

Minutes

Syracuse Economic Development Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, May 4, 2023
3:30 – 4:30 PM

Meeting was held in-person at:
The Permits Conference Room in City Hall Commons
201 E. Washington Street
Syracuse, NY 13202

Board Members Present: Andrew Fish, Stephen Gross, Eric Ennis, Sheena Solomon, Calvin Corridors, Jr., Rita Paniagua, Nick Petragrani

Board Members Excused: Karolina Marcinkowski, Richard Driscoll, Ashanti Dickerson, Mark Barbee

Staff Present: Vaughn Davis, Suzanne Macpherson, Jakia Durham Kelly, Fred Marty, Esq.

I. Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Ennis called the meeting to order at 3:38 PM.

II. Roll Call

Mr. Ennis acknowledged that all Board Members were present except for Karolina Marcinkowski, Richard Driscoll, Ashanti Dickerson, Mark Barbee.

III. Proof of Notice

Mr. Ennis made note acknowledging proof of notice was sent out in a timely manner and the change of location.

IV. Minutes

Mr. Ennis reviewed the SEDCO Board meeting minutes from April 6, 2023 + electronic correspondence, and asked for a motion for approval.

Mr. Fish made the motion. Ms. Paniagua seconded the motion. **ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 6, 2023.**

V. New Business

1. ARPA Micro-Enterprise Assistance Fund Request:

- Erma's Island

Mr. Davis provided an overview of the request from Erma's Island seeking \$5,000 for a period of two (2) years and 2% interest. The funding was requested to purchase cooking appliances to help with the production and of storing food.

Mr. Gross made the motion. Ms. Paniagua seconded the motion. **ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- SOULutions

Mr. Davis provided an overview of the request from SOULutions seeking \$4,114 for a period of two (2) years and 2% interest. The funding was requested for capital upgrades to their current equipment, that will allow them to offer an increase in wages to their current staff and hire another staff member.

It was recommended by staff to grant Solutions \$4,500.00.

Mr. Fish made the motion. Ms. Solomon seconded the motion. **ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- Phleb Express

Mr. Davis provided an overview of the request from Phleb Express seeking \$16,968 for a period of two (2) years and 2% interest. The funding was requested for supplies, certification with the Department of Health, and a new website.

The staff and board members suggested the owner be granted \$3,000 to help the owner build a website. As a contingency the Board is requiring Ms. Sanjurjo to meet with an advisor at OCC's Small Business Development Center to help her with managing the business and it's day to day operations.

Ms. Solomon made the motion. Mr. Corridors Jr. seconded the motion. **ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

2. ARPA Community Impact Fund Request:

Mr. Davis provided an overview of the request from All American Baseball seeking \$200,000 for a period of seven (7) years (84 Months) and 3% interest. The funding was requested to improve the current facility space, equipment, and furniture and renovate the building.

Mr. Corridors made the motion with the request for a follow-up with the owners about what children they will be serving, how they're doing in a year, etc., if they are willing include scholarships to children who can't afford to pay for the membership, must reach out to the school district for recruiting purposes, and advise what the rent is for the second extension. Ms. Paniagua seconded the motion. **ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MR. GROSS TO APPROVE THE REQUEST.**

VI. Adjourn

Mr. Fish made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Solomon seconded the motion. **ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34PM.