



NEW YORK STATE
**OLYMPIC REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**Governance Committee Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2024**

Present: Chris Pushkarsh, Chair
Diane Munro
Steve Hunt
Art Lussi
Joe Martens

Also Present: Ashley Walden, President & CEO
Michelle Crew, General Counsel

Introduction: Chair Chris Pushkarsh called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Chris Pushkarsh explained that the meeting was being videotaped and a link to the recording and transcript would be made available at www.orda.org.

Chris Pushkarsh then asked for a roll call, and confirmed a quorum was present.

Minutes: On a motion by Diane Munro, seconded by Joe Martens, the minutes of the Governance Committee meeting held on April 12, 2024 were approved without changes.

Public Session: Chris Pushkarsh explained that the next item on the agenda was the designation of Olympic Authority policymakers for 2024/2025 and proposed resolution #536.

Michelle Crew explained that this is an update to the annual list of policymakers. The Authority has determined that a regular part of their duties involves formulating or implementing the goals and policies of the agency. This list is updated every year and is required to be filed with the ethics committee in February.

Chris Pushkarsh asked for a motion to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt proposed resolution #536 as presented.

On a motion by Joe Martens, seconded by Diane Munro.

5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, the motion carries unanimously.

Chris Pushkarsh noted that the next item on the agenda was review of certain policies and procedures and proposed resolution #537.

Michelle Crew explained that this is an annual review of Board approved policies. There was a clarification on the Background Check Policy to reflect that everybody that is hired into a position will be subject to the sex offender registry background check.

The other change is to a section of the Management Confidential Employee Handbook. The policy will be updated to reflect that if an employee works a holiday, they will accrue comp time instead of receiving holiday pay. The holidays were also updated to make them more consistent with the rest of the state.

Chris Pushkarsh asked for a motion to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt proposed resolution #537 as presented.

On a motion by Diane Munro, seconded by Joe Martens.

5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, the motion carries unanimously.

Executive Session: On a motion by Art Lussi, seconded by Steve Hunt, the Governance Committee entered into Executive Session to discuss a matter made confidential by state law.

On a motion by, seconded by, the Executive Committee exited Executive Session and resumed public session. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Chris Pushkarsh explained that during the executive session, committee members reviewed and discussed the 2024 confidential board evaluations and summary.

Chair: Chris Pushkarsh announced that the meeting's business had concluded.

Adjournment: On a motion by Art Lussi, seconded by Joe Martens, the meeting of the Governance Committee was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.