



**NYS Olympic Regional Development Authority  
Board Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 2023**

Present: Joe Martens, Chair  
Bill Beaney  
Cliff Donaldson  
Steve Hunt, ESD  
Betty Little  
Arthur Lussi  
Diane Munro  
Chris Pushkarsh, OPRHP  
Joe Zalewski, DEC  
Elinor Tatum

Also Present: Michael Pratt, President/CEO  
Michelle Crew, General Counsel

Introduction: Chair Joe Martens called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Joe Martens explained that the meeting was being videotaped and a link to the recording would be made available at [www.orda.org](http://www.orda.org).

Joe Martens then asked for a roll call, and confirmed a quorum was present. Diane Munro attended the meeting via videoconference, in a non-public location, under extraordinary circumstances.

Minutes: On a motion by Betty Little, seconded by Elinor Tatum, the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on June 23, 2023 were approved without changes. Cliff Donaldson abstained from voting on account of not being present at the meeting held on June 23, 2023.

Executive Session: On a motion by Elinor Tatum, seconded by Cliff Donaldson, the Olympic Authority Board of Directors entered into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment or employment of a particular person or corporation with respect to hiring the next President & CEO.

After a motion and second, the Olympic Authority Board of Directors voted to exit Executive Session and resumed public session. No action was taken during Executive Session.

New Business: Joe Martens explained that the purpose of the executive session was for Board members to discuss the appointment of a new President & CEO for the Olympic Authority. Based on that discussion, Joe read the proposed resolution, which appointed Ashley Walden as the Olympic Authority's new President & CEO.

Resolution:

**#507** Resolution Approving the Appointment of the President & CEO

On a motion by Diane Munro, seconded by Elinor Tatum.

10 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, Resolution #507 adopted.

Chair: Joe Martens announced that the meeting's business had concluded, and the next Board meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2023.

Adjournment: On a motion by Cliff Donaldson, seconded by Bill Beaney, the meeting of the Olympic Regional Development Authority Board of Directors was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.