



## OCP Board of Directors Meeting Meeting minutes of October 15, 2024

The board of directors of the Orange County Partnership met on October 15, 2024 at 4:00PM at The County Club at Otterkill, Campbell Hall, NY.

**Board members present in person:** Melissa Cobuzzi, Mary Beth Bianconi, Jimmy Smith, Alan Seidman, Sandy Mathes, Mike Gilfeather, Dan Depew, Andrew Fetherston, Charlie Gottlieb, Kurt Kaehler, Michelle Rider, Mark Stellwag

**Board members present remotely:** N/A

**Board members absent:** Dr. Susan Dean, Todd Diorio, Janette Espino, Brian Flynn, Ryan Hawthorne, Dr. Mary Leahy, Dan Maughan, Chuck Utschig

**Staff present:** Maureen Halahan, President & CEO, Cassie Garcia, Executive Assistant & Compliance Officer

**Guests:** Andy Pavloff, Partner, Waschitz Pavloff CPA LLP, Kelly Marks, Partner, Phillips Lytle LLP, Milan K. Tyler, Partner, Phillips Lytle LLP

### Call to Order

**Melissa Cobuzzi**

- The meeting was called to order and quorum was declared at 4:00pm.

### Approval of Minutes

**Melissa Cobuzzi**

- The June 2024 meeting minutes were presented and approved upon a motion made by Alan Seidman, seconded by Sandy Mathes, and unanimously carried.

### Financial Report

**Mary Beth Bianconi**

- The financials were presented and approved upon a motion made by Kurt Kaehler, seconded by Michelle Rider, and unanimously carried.

### 2023 Audit Report

**Andy Pavloff**

- Andy Pavloff presented the 2023 Audit Report. The audit was presented and approved upon a motion from Sandy Mathes, seconded by Mary Beth Bianconi, and unanimously carried.

### President's Report

**Maureen Halahan**

- Details of the Investor Breakfast held on Oct. 1st at the Barn at Villa Venezia were reported and it was noted that Megan Taylor, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs and Public Relations at Genting Americas, Inc. received the 2024 Woman of Achievement in Economic Development award. It was also noted that Michael Normyle, US Economist and Senior Director at Nasdaq assured the crowd that there will be a "soft landing" for the US Economy.
- A review of the 132-page "Scoping Report" for the NYS Route 17 Mobility and Access Improvement Project (a.k.a., Route 17 expansion project) revealed that two building alternatives being advanced by the NY State DOT would each cost more than \$1.3 billion to complete.

- It was reported that the “Resources & Results” e-newsletter went out last week.
- The 2025 budget was reviewed and approved upon a motion made by Sandy Mathes, seconded by Mary Beth Bianconi, and unanimously carried.
- The President of the Orange County Partnership was authorized to file the PARIS budget report upon a motion made by Sandy Mathes, seconded by Michelle Rider, and unanimously carried.
- The Resolutions adopting Amendments to the Certificate of Incorporation Dissolution Provisions and By-Laws were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Alan Seidman and seconded by Michelle Rider. Dan Depew opened the motion for discussion requesting that the resolutions be clarified to the board. Kelly Marks then reviewed the Resolutions with the board. A second motion to approve the Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws was made by Mary Beth Bianconi and was seconded by Sandy Mathes. A vote was unanimously all in favor and the Resolutions were adopted.

**Old Business**

**Melissa Cobuzzi**

With no old or new business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mary Beth Bianconi , seconded by Charlie Gottlieb, and unanimously carried.

**Adjournment**

**Melissa Cobuzzi**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Bianconi