

**EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023  
2:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Joseph J. Minuta, Chairman  
Thomas J. Faggione, James O'Donnell, Genesis Ramos,  
Paul Ruskiewicz, Robert C. Sassi, Kathy A. Stegenga

ALSO

PRESENT: Katherine E. Bonelli, Chairwoman  
Michael D. Paduch, Minority Leader  
Betsy N. Abraham, Esq., Legislative Counsel  
Alicia D'Amico, Director of Operations  
Kerry Gallagher, Commissioner of Finance  
Alison Tyack, Deputy Commissioner, Human Resources  
Denise Cross, Director of Personnel Management, Human Resources  
Steven M. Gross, Director, Office of Economic Development  
Amanda Dana, Tourism Director  
Rachel Carr, Tourism Coordinator  
Lisa Santiago, Tourism Assistant  
Nora Martinez, Film Specialist, Tourism  
Rachel Wilson, Director, Youth Bureau  
Susan Ambrosino, Associate Account Clerk II, Youth Bureau  
Nicole Andersen, Director, Community Development  
Johanna Porr, County Historian  
Michael Stanley, Dir. Weights and Measures, Consumer Affairs  
Maire Ullrich, Agriculture Program Leader, Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Suzy McCormack, 4-H Youth Development Issue Leader, Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Mary Ann Rothstein, Finance Manager, Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Tom Manza, Board Member, Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Paul G. Martland, Vice President of Admin./Finance, Orange County Community College  
Corey Dawkins, Director of Campus Facilities/Services  
Deborah Slesinski, Budget Director  
Gretchen Riordan, Deputy Budget Director  
Dina Sena, Budget Analyst

Chairman Minuta opened the committee meeting at 2:00 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present with the exception of Legislator **Luján** who was absent.

Mr. Martland and Mr. Dawkins presented the 2024 recommended Capital Plan for Orange County Community College.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the 2024 Capital Plan for Orange County Community College, seconded by Ms. Stegenga.

Motion carried. All in favor of the 2024 recommended Capital Plan as presented.

Ms. D'Amico presented the 2024 recommended budget for Consumer Affairs.

Mr. Faggione moved to approve the 2024 recommended budget for Consumer Affairs, seconded by Ms. Stegenga.

Motion carried. All in favor of the 2024 recommended budget as presented.

Ms. Dana presented the 2024 recommended budget for Tourism.

Mr. Faggione moved to approve the 2024 recommended budget for Tourism, seconded by Ms. Stegenga.

Motion carried. All in favor of the 2024 recommended budget as presented.

Ms. Wilson presented the 2024 recommended budget for the Youth Bureau.

Ms. Stegenga moved to approve the 2024 recommended budget for the Youth Bureau, seconded by Mr. Faggione.

Motion carried. All in favor of the 2024 recommended budget as presented.

Ms. Porr presented the 2024 recommended budget for the Historian.

Mr. Faggione moved to approve the 2024 recommended budget for the Historian, as amended, seconded by Ms. Stegenga.

Motion carried. All in favor of the 2024 recommended budget as presented.

Mr. Sassi moved the request to authorize the County Executive to submit the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Action Plan and applications for federal assistance to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the purposes of applying for, accepting and appropriating federal funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program: CDBG \$1,690,885.33; HOME \$1,262,169.00, seconded by Ms. Stegenga.

Ms. Andersen stated that this is an annual request to submit the Fiscal Year Annual Action Plan and noted that there was a description as to what is included in the action plan.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Andersen presented the 2024 recommended budget for Community Development.

Mr. Faggione moved to approve the 2024 recommended budget for Community Development, seconded by Ms. Stegenga.

Motion carried. All in favor of the 2024 recommended budget as presented.

Ms. Ullrich presented the 2024 recommended budget for Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Ms. Ramos moved to approve the 2024 recommended budget for Cornell Cooperative Extension, seconded by Ms. Stegenga.

Motion carried. All in favor of the 2024 recommended budget as presented.

Mr. Gross presented the 2024 recommended budget for Economic Development.

Mr. Faggione moved to approve the 2024 recommended budget for Economic Development, seconded by Ms. Ramos.

Motion carried. All in favor of the 2024 recommended budget as presented.

Mr. Gross presented the 2024 recommended budget for the Foreign Trade Zone.

Mr. Faggione moved to approve the 2024 recommended budget for Foreign Trade Zone, seconded by Ms. Stegenga.

Motion carried. All in favor of the 2024 recommended budget as presented.

On the motion of Ms. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Stegenga, the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.