



BUFFALO ECONOMIC
RENAISSANCE CORPORATION

THE HON. BYRON W. BROWN
CHAIRMAN

TIMOTHY E. WANAMAKER
PRESIDENT

Buffalo Economic Renaissance Corporation
Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting

Date: November 15, 2006
Time: 12:00 Noon
Place: Harry's Harbour Place Grille
2192 Niagara Street
Buffalo, New York 14207

1. **Roll Call**

Members Present

Kevin Brady
Mayor Brown
Andrew Dorn
Michael Kubala
Frank Mesiah
Carolyn Murray
Adam Walters
Timothy Wanamaker
Richard Tobe
Michael Welch
Miguel Santos
David Edmunds
Richard Planavsky
Michael Risman
Eva Hassett
David Pawlik
Robert Biniszkiewicz
Gregory Dudek

Members Absent

Clifford Bell
Thomas Kucharski
Antoine Thompson
Cesar Cabrera
Herbert Bellamy
Michael Schmand

Staff

Marie Currie
John Riccione
Sandy Nasca
Talisha Thompson
Bernadette Taylor
Melanie Gregg
Michelle Barron
Lorrie Abounader
Jeanine Baran
Deb McDonnell
Stewart Levy
Rise Geller-Alongi
Gina Granville
Wayne Kwiatkowski
Wanda Steven White
Anthony Caldiero
Joe Tomasulo
Rhonda Duncan
Maureen Pace
Sandy Miller
Carla Kosmerl

Guest: Paul Wolf, Chief of Staff/Common
Clara Dunn, Nia. Falls Empire Zone
David Stebbins, ECIDA
Sue McCartney, Buffalo State SBDC
Peter Cammarata, ECIDA
Donna Gonser, Lumsden & McCormick
Tracey Houston, Buffalo Niagara Partnership
Alyssa Crick, Buffalo Niagara Enterprise
Therese Hickok, Buffalo Niagara Enterprise
Jennifer Kavanaugh, Buffalo Niagara Enterprise



Roll Call: The roll of members was called and a quorum was determined to be present.

2.0 **Reading of the Minutes-** Upon motion by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mr. Mesiah and unanimously carried, the minutes of **November 16, 2005** were waived.

3.0 **President's Report**

3.1 **Video Presentation-** Mr. Wanamaker presented a video presentation of the different companies BERC has assisted in the past twelve (12) months.

3.2 **2005-2006/Annual Report PowerPoint Presentation-** Mr. Wanamaker highlighted the activities of each division. In addition, Mr. Wanamaker presented a power point presentation outlining the accomplishments of BERC.

4.0 **Action Items**

4.1 **Election of Board of Directors 2006-2007-** Mr. Wanamaker presented the following slate of candidates for election as Directors of the Buffalo Economic Renaissance Corporation (BERC):

Honor Byron W. Brown
Mayor
201 City Hall
Buffalo, New York 14202

Steven M. Casey
First Deputy Mayor
201 City Hall
Buffalo, New York 14202

Clifford Bell
Small Business Development Center
1300 Elmwood Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14222

Miguel Santos
National Grid
535 Washington Street
Buffalo, New York 14222

Frank Mesiah
78 Crescent Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14214

Kevin Brady
366 Lincoln Parkway
Buffalo, New York 14216

Andrew Dorn, Jr.
Greater Buffalo Savings Bank
2421 Main Street
Buffalo, New York 14214

Hon. Antoine Thompson
City of Bflo, Common Council
1316-A City Hall
Buffalo, New York 14202

Michael Welch
First Niagara Bank
182 Springville Avenue
Amherst, New York 14226

Adam Walters
Phillips Lytle, LLP
3400 HSBC Center
Buffalo, New York 14203

Richard Tobe
Comm. Econ. Dev.
324 City Hall
Buffalo, New York 14202

Michael Kubala
52 Candlewood Lane
Williamville, New York 14221

Carolyn Murray
Plaza Group
1207 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209

Thomas Kucharski
Buffalo Niagara Enterprise
655 Main Street, Suite 200
Buffalo, New York 14203

Upon motion by Mr. Planavsky, seconded by Mr. Dudek and unanimously carried, the election of Directors of the Corporation was approved.

4.2 **Proposed Amended By-Laws-** Ms. Nasca presented the following resolution to the proposed amended By-Laws. She stated that these proposed changes are required to bring the By-Laws and the Corporation into compliance with the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2005, they are as follows:

- Article IV (1) has been amended to remove the President as an ex officio Director and replace that position with the Deputy Mayor.
- Article IV (12) and Article V (3) have been amended to reflect this change in the Presidents role.

Upon motion by Mr. Mesiah, seconded by Mr. Brady unanimously carried, the By-Laws were approved,

5.0 **Adjournment**- Mr. Dudek moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Planavsky and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

By Talisha Thompson
Talisha Thompson, Recording Secretary

Approved by Marie Currie
Marie Currie, Secretary of the Board