

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2025

The Economic Development, Education & Culture Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: M. Hilderbrant (Chair), E. Micha, J. Shaw, K. Myers (Voting Representative for T. Ames), S. Ryan

Members Absent:

Others Present: C. Hall, M. McDonald, C. French, J. Scott, A. Martin, Legislature; M. Ponticello, Executive; C. Fedor, Health; E. Warneck, J. Marsh, Mental Health; T. Adams, N. Angeline, OMB; R. Murphy, OET; A. Fiala, I. Paullay, Planning; R. Brown, DPW; J. Hess, Visit Binghamton; M. Turbush, OFA; C. Marion, Arena/Forum; V. Gialanella, Resident.

The Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:10 p.m. Mr. Shaw moved the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Ryan. The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#1 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH THE ROD SERLING MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, THE TIOGA ARTS COUNCIL AND VISIT BINGHAMTON FOR FUNDING FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION OF THE OCCUPANCY TAX FOR 2025-2026

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#2 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH FOURTH ECONOMY CONSULTING INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR 2025-2027

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#25 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME TIOGA WORKFORCE BOARD

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#28 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BROOME-TIOGA BOCES FOR LEASE OF SPACE FROM THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FOR 2025-2030

Mrs. Micha asked about the amount that we receive from leasing BOCES space from OET. It was explained that it was a pass-through agreement where they pay the same rate that we do for the space.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#30 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

C. Marion and R. Brown explained that the initial cost estimate was based on the cost to replace certain equipment and as the project planning and design progressed it became clear that additional work was needed to bring the HVAC system up to code and needed improvements to related systems.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Late Agenda

#33 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#34 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BROOME COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PURSUANT TO THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, Mr. Shaw made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Micha. The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.