



WNY REDC MEETING SUMMARY

Date and Time Meeting Commenced: Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 9:45 am

Location: SUNY Fredonia, Williams Center, Multipurpose Room, 280 Central Avenue, Fredonia NY 14063

Council Members Present: Chair Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul, Co-Chairs Jeff Belt and Virginia Horvath, Deanna Alterio Brennen, Aaron Bartley, Paul Brown, Dr. Rosa Gonzalez, Thomas Kucharski, Michael Metzger; Ex-Officio members: Crystal Abers, Chautauqua County Executive Vince Horrigan, City of Jamestown Mayor Sam Teresi

Council Members Substitutes: Sam Ferraro (Niagara County Legislature Chair Keith McNall), Julie Barry (Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz), Anthony Vilardo (Niagara Falls Mayor Paul Dyster) and Tuona Batchelor (City of Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown)

State Agency/Local Government/ESD Staff: ESD Regional Office staff: Christopher Schoepflin, Michael Ball, Stephen Gawlik, Ray Witzleben, Diego Sirianni, Angela Rossi, Chanel Maddigan, Pamm Lent, Janet Murray, Lynn Marinelli, Mo Sumbundu, Bryon Price, and Amanda Mays, Lori Cornell (Executive), Noelle Kardos (Parks), James Cuozzo (DOT), Carol Sampson (NYPA), JC Smith (EFC), Leonard Skrill (HCR), Hector Gonzales (Ag/Mkts), Christopher Grant (DOS), Erin Cole (ESD Global NY)

Special Guests: Dean Robert Shibley, Laura Quebral, Paul Ray (UBRI), Mayor Willie Rosas (Dunkirk), Mayor Athanasia Landis (Fredonia), SUNY Fredonia Kevin Kearns

Time Adjourned: 11:28 am

Welcome and Remarks:

Call to Order:

Preamble requesting disclosure of any conflicts of interest read.

Conflicts noted: (Please List)



Recusals noted: (Please List)

No conflicts noted.

The record of recusals was noted and acknowledged at the meeting.

Reports/Discussions/Motions:

9:30am Welcoming Remarks

WNY Regional Economic Development Council Co-Chairs Jeff Belt and Dr. Virginia Horvath

10:00am Round 7 - Regional Economic Development Council Competition

Michael Ball, Deputy Director, Empire State Development

Michael Ball presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing the REDC Competition Round 7 process, timeline, and available funding programs.

Mr. Kucharski underscored the importance of the life sciences industry to WNY and encouraged collaboration across REDC regions.

Mr. Bartley noted the importance of the WNY Opportunity Agenda and regional poverty initiatives and how they should be aligned with placemaking and workforce. Jeff Belt commented on the Smart Growth score card.

Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul thanked members for their work and reviewed the recent NYS Budget actions. She encouraged mentorship and apprenticeship.

10:20am Global NY FDI Tour Event in Western New York

Erin Cole, Senior Vice President, Global NY

Ms. Cole explained the Global NY program and commented on the May 16 & 17 tour of internal delegates with 36 confirmed representatives from participating countries. She gave details on the program and speakers. She mentioned Global NY does four trade missions each year and encouraged regional companies to participate. September 6-9 is in China.



10:40am One Region Forward – Implementation

Robert Shibley, Professor and Dean, University at Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning

Dean Shibley provided a Power point presentation detailing the implementation plan and progress of One Region Forward.

10:55am WNY REDC CFA Technical Assistance Initiative Update

Paul Ray, Associate Director of Operations, University of Buffalo Regional Institute

Paul Ray provided a power point presentation outlining the scope of work and expected deliverables for the REDC Technical Assistance Initiative in Town of Ripley and the Village of Wellsville.

11:10 am Buffalo Billion Update

Christopher Schoepflin, Regional Director, Empire State Development

Christopher Schoepflin noted that the recently passed NYS Budget includes \$500 million for implementation of the proposed initiatives in Buffalo Billion Phase 2. In addition to workforce, entrepreneurship, and tradeable sectors many of the initiatives are also focused on smart growth and revitalization, especially on Buffalo's east side. ESD is working with the organizations that will lead these initiatives to finalize scope of work, timeline, and other actions necessary to facilitate a quick start. He thanked the REDC, state agencies, cities, towns, villages and staff.

11:20 am REDC Code of Conduct

Stephen Gawlik, Senior Counsel, Empire State Development'

Steve Gawlik presented the REDC Code of Conduct and provided handouts to REDC members.

11:25 am Closing Remarks & Adjourn

WNY Regional Economic Development Council Co-Chairs Jeff Belt and Dr. Virginia Horvath providing closing remarks. Deanna Alterio Brennen was recognized for her new employment position and service to the WNY REDC.