



Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting December 8, 2022

Meetings for the Board of Directors of ECGRA can begin meeting in a physical location per Governor Wolf's proclamation of June 11, 2021. However, each member and ex-officio has the option to attend in person or virtually. Members of the public can now speak at the physical location of 5240 Knowledge Parkway.

** The recording for the December Board meeting was compromised, therefore the following minutes are a summary of the discussions held at the meeting. **

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors' Meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was held on December 8, 2022 at 5240 Knowledge Parkway, Erie, PA 16510. Legal Notice of the meeting was given through an advertisement appearing in the Erie Times-News. The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Cleaver and Mr. Oberlander are present in person. Mr. Barney, Mr. DiPaolo, Ms. Hess, and Ms. Loll are present via Zoom. Mr. Wachter is present via Zoom. Dr. Wood is present in person.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. DiPaolo makes a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Loll seconds the motion. There is no discussion of the agenda. Motion carries 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 2022

Ms. Loll makes a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. DiPaolo seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the minutes. Motion carries 6-0.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

There are no comments by any Board member at this time.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Mr. Barney states that he would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season. He has enjoyed working with everyone this past year and hopes next year will be equally productive.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public present for comments.

PRESENTATIONS

There are no presentations at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Cleaver states that he has reviewed the financial reports and says everything seems to be in order. He noted that the only category we went slightly over on was the Meeting Expenses, but that was because we have been holding so many meetings recently. He states that if anyone has any questions, he or Dr. Wood will provide an answer.

Mr. DiPaolo makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ms. Loll seconds the motion. There are no questions or discussion of the Treasurer's Report. Motion carries 6-0.

- b. Strategic Planning Committee: Dr. Wood states that since we just had the meeting a few days ago, he will not go into detail as we will be presenting resolutions later in the meeting of things that were discussed at the meeting.
- c. Update from County Council: Mr. Shank is not present to give a report.
- d. Update from County Executive's Office: Mr. Smith is not present to give a report.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Wood has a brief report this month so he discusses the Strategic Planning meeting where the Board members reviewed the final rounds of Anchor Building, Multi-Municipal Collaboration, and Renaissance Block grants. The results of Monday's meeting are in resolution form to be voted on later.

Dr. Wood then discusses a letter he received from County Executive Davis last night that stated the County Executive had chosen to veto certain line items of the ARPA budget which included the complete removal of funding to ECGRA. The explanation that was given in the letter was that CE

Davis felt that the County is capable of administering those funds for both Economic Development and the Beehive Network. Dr. Wood tells the Board that he will email them a copy of the letter in order for them to review it. After they read the letter, they are encouraged to ask Dr. Wood any questions or bring up any concerns.

Mr. DiPaolo asks what the total amount was that was in the ECGRA line-item veto, to which Dr. Wood responded that it was about \$4M. Dr. Wood states that although other organizations also received some cuts to their line items, ECGRA was the only organization that had their funds cut completely.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wachter has nothing to report, but Mr. DiPaolo has a question about Conflict of Interest for a grant that is scheduled to be funded today. Mr. DiPaolo serves on the Board for the Eagle's Nest, which is run by Bishop Brock. Bishop Brock also serves on the Board for the East Side Renaissance, which is scheduled to be awarded funds today. Mr. Wachter confirms that there is no Conflict of Interest for Mr. DiPaolo, since the Eagle's Nest and the East Side Renaissance are two completely different organizations.

OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Number 15, 2022 – Resolution to enter into agreements with six (6) entities that comprise the recipients of the 2022 Anchor Building Program

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Cleaver makes a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Loll seconds the motion. There is no further discussion of the resolution. Motion carries 6-0.

- b. Resolution Number 16, 2022 – Resolution to enter into agreements with two (2) entities as the recipients of the 2022 Multi-Municipal Collaboration Grant – Round 2

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Ms. Loll makes a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. DiPaolo seconds the motion. There is no further discussion of the resolution. Motion carries 6-0.

- c. Resolution Number 17, 2022 – Resolution to enter into agreements with two (2) entities as the recipients of the 2022 Renaissance Block Program – Round 2

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Cleaver makes a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Oberlander seconds the motion. There is no further discussion of the resolution. Motion carries 6-0.

Ms. Hess has to leave the meeting early.

- d. Resolution Number 18, 2022 – Resolution to enter into agreements with three (3) organizations for the Small Business & Ecosystem Grants – Round 2

Dr. Wood reads the resolution. He then explains that the amounts being awarded to Erie's Black Wall Street and the Sisters of St. Joseph are at a prorated amount for a one year cohort. The decision for this was so it could be determined if this was a viable project for these organizations to carry out.

Ms. Loll agrees with the decision for partial funding. Mr. DiPaolo asks for confirmation that there are only three of the four presenters that are receiving funds. Dr. Wood confirms that this is correct; the fourth entity is not yet ready to move forward.

Mr. Cleaver makes a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Oberlander seconds the motion. There is no further discussion of the resolution. Motion carries 5-0.

- e. Resolution Number 19, 2022 – Resolution to direct the Erie Community Foundation to release \$534,268.00 to the Erie County Lead Assets

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. DiPaolo makes a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Oberlander seconds the motion. There is no further discussion of the resolution. Motion carries 5-0.

- f. Resolution Number 20, 2022 – Resolution to approve the 2023 Board Meeting Schedule

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Oberlander makes a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Cleaver seconds the motion. There is no further discussion of the resolution. Motion carries 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Oberlander moves to adjourn. Mr. Cleaver seconds the motion.