**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Introductory Information:**

Dates and Time Meeting Commenced: September 14th 2016-10:00am

Location: 326 Broad St. Utica NY 13501

Council Members Present: Rayan Aguam for Senator Joe Griffo, Dr. Laura Casamento, Kathy Clark, Steve DiMeo, Dr. Robert Geer, Larry Gilroy , Mayor Robert Palmieri, Charles Green, Mark Kilmer, Dayton King, Kathy Landers, Nick Matt, Ken Meifert, Matthew Ossenfort, Nancy Pattarini, Bernard Peplinski, Dr. Dustin Swanger

Special Guests: Alison Walsh, Delores Caruso, Jennifer Waters, Shelly Callahan, Ken Meifert, Assemblymen Anthony Brindisi, V. Jim Bono, Mayor Jackie Izzo

Time Adjourned: 11:55 am

**Welcome and Remarks:**

10:00am – Co-Chair Dr. Robert Geer of SUNY Polytechnic Institute called the meeting to order and welcomed Council Members, special guests, state team and the public. Council members went around the table introducing themselves.

Co-chair Larry Gilroy welcomed new Regional Director, Michael Reese and announced the agenda for the meeting.

1. Frank DuRoss and President Randy Vanwagoner of MVCC will give brief welcome to thINCubator
2. Approval of CFA Project Scores
3. Progress Report Presentation: Jennifer Waters
4. Presentation: Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees Workforce Development Initiatives: Shelly Callahan
5. Project Presentation: launch of Baseball Hall of Fame’s Digitized Gallery: Ken Meifert

**Reports/Discussions/Motions:**

Co-chair Larry Gilroy- Michael Reese has been appointed as Regional Director for the Mohawk Valley. Mr. Reese, who most recently served as the Director of Strategic Business Development for Human Technologies Corporation in Utica, brings more than 35 years of economic development experience to the position including serving as member of the MVREDC since its inception. Mike brings a wealth of knowledge and the skills required to be a major asset to the six-county region. For nearly 23 years, Mr. Reese was the Executive Director of the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, and also served as President & CEO of the Fulton County Center for Regional Growth.

Frank DuRoss and Randy Vanwagoner welcomed everyone to the meeting and give a brief overview of the thINCubator’s new location and expansion as a result of a CFA award and also describe all of the economic development projects that are taking place surrounding the new thINCubator location in Baggs Square.

Larry Gilroy lead Council members in up or down vote to approve 2016 CFA Project scores.

Jennifer Waters gave an overview of the 2016 Action Plan, no questions were asked.

Shelly Callahan gave an overview of the MVRCR’s workforce development programs and initiatives.

Ken Meifert showed the newly digitized gallery that launched last Wednesday September 7th , that was in part funded by a ESD Market NY award.

Larry Gilroy, Bob Geer-Larry and Bob thanked Ken Tompkins, former Regional Director for his service to the REDC and the impact he has made on our region.