArthur Business Alliance, is that a new organization?

SL: I think they've been around.

BB: Yeah, Josh at least 13 years, 15 years.

JS: OK

SL: So, the proposals that they've received are in the back, as Kelly noted, a suggestion would be to, I think we must make an amendment on page four in Section Five to just say up. It says \$75,000 but then the number itself is 50.

KM: Thank you, and that's why, Josh, to your point, we put not to exceed \$75K

SL: and Kelly, you know, if this is approved, would you be able to provide updates

KKM: absolutely

After further discussion and:

Upon a motion by Kevin Harvey, Second by Greg Casamento it was:

RESOLVED to accept the motion.

Unanimously carried 6/0/1.

Old business

KKM: So we'll go to Kevin to discuss the 2024 Financials following interest,

KH: Before the regular meeting took place, there was a meeting on the audit Finance Committee, and we reviewed a draft proposal regarding Finance Review, financial approval for 2024 and after explanation from Stephanie and Lori regarding the details of the review, voting to move forward and present it to full board for approval. So, I'll put that out there now, if we can, just for the vote on approval of the motion?

SL: sure any questions or is there a motion to approve?

After further discussion and:

Upon a motion by Greg Casamento, second by Josh Slaughter it was:

RESOLVED to accept the 2026 Budget

Unanimously carried 6/0/1.

Other business

Remaining is just the approval of the draft minutes from the December 12th meeting.

SL: Fantastic. Is there a motion for the minutes?

MINUTES

The minutes of December 12, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting were presented.

After further discussion and:

Upon a motion by Greg Casamento, seconded by Brian Beedenbender, it was:

RESOLVED, to approve the Minutes of December 12, 2024, meeting of the Board of Directors,

Unanimously carried 6/0/1.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.