



**GGLDC Board Meeting  
Thursday, March 26, 2026**

**Location: 99 MedTech Drive, Innovation Zone  
4:00 PM**

**GGLDC MINUTES**

**Attendance**

Board Members: D. Cunningham, M. Brooks, J. Tretter, C. Yunker, S. Noble-Moag, P. Zelif, K. Manne, \*P. Battaglia (Video Conference)  
Staff: L. Farrell, M. Masse, K. Galdun, J. Krencik, C. Suozzi, P. Heimlich  
Guests: M. Gray (GCEDC Board Member), S. Maier (Harris Beach), A. Walters (Philips Lytle), Genesee County Sheriff Deputy, M. Pettinella (The Daily News), B. Quinn (The Batavian), B. Lewis (Community Member), S. Howard (Community Member), A. Bacon (Community Member), E. Bemis (Community Member), T. Parker (Community Member), J. Diamico (Community Member), D. Beatty (Community Member), K. Allen (Community Member), N. Wawrzyniec (Community Member)  
Absent: G. Torrey

*\*P. Battaglia attended the meeting via Video Conference, therefore he did not count towards the quorum.*

**1.0 Call to Order**

D. Cunningham called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. in the Innovation Zone.

**2.0 Chairman's Report and Activities**

**2.1 Upcoming Meetings:**

**Next Scheduled Board Meeting: Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.**  
Audit & Finance Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.  
Stakeholder Luncheon: Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

**2.2 Agenda Additions/ Deletions/ Other Business –**

**S. Noble-Moag made a motion to add item 4.2 Cooley Comics Invoice to the agenda; the motion was seconded by M. Brooks. Roll call resulted as follows:**

M. Brooks -	Yes	J. Tretter -	Yes
D. Cunningham -	Yes	S. Noble-Moag -	Yes
K. Manne -	Yes	C. Yunker -	Yes
G. Torrey -	Absent	P. Zelif -	Yes
P. Battaglia -	N/A (Video Conference / Not officially in attendance)		

**The item was approved as presented.**

### **2.3 Minutes: March 5, 2026**

**J. Tretter made a motion to recommend approval of the minutes from March 5, 2026; the motion was seconded by K. Manne. Roll call resulted as follows:**

M. Brooks -	Yes	J. Tretter -	Yes
D. Cunningham -	Yes	S. Noble-Moag -	Yes
K. Manne -	Yes	C. Yunker -	Yes
G. Torrey -	Absent	P. Zelif -	Yes
P. Battaglia -	N/A (Video Conference / Not officially in attendance)		

**The item was approved as presented.**

### **3.0 Report of Management**

**3.1 Public Authorities Annual Report** - The Annual Report was included with the Board materials as a separate attachment for review. It is being brought forward for approval to be submitted into the PARIS reporting system. Unlike the GCEDC, there is no project information to report. Rather, the GGLDC is required to report loans and grants for the 2025 reporting period, in addition to regular governance and Board information.

**P. Zelif made a motion to approve the submission of the Public Authorities Annual Report as presented; the motion was seconded by C. Yunker. Roll call resulted as follows:**

M. Brooks -	Yes	J. Tretter -	Yes
D. Cunningham -	Yes	S. Noble-Moag -	Yes
K. Manne -	Yes	C. Yunker -	Yes
G. Torrey -	Absent	P. Zelif -	Yes
P. Battaglia -	N/A (Video Conference / Not officially in attendance)		

**This item was approved as presented.**

### **4.0 Audit & Finance Committee – M. Brooks**

**4.1 12/31/25 Audit** – M. Brooks stated that Mostert, Manzanero & Scott attended the Audit and Finance Committee meeting to review the 2025 audit.

Like the GCEDC, no material weaknesses in internal controls were identified during the GGLDC audit. It is their opinion that the audited financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the GGLDC as of December 31, 2025.

This was recommended by the Committee for approval.

J. Tretter made the same statement as he did for the Audit and Finance Committee that, in his view, the Committee, Board, and management conduct such thorough monthly reviews of the financial statements, resulting in minimal to no surprises during the audit process with full transparency.

**M. Brooks made a motion to approve the 12/31/25 Audit as presented; the motion was seconded by K. Manne. Roll call resulted as follows:**

M. Brooks -	Yes	J. Tretter -	Yes
D. Cunningham -	Yes	S. Noble-Moag -	Yes
K. Manne -	Yes	C. Yunker -	Yes
G. Torrey -	Absent	P. Zelif -	Yes
P. Battaglia -	N/A (Video Conference / Not officially in attendance)		

**The item was approved as presented.**

**4.2 Cooley's Comics Invoice** – C. Suozzi gave an overview of the new workforce development program that uses Artificial Intelligence (AI), comic books and careers for 4<sup>th</sup> graders at John Kennedy in Batavia. The program was a 2-step program. The first step was for a general workshop of 200 students that were divided in half into two sessions. Each session had students break out into 12 groups and obtain their thoughts on creating a virtual world. Within the worlds they created, students looked at what careers might be possible. To align them, they were then given 5 career pathways:

1. Fix-It (mechatronics, skilled trades)
2. Astro (aerospace engineer)
3. Grower (agriculture technologist, environmental career)
4. Creator (fashion designer, artist, 3-d printer)
5. Wiz Kid (computer/video game designer, robotics)

The goal was to see the impact and reaction from the students and staff before we went to the school round.

The second program was a natural progression based on the enthusiasm of the students and staff and entailed 10-15 students who were interested in an afterschool program that would take the group's first step to the next level and would conclude with a comic book of the chosen career.

The final comic books will then be shared with the entire group at an assembly.

**Fund Commitment:** An additional \$3,000 from the workforce and development fund that is within our overall budget for workforce development. The first program cost was \$2,200 and it would be \$3,000 for the second program.

**Board Action Request:** Approval of an additional contribution of \$3,000 for a combined amount of \$5,200 to support these workforce development programs from Cooley Comics, a Rochester, NY based company.

**M. Brooks made a motion to approve a total of \$5,200 to Cooley's Comics as presented; the motion was seconded by S. Noble-Moag. Roll call resulted as follows:**

M. Brooks -	Yes	J. Tretter -	Yes
D. Cunningham -	Yes	S. Noble-Moag -	Yes
K. Manne -	Yes	C. Yunker -	Yes
G. Torrey -	Absent	P. Zelif -	Yes

P. Battaglia - N/A (Video Conference / Not officially in attendance)

**The item was approved as presented.**

**5.0 Governance & Nominating Committee – S. Noble-Moag**

5.1 Nothing at this time.

**6.0 Other Business**

6.1 Nothing at this time.

**7.0 Adjournment**

As there was no further business, M. Brooks made a motion to adjourn at 4:35 p.m., which was seconded by J. Tretter and passed unanimously.