



**NCREDC Meeting Summary**

**Introductory Information:**

Date and Time Meeting Commenced: May 30, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Location: Knowles Conference Center, SUNY Potsdam

Council Members Present: Tim Currier, Don Dabiew, Richard Daddario, Bill Farber, Kate Fish, Scott Gray, Fritz Keel, Steve Kokkoris, James Lazore, Michele Ledoux, James McKenna, Kylie Peck, Colin Read, Angela Smith, Ty Stone, Zvi Szafran, Mark Tryniski, James Wright, John Zielinski, Victoria Zinser-Duley

Council Members Substitutes: None

State Agency/Local Government/ESD Staff: Dick Ashlaw (Designee for Senator Griffo), Melissa Baretzky, Jennifer Bechtol, Seth Belt, Mark Brouillette (Designee for Mark Walczyk), Nicole Conant, Jason Denno, Terry Evans, Bill Ferebee, Stephen Hunt, Erin Hynes, Dan Kelleher, Russ Kinyon, Renee McFarlin, Adam Ostrowski, Frank Rooney, Andrea Smith, Robert Stegemann, Eric Virkler, Karen White, Patricia Wilson

Special Guests: Madhuri Kommareddi, Director of Workforce development for NYS, Alison Walsh, ESD, John Cochran, Deputy Director, Executive Division – NYSOFA, Corey Fram, Director of 1000 Islands International Tourism Council

Time Adjourned: 12:50 p.m.

**Welcome and Remarks:**

Call to Order:

- Preamble requesting disclosure of any conflicts of interest read.
- Conflicts noted:
- Recusals noted:
- No conflicts noted.
- The record of recusals was noted and acknowledged at the meeting.

**Reports/Discussions/Motions:**

Chairperson Ty Stone welcomed council and public to session. She

- introduced herself as the President of Jefferson Community College, and a new co-chair. And James McKenna introduced himself as President and CEO of Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism and as new co-chair.
- gave a recap of the reorganization of the NCREDC
- welcomed the appointment of four new council members: Victoria Zinser-Duley, Executive Director of Adirondack Economic Development Council, Richard Daddario, Business Manager of Laborers Local 1822, David Champagne, President and CEO of The Development Corporation, and Angela Smith, Assistant Director of the Small Business Development Center.

- welcomed two ex-officio to the council: Joseph Lightfoot, St. Lawrence County Legislature, and Shaun Gilliland, Essex County Board of Supervisors.
- asked each person to introduce themselves.
- acknowledged all the hard work of the work groups and thanked them.

Stephen Hunt provided the Executive Director's Report.

Work Groups provided reports: Placemaking Work Group report was given by Kylie Peck, the work group leader, Workforce Work Group report was given by Fritz Keel, the work group leader, Tradable Sectors Work Group report was given by John Zielinski, the work group leader, and the Innovation Development Initiative report was given by Dan Kelleher on behalf of Stephanie Ratcliffe, the work group leader. A motion was made for a vote on everyone in agreement that the council is advancing the right direction was unanimous approval.

Madhuri Kommareddi, Director of Workforce Development for NYS, presented a 2019 priority to support the workforce development initiative.

Alison Walsh, ESD, presented the Round 9 CFA information and child care initiative.

John Cochran, Deputy Director, Executive Division – NYSOFA, introduced information on age-friendly NY: older New Yorker trends/demographics & contributions and intersection of smart growth policies and livable communities/ healthier across all policies/state of the state initiative presentation.

Corey Fram, Director of 1000 Islands International Tourism Council, spoke about the North Country Lodging Task Force Update.

Dr. Stone spoke of upcoming meetings: The co-chair forums on June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> for the road show to tour several areas in the counties within the North Country region. June 26<sup>th</sup> there is a scheduled NCREDC meeting as well as a working session on August 28<sup>th</sup>. There is uncertainty in the meeting date and location for September (potentially at Hotel Saranac). The scoring committee will meet on August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. And a potential for a meeting in late September possibly at Hotel Saranac.

Mr. Hunt reminded the work groups to still keep working toward their goals. And the next meeting will probably be following up with the work groups.

Public comment: Amy Catania, Executive Director of Historic Saranac Lake, gave a quick update on the rehabilitation project of the Trudeau building. She said that there was great progress, and they will apply for CFA money that will assist in hiring a staff person. She thanked the council.

Dr. Stone reminded everyone about the CFA workshop that was scheduled for 1:30 PM.

This completed Chairperson Stone's report of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council session.