



## Hudson Valley Regional Council Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 14, 2018 — 8:30–10:30 AM  
SUNY Orange Board Room, Newburgh, NY 12550

- 1) Call to Order: The Board of Directors meeting of the Hudson Valley Regional Council was called to order at 8:39 AM by Chairman Rob Rolison.
  - a) Comments from the public were requested on agenda items. There were no comments.
  - b) Ms. Castillo called for comments on the November 29, 2018 meeting minutes; there were no comments. Mr. Porr moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Wrafter seconded. The motion was unanimously passed.
- 2) Old Business
  - a) CEDS Update: Ms. Pomeroy provided an update via a letter from Peter Fairweather. A CEDS Steering Committee will be established; the ideal composition would consist of Ms. Pomeroy and a representative from each of the counties. Anticipation of four meetings before project completion by June 2019. Project will include stakeholder meetings; assessments of infrastructure; and inventory of projects with regional significance. Additional data gathering will occur over the next month. There was a suggestion to include large developments such as casinos, Legoland, etc.
- 3) New Business
  - a) Budget: Ms. Pomeroy presented HVRC's proposed 2019 budget. Individual revenue line items were discussed, including funding cycles, new grants, and potential funding delays due to the government shutdown. EDA funding was discussed: private businesses are ineligible for EDA funding, such as sewer lines. The CEDS is the primary deliverable under the CEDS funding; EDA funding applications ask if a CEDS is in place. Regional councils nationwide generally are recipients of this funding.
  - b) Organizational
    - i) By-Laws:
      - Ms. Castillo discussed the research conducted on the role of regional councils and planning for an update of HVRC's 1992 by-laws. Ms. Castillo noted that HVRC's By-Laws are in line with New York State enabling legislation, General Municipal Law Article 12-B, Sections 239 H and L. HVRC's work is also in line with other regional councils both in NY and nationally, with local/regional variations. Some organizations have more general by-laws, which allow for more flexibility in the scope of work, while HVRC's are more prescriptive. Ms. Castillo recommended that a representative from each county joins the By-Law Update Committee; meetings will be held remotely via conference calls and web-based formats.
      - Chairman Rolison thanked Ms. Castillo for her work thus far and commented favorably regarding an update that speaks more broadly to HVRC's scope of work. Ms. Castillo shared the example of MARC (Mid-America Regional Council), which

has a 100-plus staff and does many aspects of its work through its 501(c)(3). Ms. Pomeroy commented that HVRC has not typically engaged in planning work, unlike some regional councils, as many of our region's member counties have robust planning departments. However, HVRC can potentially expand into this work if needed by the counties. Mr. Potosek agreed that "broader is better" for the By-Laws update; Mr. Porr also commented that the language for HVRC's scope should be broad to enable HVRC to be "flexible and nimble".

- ii) 401k: Ms. Pomeroy stated that HVRC seeks to start a 401k plan for staff, potentially through a private bank. Mr. Porr asked if 401k plans were available through the New York State Association of Regional Councils. Ms. Pomeroy will investigate.
  - iii) NYS Retirement System: Retirement and health benefits for staff, potentially via adoption by one of the member counties, were discussed. Ms. Pomeroy and Ms. Castillo will confer with other NYS regional councils to learn their structure.
  - c) 2019 Meeting Schedule: Ms. Castillo requested that Board members complete the poll.
  - d) HVRC Board Officers Nominating Committee: Ms. Pomeroy stated that the Nominating Committee consist of Ms. Pomeroy and Chairman Rolison; Ms. Pomeroy will be seeking additional members. The Nominating Committee will identify nominees for HVRC's current Board Officer positions of chairperson, three vice-chairpersons, secretary, and treasurer. Officer elections are slated for the March Board meeting. Officer terms were discussed. Mr. Constantino expressed interest in joining the Nominating Committee.
- 2) Public Comment: Comments from the public were requested. There were no comments.
- 3) Adjournment: No further business came before the Board. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chairman Rolison, seconded by Mr. Steingart, and unanimously passed at 9:18 AM.

Minutes submitted by Europa McGovern / Carla Castillo.

Minutes reviewed and approved by Board Secretary Ira Steingart.

# Attendance at the Hudson Valley Regional Council Board Meeting

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## Dutchess County

Eoin Wrafter (for Marc Molinaro, proxy for  
Pulver)

Greg Pulver \*

Rob Rolison (phone, proxy for Gibbons and  
Crane)

Jim Constantino

## Orange County

Harry Porr (for Steve Neuhaus, proxy for  
Sutherland)

Steven Brescia \*

Janet Sutherland \*

## Sullivan County

Luis Alvarez \*

Ira Steingart (phone)

## Ulster County

Steve Noble (phone)

## Westchester County

Bridget Gibbons \* (for George Latimer)

Wilson Kimball \*

Christopher Crane \*

## Others

Thomas Faggione (proxy for Brescia)

Josh Potosek (proxy for Alvarez, phone)

Mario Caruso (proxy for Kimball)

\* Present by Proxy.

HVRC Staff: Pat Pomeroy, Carla Castillo, Europa McGovern.