

To: ***EDC Board Members***

Re: ***Minutes of July 24, 2020 Meeting of the Board of Directors***

***Present:*** Matt Fuller, Esq. – Chair  
Chris Barden – Vice Chair  
Laura Ladu - Director  
John Strough – Representative, TOQ  
Matt Simpson – Representative, Warren County  
Dr. Kristine Duffy – Representative SUNY Adirondack – Chair of Governance  
Jim Siplon – Director  
Mike Pratt – Director  
Alex Rotolo - Director  
Mitch Amado – Treasurer & Chair of Audit & Finance Committee

***Absent:*** Judy Calogero – Secretary

***Guests:*** Lynn Boecher  
Claudia Braymer

***Staff:*** John Wheatley, Vice President  
Lisa Daly, Interim Bookkeeper  
Linda Oldenburg, Office Assistant

On July 24, 2020, the Board of Directors for the Economic Development Corporation met via Zoom Teleconference for a special Board of Directors Meeting at 8:00 a.m. The following items of business were discussed:

- I.** **Welcome & Call to Order:** Chair, Matt Fuller welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:00a.m. He expressed his thoughts about the recent unexpected passing of EDC’s President and CEO Ed Bartholomew and there are no ways to put into words the loss we all are feeling. Discussions about interim plans for the organization and how we will move ahead are underway but with tremendous sorrow.
- II.** **Executive Session:** A motion was made to enter into an Executive Session to discuss interim plans including the appointment of an individual by Matt Simpson, seconded by John Strough and approved unanimously. Executive Session begins at 8:06 and concludes at 8:28. Regular meeting resumes.
- III.** **EDC Interim Plans:** Chair Fuller announced that after the Executive Session discussion and agreement from the members, he is pleased to announce the appointment of Jim Siplon as Interim President and CEO effective immediately and will be stepping off the EDC Board. Chair Fuller expresses his appreciation for Jim’s interest in taking on this role at such a crucial time with the loss of Ed Bartholomew’s longtime dedicated service to the organization. In no way is this appointment a slight on Ed’s legacy, to the contrary, we hope to be able as an organization to carry on his work
- IV.** **Resolution to Appoint Jim Siplon Interim President & CEO:** A motion is made to appoint Jim Siplon as Interim EDC President & CEO by Chris Barden, seconded by Laura Ladu and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

**VIII: Adjournment:** Upon no further business to come before the board, a motion is made by John Strough, seconded by Chris Barden, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m.