



County Legislature

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE/ALL LEGISLATORS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Orange County Legislative Manual Section C4(II-7) a Special Meeting of the Education and Economic Development Statutory Committees will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. **VIA TELECONFERENCE AND THE PUBLIC MAY VIEW VIA LIVESTREAMING – PLEASE SEE COUNTY WEBSITE: WWW.ORANGECOUNTYGOV.COM THEN TO LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE LINK.**

The purpose of the meeting is for:

- i. Continued discussion from Education and Economic Development Statutory Committee Meeting on Friday, February 19, 2021:
Orange County Industrial Development Agency Audit Review
- ii. To consider the adoption of the following to wit:
Resolution seeking financial disclosures from the Orange County Industrial Development Agency
(TABLED AT 2/19/21 EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STATUTORY COMMITTEE MEETING)

**BY ORDER OF THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE**


JEAN M. RAMPPEN, CLERK

"SPECIAL"
EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
AGENDA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021
2:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD REMOTELY VIA TELECONFERENCE. THE PUBLIC MAY VIEW VIA LIVESTREAMING – PLEASE SEE COUNTY WEBSITE: WWW.ORANGECOUNTYGOV.COM. THEN TO LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE LINK

EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Paul Ruskiewicz, Chair
Barry J. Cheney, Rob Sassi, James D. O'Donnell, Laurie R. Tautel, Joel Sierra, Joseph J. Minuta, Kathy Stegenga

I. CONTINUED DISCUSSION: ORANGE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AUDIT REVIEW

II. ROB SASSI, LEGISLATOR

Resolution seeking financial disclosures from the Orange County Industrial Development Agency
(TABLED AT 2/19/21 E&E COMMITTEE MEETING)

ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Committee: Education and Economic Development

Sponsors:

Co-Sponsors:

Agenda No.

RESOLUTION NO. OF 2021

RESOLUTION SEEKING FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Education and Economic Development Committee of the Orange County Legislature has requested information from the Orange County IDA; and

WHEREAS, the IDA was not fully responsive to that request; and

WHEREAS, the IDA salaries and contracts are effectively paid for publicly by virtue of the fees paid to the IDA where the taxpayers of Orange County do not receive the full taxation for the developed property; and

WHEREAS, the remainder of property taxpayers in Orange County pay the taxes which would have been paid, had those IDA-exempted properties not been IDA-exempted; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County IDA has identified various individuals as "staff" on their website, but has permitted at least one of those staff to be paid through a private business entity; and

WHEREAS, the lack of transparency inherently created by paying a business entity as "staff" rather than paying the actually listed "staff" person is a concern to this Legislature; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, as follows:

1. This Legislative body requests that the Orange County IDA disclose the actual compensation paid to any business entity which employs or otherwise pays purported staff of the IDA since January 1, 2014;

2. This Legislative body requests that the Orange County IDA require the disclosure and publication on their website of the actual compensation paid, directly or indirectly to any staff of the IDA identified on the IDA as "staff" since January 1, 2014 to enable the public to learn who exactly has been paid how much through any business entity paid by the IDA since January 1, 2014 as "staff" of the IDA;

3. This Legislative body requests that the salaries and benefit costs be detailed online for the past for all IDA staff who have been paid directly as employees of the IDA since January 1, 2014;

4. This Legislative body requests that the Orange County IDA board disclose whether any business entity which has benefited from any IDA or Orange County Funding Corporation assistance has hired any entity which has paid any person identified as "staff" of the IDA as

known on the IDA website on January 22, 2021 for any service or goods, and if so identify how much and for what services or goods.

APPROVED: MARCH 4, 2021

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ORANGE**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I, JEAN M. RAMPEN, Clerk of the County Legislature of said County of Orange, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in my office and which was passed by the County Legislature of said County of Orange on the 4th day of March, 2021 and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original resolution and the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of said County Legislature this 5th day of March, 2021.

Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Orange