



Regional Economic Development Council - WNY Meeting Summary

Introductory Information:

Date and Time Meeting Commenced: Monday, August 13, 2018 at 1:00pm

Location: Old Library Events, 116 South Union Street, Olean, NY 14760

Council Members Present: Co-Chair Jeff Belt, Co-Chair Dr. Virginia Horvath, Dr. Rosa Gonzalez, Tom Kucharski, Michael Metzger, Robert Brady, Katherine Conway-Turner, Crystal Abers and Mark Zupan.

Ex-Officio: Chautauqua County Executive George Borrello, Designee of the Cattaraugus County Chair Crystal Abers, Michael Casale for Niagara County Legislature Chair, Mayor of Jamestown Sam Teresi, Mayor Paul Dyster, Becky Gandour for Mayor Byron Brown, and Mayor William Aiello.

State Agency/Local Government: ESD-WNY Staff: Christopher Schoepflin, Mo Sumbundu, Diego Sirianni, Michael Halton, Laura Magee, and Jean Williams. Chamber: Lori Cornell. DOS: Christopher Bauer. Labor: Michele Taylor, Debbie Arbutina, John Crawford, Frank McAndrew. NYPA: Carol Sampson. Housing & Community Renewal: Lenny Skrill. City of Olean: Nicholas Dicerbo, Fred Saradin, Jeff Rawley. Assemblymen: Joseph Giglio.

Special Guests: Laura Quebral, University of Buffalo Regional Institute. Corey Wiktor, County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency. Brent Driscoll, Olean Business Development. Christopher Michel, Olean Business Development. Senator Catharine Young.

Time Adjourned: 2:29pm

Opening Remarks: Jeff Belt and Dr. Virginia Horvath, Co-Chairs, WNY Regional Economic Development Council.

Mr. Belt welcomed everyone to Olean and introduced elected officials.

Dr. Horvath, President of SUNY-Fredonia, welcomed the council and guests.

Call to Order: read by Mo Sumbundu, Project Manager, Empire State Development

☒ 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:

1:00pm

Opening Remarks

Jeff Belt, Co-Chair, WNY Regional Economic Development Council

Dr. Virginia Horvath, Co-Chair, WNY Regional Economic Development Council

- Co-chairs Jeff Belt and Virginia Horvath welcomed the council and public to the meeting.
- Mo Sumbundu read preamble requesting members to disclose any conflicts of interest.
- Jeff Belt introduced elected officials in the room and Olean Mayor Aiello to offer welcoming remarks and give a presentation on the Olean DRI update.

1:05pm

Welcoming Remarks/DRI Update

William Aiello, Mayor, City of Olean

- Presentation on the City of Olean and update on DRI progress to date.

1:27pm

Applied Strategy in Olean

Jeff Belt, Co-Chair, WNY Regional Economic Development Council

- Jeff Belt introduced Senator Young who gave remarks on positive results in the Southern Tier.
- Jeff Belt gave presentation on Applied Strategy in Olean.

1:42pm

CFA Round 8 and Progress Report Update

Mo Sumbundu, Project Manager, Empire State Development

Laura Quebral, Director, UB Regional Institute

- Chris Schoepflin introduced Mo Sumbundu to provide an overview of the applications received for consideration in this round of the REDC competition and the remaining process and schedule
- Chris Schoepflin introduced Laura Quebral who provided a progress report update and overview of the current regional metrics.
- Jeff Belt introduced Crystal Abers and Corey Wiktor who gave an update on Cattaraugus County Economic Development.



1:56pm

Cattaraugus County Economic Development Update

Crystal Abers, Director, Cattaraugus County Department of Economic Development, Planning and Tourism

Corey Wiktor, Director, County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency

- Presentation on Cattaraugus County Economic Development
- Jeff Belt introduced Brent Driscoll and Christopher Michel to give an update on Olean Business Development.

2:09pm

Olean Business Development Update

Brent Driscoll, Board Chair, Olean Business Development

Christopher Michel, Director of Marketing and Communications, Olean Business Development

- Presentation on Olean Business Development

2:29pm

Closing Remarks & Adjourn

Jeff Belt, Co-Chair, WNY Regional Economic Development Council

Dr. Virginia Horvath, Co-Chair, WNY Regional Economic Development Council

- Chris Schoepflin thanked members of the council and staff for work on the CFA process
- Jeff Belt thanked the City of Olean for hosting the council, the Old Library for hosting the meeting, as well as the presenters, and leaders in the community.