

Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency  
Governance Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2023

The Governance Committee meeting of the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency was held on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 335 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, New York in the large conference room, Floor 2M.

Kevin Ryan called the meeting to order at 8:30 am with the following:

PRESENT:

Kevin Ryan  
Patrick Hogan

ABSENT:

Fanny Villarreal

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert M. Petrovich, Executive Director  
Nate Stevens, Treasurer  
Nancy Lowery, Secretary  
Karen Doster, Recording Secretary  
Matt Pelligra, Economic Development  
Len Rauch, Economic Development  
Svetlana Dyer, Economic Development  
Jeff Davis, Barclay Damon Law Firm

APPROVAL OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 19, 2023

Upon a motion by Patrick Hogan, seconded by Kevin Ryan, the OCIDA Board approved the regular meeting minutes of January 19, 2023. Motion was carried.

OPEN MEETINGS LAW – VIDEOCONFERENCING

Jeff Davis stated as a result of Covid and the State realizing things could be accomplished remotely, they did make a modification to the Open Meetings Law that would allow for participation by a board member and voting by a board member remotely. He stated there must be a quorum in the room so it does not defeat the need for a quorum and you cannot use the remote person to achieve the quorum in the room. He stated there needs to be at least 4 people in the room and certain extraordinary circumstances a member who could not be in the room could participate not only in the meeting but can vote. He stated in Section 3 of the Statue there is a list including disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities or any other significant or unexpected factor or event which precludes a member's physical attendance at such meeting. He stated he also added to give the

Board some discretion, “it should be in the sole discretion of the Chairperson and Executive Director in consultation with Agency Counsel as to whether such circumstances fit within the described extraordinary circumstances”. He stated he thinks it gives the Board some flexibility to decide on a particular basis. He stated last month there was a situation where there were four members in the room and one with Covid so the Board member could not participate. He stated with this it gives the Board more flexibility when we are short on numbers but still have a quorum. He stated the State statute gives us some room to determine what is significant or unexpected factor. He stated his suggestion is not to try and define what that is now because we don’t know. He stated it would be determined on a case by case basis as it comes up.

Upon a motion by Patrick Hogan, seconded by Kevin Ryan, the Governance Committee approved to forward the modified Open Meetings Law – Video Conferencing State Statute to the full Board.

Motion was carried.

Upon a motion by Patrick Hogan, seconded by Kevin Ryan, the OCIDA Board adjourned the meeting at 8:34 AM. Motion was carried.

  
Nancy Lowery, Secretary