

Orange County Industrial Development Agency

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Accelerator Committee Minutes
Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Due to the declaration of a public health emergency and the social distancing requirements imposed at the Federal, State and local level, this meeting was held in accordance with Executive Order 202.1 by video/telephone conference that was made available to the public.

Committee Members Present: Susan Walski, Dean Tamburri, Dr. Vincent Odock

Staff Present: Bill Fioravanti, Kelly Reilly, Dean Brady, AV (via Zoom)

I. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Walski called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Mr. Fioravanti acknowledged all the Committee members present.

IV. New Business

Review of closed Accelerator sites: Mr. Fioravanti reminded the Board that most of the Accelerator sites have closed over the course of the last year. He stated that he had spoken to the landlord of the Newburgh site about removing signage at the expense of the OCIDA if necessary. The Board discussed previous tours and visits by local officials of the Accelerator sites and their appearance of growth and success. Mr. Fioravanti noted that after subsequent discussions with Accelerator clients, some clients admitted to having been coached by the previous administration on what to say to the visitors about their experience with many of them stating that they had been promised more support by the former administration than they had received. He stated that the current OCIDA was forced to write off bad debt due to rent owed by many of the clients and provided support for the tenants during their transition to help the businesses continue to move forward in their operation.

Warwick Accelerator Update: Mr. Fioravanti reviewed the current arrangement with the Warwick site and noted the savings since the OCIDA bears no cost for tenants and recoups all maintenance charges the tenants may incur. He took suggestions from the Committee on how the OCIDA can step away from the Warwick Accelerator and the timing of such a decision given the

upcoming retirement of Town Supervisor. Mr. Fioravanti noted a legal matter to be discussed in Executive Session.

V. Executive Session
Start 5:51 pm End 6:15 pm

A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A LEGAL MATTER PERTAINING TO THE WARWICK TENANTS WAS MADE BY MR. TAMBURRI, SECONDED BY DR. ODOCK, AND PASSED A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL.

A MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE THIRD TENANT IN THE WARWICK ACCELERATOR BUILDING SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY LEGAL COUNSEL WAS MADE BY COMMITTEE CHAIR WALSKI, SECONDED BY DR. ODOCK, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. Adjournment

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY COMMITTEE CHAIR WALSKI, SECONDED BY MR. TAMBURRI, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5:54 PM.