



Thursday, January 19, 2017
Governance & Nominating Committee Meeting – GCEDC
Innovation Zone Conference Room – Suite 107
3:00 pm

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members: J. Rizzo, P. Battaglia, M. Wiater
 GCEDC/GGLDC Board Members: M. Gray
 Staff: L. Farrell, M. Masse, E. Richardson, P. Kennett
 Guests:
 Absent: C. Yunker

1. CALL TO ORDER / ENTER PUBLIC SESSION

J. Rizzo called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. in the Innovation Zone Conference Room.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & ACTIVITIES

2a. Agenda Additions / Other Business – J. Rizzo asked the Committee to add item 3d. GCFC Board Members to the agenda.

P. Battaglia made a motion to approve adding item 3d. GCFC Board Members to the agenda; the motion was seconded by M. Wiater. Roll call resulted as follows:

M. Wiater -	Yes
J. Rizzo -	Yes
C. Yunker -	Absent
P. Battaglia -	Yes

The item was approved as presented.

2b. Minutes: November 29, 2016 –

P. Battaglia made a motion to approve the November 29, 2016 Minutes as suggested; the motion was seconded by M. Wiater. Roll call resulted as follows:

M. Wiater -	Yes
J. Rizzo -	Yes
C. Yunker -	Absent
P. Battaglia -	Yes

The item was approved as presented.

3. DISCUSSIONS / OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD

3a. GGLDC Board Member – J. Rizzo shared that there is an existing vacancy on the GGLDC Board from the resignation of W. Hinchey. He also added that there will be a vacancy as of July 1st, as M. Wiater's term will be ending. T. Felton shared a few names that have some interest in a position on the GGLDC board; Don Cunningham, Supervisor of the Town of Bergen and Chris White, Merrill Lynch. In addition, P. Battaglia and himself received an email expressing interest from Gregg Torrey who currently sits on the County Legislature. J. Rizzo recommends filling the current vacancy with Gregg Torrey. He thinks that it can only improve our relationship with the Legislature and he acknowledges that they have been tremendously supportive of the Agency. Gregg is certainly a capable man for a position on this Board.

P. Battaglia shared that he agrees with J. Rizzo. Gregg is the only one that came forward and expressed interest on serving on the GGLDC Board. He agrees that it would be a positive move to have another member of the County Legislature attending our meetings every month.

P. Battaglia made a motion to recommend to the full board appointing Gregg Torrey to the GGLDC Board to fulfil the remainder of W. Hinchey’s term; the motion was seconded by M. Wiater. Roll call resulted as follows:

M. Wiater -	Yes
J. Rizzo -	Yes
C. Yunker -	Absent
P. Battaglia -	Yes

The item was approved as presented.

3c. Code of Ethics – J. Rizzo shared that there is no more to discuss at the committee level regarding the Code of Ethics policy. It is currently on the agenda of the full board meeting to be discussed there.

3d. GCFC Board Member - J. Rizzo shared that there are six members of the GCFC Board with two of the members being appointed by the GCEDC Board. J. Rizzo suggests appointing the GCEDC Chair and Vice-Chair as the appointees to the GCFC Board, replacing the former Chair and Vice-Chair, John Andrews and James Vincent. These positions will continue to be held by the GCEDC Board Chair and Vice-Chair, whoever they may be in the future.

P. Battaglia made a motion to recommend to the full board appointing the GCEDC Board Chair and Vice-Chair to the GCFC Board; the motion was seconded by M. Wiater. Roll call resulted as follows:

M. Wiater -	Yes
J. Rizzo -	Yes
C. Yunker -	Absent
P. Battaglia -	Yes

The item was approved as presented.

3b. Board Self-Evaluation Process – L. Farrell wished to give the committee an opportunity to review the evaluation form used for board performance to see if there are any suggested changes. She also wanted to make sure the process that was followed last year was ok with the committee this year. The staff will email the Board the evaluations with instructions to return them to the Board Chair.

P. Battaglia thought that was best. He noted that the email should request comments if someone were to disagree with one of the criteria on the evaluation. Some members added comments last year and the committee found that to be helpful when reviewing the results.

4. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, P. Battaglia made a motion to adjourn at 3:21 p.m., seconded by M. Wiater, and passed unanimously.