

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting
of the Members
of
Buffalo Urban Development Corporation**

***Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics & Life Sciences
701 Ellicott Street, 2nd Floor—The Event Space Conference Room B2-205
Buffalo, New York 14203***

**June 27, 2023
12:00 p.m.**

1.0 Call to Order

Members Present:

Catherine Amdur
Hon. Byron W. Brown (Chair)
Scott Bylewski
Dan Castle
Janique S. Curry
Dennis W. Elsenbeck
Darby Fishkin
Thomas Halligan
Thomas A. Kucharski
Brendan R. Mehaffy
Kimberley A. Minkel
Karen Utz

Members Absent:

Trina Burruss
Dottie Gallagher
Elizabeth Holden
Nathan Marton
David J. Nasca
Dennis M. Penman (Vice Chair)
Darius G. Pridgen

Officers Present:

Brandye Merriweather, President
Rebecca Gandour, Executive Vice President
Mollie M. Profic, Treasurer
Atiqa Abidi, Assistant Treasurer

Others Present: Jonathan Epstein, *Buffalo News*; Alexis M. Florczak, Hurwitz Fine P.C.; Soma Hawramee, ECIDA Compliance Officer; Laurie Hendrix, ECIDA Administrative Coordinator; Brian Krygier, Director of IT, ECIDA; Antonio Parker, BUDC Project Manager; and Angelo Rhodes, BUDC Project Manager.

Roll Call - The meeting was called to order at 12:14 p.m. Ms. Florczak, who served as Secretary of the meeting, called the roll of Members and a quorum was determined to be present. Mayor Brown joined the meeting during the presentation of item 4.0.

2.0 Reading of the Minutes – The minutes of the June 28, 2022 annual meeting of the Members were presented. Ms. Minkel made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Curry and unanimously carried (11-0-0).

3.0 Reports of the Committees – The respective chairs of the Audit & Finance Committee, Downtown Committee, Governance Committee, Loan Committee and Real Estate Committee were offered the opportunity to present reports to the membership.

- 4.0 Report of the Officers** – Ms. Merriweather presented the Report of the Officers for the July 2022 - June 2023 program year, copies of which were included in the meeting agenda packet provided to the Members in advance of the meeting. The report summarizes the operations, accomplishments and activities of BUDC over the past year. Ms. Merriweather noted that BUDC advanced development efforts at Ralph Wilson Park, the Northland Beltline Corridor, and Race for Place initiative. Ms. Merriweather also welcomed Angelo Rhodes, who recently started at BUDC as the Northland Corridor project manager. Mr. Rhodes brings prior construction coordination experience and is a graduate of the University at Buffalo’s Masters in Real Estate Development program.
- 5.0 Old and Unfinished Business** – None.
- 6.0 New Business**
- 6.1 Annual Report of the Board of Directors (NYS Not-For-Profit Corporation Law)** – Ms. Profic presented the Annual Report of the Board of Directors as set forth in her June 27, 2023 memorandum to the Members. This report is required under Section 519 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. Ms. Profic’s report referenced the 2022 year-end audited financial statements of the Corporation, which were previously approved at the March 28, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.
- 7.0 Adjournment** – There being no further business to come before the Members, upon motion made by Mr. Bylewski, seconded by Mr. Elsenbeck and unanimously carried, the Annual Meeting of the Members was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Alexis M. Florczak
Secretary of the Meeting