



**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Middletown, NY and Zoom**  
**February 15, 2022 | 4 pm**

**Present:** Michael Gilfeather, Mary Beth Bianconi, David Campbell, Melissa Cobuzzi, Susan Dean, Daniel Depew, Andrew Fetherston, Brian Flynn, Robert Kaehler, Robert Sanchez, Alan Seidman, James Smith, Mark Stellwag, Gary Tetz, Michael Turturro, Derrik Wynkoop

**Absent:** Todd Diorio, Chuck Utschig

**Staff Present:** Maureen Halahan, Megan Matthews

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The meeting was called to order at 4 pm.

**Michael Gilfeather**

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**Approval of Minutes:**

**Michael Gilfeather**

- The minutes of the January 2022 board meeting were presented and accepted on a motion made by Daniel Depew, seconded by Mark Stellwag and unanimously carried.

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**Financials:**

**Derrik Wynkoop**

- The financials were presented and approved on a motion made by Robert Kaehler, seconded by Alan Seidman, financials were unanimously carried.

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**President's Report:**

**Maureen Halahan**

- OCP hired a new virtual bookkeeper, Laurie Dupont. She started February 1, 2022.
- Conor Eckert will be joining the Partnership staff as Senior Director of Business Development and VP of Business Attraction beginning on March 14, 2022.
- Stewart Airport Service Development Committee continues to talk with the Port Authority to increase traffic at the airport and work with new airlines at the airport.
- There are a few leads interested in the deep river port located in Newburgh. One idea involves the Staten Island Ferry which is being pursued by OCP.
- MHREDC Priority Projects presented in front of the voting committee and were scored January 26<sup>th</sup>. Awards will be announced soon.
- Maureen will be attending the NYS EDC conference February 28-March 1 and then going to the Site Selectors Guild Conference March 2-5 in San Diego.
- OCP met with the new CEO of Garnet Health, Al Pilog on February 14<sup>th</sup> to introduce him to the company and develop a relationship with him.
- Project updates included: Project Nucleus, Project Brew, Residences at the Galleria and Danskammer.
- Planning for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Classic is underway. If you are interested get your sponsorships in now.
- Breakfast pricing for our two major events has gone up significantly. OCP is looking into alternate venues to keep costs down.
- OCP e-newsletters are going out regularly and the packet for event sponsorships was recently sent.

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**Chairman's Report**

**Michael Gilfeather**

- Investment committee met to discuss creating an OCP Investment Policy. Anyone on the board is welcome to join that group. The committee will bring the policy to the board to approve in March.
- Chairman Gilfeather turned the meeting over to the nominating committee to present two potential candidates to join the board: Michelle Rider and Charles Gottlieb.
- Alan Seidman and Robert Kaehler led the discussion regarding the two candidates. A motion to approve Michelle Rider and Charles Gottlieb as additions to the Board of Directors was made by Derrik Wynkoop, seconded by Mark Stellwag and unanimously carried.

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**Old/New Business:**

**Michael Gilfeather**

- Andrew Fetherston discussed the next ABG meeting being planned for March 30. Kelly Turturro Regional Director of the DEC will be speaking.
- A motion to adjourn was made by Daniel Depew, seconded by Robert Kaehler and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Turturro