

## Rockland Economic Development Corporation

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### MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 27<sup>th</sup> 2009 – 5:00 P.M. HILTON PEARL RIVER

#### Present:

Harriet D. Cornell \*  
Vincent L. DeLucia  
Eric Dranoff \*  
Rafael Espallat  
Sandra D. Grannum  
William F. Helmer  
Jack F. Holt  
Thom Kleiner \*  
Jonathan Kupperman

Kerrin Mahaffey (for  
Michael P. McDermott  
William Longhi  
Bruce W. Mason  
Hector A. May  
Malcolm G. McLaren  
Donald T. McNelis  
Clement Osei  
Mark D. Rothenberg

Robert E. Seaman, III  
Sr. Kathleen Sullivan  
James B. Tully  
Hon. C. Scott Vanderhoef \*  
Quinton C. Van Wynen  
Cliff L. Wood  
Steven M. Yassky

#### Absent:

Karim A. Abood \*\*  
Karyl Caplan  
Michael J. Fisch  
Judith Hershaft  
Arlene Lapidus  
Paula Mandell

John A. Maraia, Jr. \*  
Michael P. McDermott  
A.Jon Prusmack  
Charles Radier \*  
David Samberg  
Serge Seguin

Burt Steinberg \*\*  
Janice J. Teal  
Alan Yassky \*\*  
Jeffrey M. Zupan

#### Guests:

Michael Pointing, Steve Goudsmith and Sameet Master, United Water New York  
Alice DiSanto, Tara Agen, Suffern Music and Arts Festival

#### Staff:

Liz Cranston, Pauline Drakopoulos, Ronald Hicks, Liz Kallen, Jayne Nichols, Karen Rehm

\* Denotes Ex-Officio Directors

\*\* Denotes Director Emeritus

- ▶ **Motion:** A Motion to approve the March 25<sup>th</sup> 2009 Minutes.  
Motion by Jack Holt and seconded by James Tully: Motion passed unanimously.
- ▶ **Motion:** A Motion to approve the Financial Report.  
Motion by Mark Rothenberg and seconded by James Tully: Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** – Quinton Van Wynen presented the financials for the months of March and April. Van Wynen reported that REDC is in a strong cash position and that REDC's income for the year is at 50% and expenses are at 30%. Van Wynen stated the 2008 Audit Report will be presented during the July 2009 Board Meeting.

**President's Report** – Ronald Hicks distributed the 2008 Annual Report. Hicks also presented the Economic Report for March and April, which included the Empire Zone, IDA, PTAC and Revolving Loan Fund activity. Hicks reported the events to date and stated that Liz Kallen has been very aggressive with the PTAC outreach.

### **Committee Reports**

**Executive Report** – Steven Yassky reported that the committee reviewed the Audit and Annual reports.

**Board Development Report** – James Tully reported that the committee previously nominated Malcolm McLaren and Hector May and he welcomed them to the Board. Tully encouraged everyone to join a committee and reminded members that there are two new committees—the Business Development Committee and the Public Policy Committee.

**Business Development Report** – Sandra Grannum reported that the committee met once in person and then “virtually.” Grannum further reported that Liz Cranston will be resurrecting a newsletter that will be in an electronic vs. printed format. Grannum announced that the committee was accepting nominations for the Forty Under 40 program and for the Annual Awards Luncheon. Also, Grannum stated that both events need a sponsor.

**Public Policy Report**—Robert Seaman reported that the committee met jointly with the RBA's Economic Development Committee. Seaman stated that the committee needs to aggressively educate the public and should consider meetings in Albany with our state reps.

### **New Business**

**County Executive** – Steve Yassky welcomed County Executive Scott Vanderhoef and asked him to comment on the economy. Vanderhoef stated that “Albany” is a mess. Vanderhoef said that the MTA tax is a “disaster tax” that short changes Rockland \$40 million. Vanderhoef reported that the County has identified projects for “stimulus funds.” Legislature Chairwoman Harriet Cornell commented that the Legislature is outraged by the tax and that she set up a working group to help organizations and local governments applying for stimulus money.

**United Water** – Ron Hicks introduced United Water's (UW) Michael Pointing to present a powerpoint on UW's plans for a desalinization plant in the Town of Haverstraw.

**Suffern Music and Arts Festival** – Ron Hicks introduced Tara Agen and Alice DiSanto to present plans for the Suffern Music and Arts Festival.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.