

**BROOME COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD MEETING
FIVE South College Drive, Suite 201
Binghamton, New York 13905
Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 12:30 pm**

SYNOPSIS OF MEETING

PRESENT: J. Bernard, J. Mirabito, P. Newman, M. Sopchak, D. Crocker, R. Bucci and D. Gates

ABSENT: J. Peduto and E. Miller

GUESTS None

STAFF: S. Duncan, N. Abbadessa, A. Williamson, M. Lucas, and G. Paugh

COUNSEL: J. Meagher

The meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m.

ITEM #1. APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 18, 2024, BOARD MEETING: Chairman Bernardo requested a motion to approve the June 18, 2024, minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Newman motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Gates; the MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM #2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Bernardo asked if there were any public comments. None were made.

ITEM #3. Resolution Authorizing the BCLDC to Serve as the Pass-Through for a Green Resiliency Grant from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation to Cover Green Infrastructure Solutions to Mitigate Stormwater Impacts, Including Site Planning, Design, and the Implementation of Green Infrastructure to Sustainably Manage Stormwater Runoff While Enhancing the Visitor Experience, Ensuring Safe Pedestrian Circulation, and Expanding Outdoor Activities at the Roberson Museum and Science Center.

Ms. Duncan provided a brief overview of the Green Resiliency Grant and the application being put forward by the Roberson Museum & Science Center. Michael Grasso, Executive Director for the Roberson, also provided an overview of their capital improvement projects and the reason for the grant request. Ms. Duncan noted for the Board that the LDC, as a public benefit corporation recognized by NYS, has served as a passthrough for grants like this in the past.

Chairman Bernardo asked for a motion.

MOTION: To Accept a Resolution Authorizing the BCLDC to Serve as the Pass-Through for a Green Resiliency Grant from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation to Cover Green Infrastructure Solutions to Mitigate Stormwater Impacts, Including Site Planning, Design and the Implementation of Green Infrastructure to Sustainably Manage Stormwater Runoff While Enhancing the Visitor Experience, Ensuring Safe Pedestrian Circulation, and Expanding Outdoor Activities at the Roberson Museum and Science Center. On a MOTION by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Sopchak, the MOTION CARRIED.

Ahead of the motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Bernardo asked for an update regarding the Small Business Development Grant program being administered by the BCLDC. Ms. Williamson noted that the program had been closed to new applications due to the oversubscription of the program, with only \$500,000 available and over \$2.2M in funding requests. The grants are in their final round of review.

ITEM #4: ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Bernardo requested a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: On a MOTION by Mr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Mirabito, the MOTION CARRIED, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the BCLDC is to be determined.