



Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council

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Zoom Webinar

September 23, 2020

12:00 PM – 2:00PM

Council Members Present: J. McKinney-Cherry, K. Drumm, P. Ellsworth, D. Burlew, B. Schindler, R. David, M. Field, L. Schumaker, H. McDaniel, B. Schindler, M. Opperman, M. Printup, K. Boor, B. Lifton, M. Sauerbrey, J. Garnar,

Council Member Alternates: J. Johnson (for S. VanEtten), W. Mitteer (for K. Connerton), T. Schryver (For M. Opperman), K. Green, J. Nyrop

State Agency/Local Government/Staff: O. Sanders (ESD), D. Howell (ESD), S. Wallmar (ESD), S. Glose (ESD), C. Norton (Chamber), D. Fauci (Binghamton University), B. Lifton (Assembly Member), J. Sweet (DOS)

J. McKinney called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM, indicated that meeting is being recorded.

J. McKinney asked to roll call attendees.

J. McKinney called for approval of 8/29/20 minutes. The members voted in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Presentation of 2020 STREDC Economic Recovery Report

Judy McKinney-Cherry & Dr. Kevin Drumm, presented the STREDC Recovery Report along with a representative from each workgroup for their particular industry. The outline was recapped along with the methodology of how the information was gathered. Overview of Immediate and Long-term Challenge & Needs were discussed by each workgroup. A summary of the strategies and realization of the needs of the Southern Tier were discussed finalizing the policies to support regional recovery being the following: Broadband, Childcare & Food and Agriculture Specific Policy Changes. Discussions were followed in reference to the needs of the local economy due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Open Issues

- REDC Ethics Training Reminder

New Business

- Grow NY Update



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- T. Schryver – Grow NY just announced the 20 finalists, over 260 applicants from around the world. Companies are being connected and a final virtual competition is scheduled for November. Applicants that were not finalists will be connected to resources within the region. Invitations to symposium and summit will be sent out.
- Workforce Development Initiative Update
O. Sanders to send an update to the REDC via email since there were technical difficulties during the meeting.
 - 76 West Update
T. Schryver – Competition has been restructured, slightly larger prizes, award announcements 10/19/20, great session with wonderful pitches and engagement around the region. Noteworthy of the 24 winners NYSERDA contracted 22 of them. 16 of the winners are operating in the region in business mostly in the Koffman Southern Tier Incubator in Binghamton, NY. URI negotiations are underway with ESD and NYSERDA.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Other Business

Adjournment

K. Drumm adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.