

Development Committee Minutes
via Zoom/Telephone
Tuesday, February 2, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judge James H. Cecile, Robert T. Tackman, Nicholas J. DeMartino,
David A. Scharoun

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Erich W. Shafer

GUESTS PRESENT: Dana Natale

STAFF PRESENT: Joseph E. O'Hara

CALL TO ORDER:

The February 2, 2021 Development Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Judge James Cecile at 4:48 PM.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Chairman Cecile asked for a motion to approve the December 2020 minutes, David Scharoun made the motion, which was seconded by Robert Tackman, and unanimously passed.

INTERVIEW FOR A PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBER – Dana Natale

Chairman Cecile, on behalf of the Committee, welcomed Dana Natale to the meeting for the purpose of being interviewed as a potential Board Member.

The Chairman presented an overview of the Role and Responsibilities of Board Members. He also reviewed the schedule of full Board and Committee meetings and the manner in which pertinent information is disseminated to the Board.

Board President David Scharoun discussed the policy setting, role of the Board, and explained the tripartite composition of Board Membership. Mr. Scharoun also mentioned the governance and administrative relationship between the Executive Director and the Board.

Subsequent to Mr. Scharoun's remarks, the Executive Director Joseph O'Hara presented a brief history of community action organizations and the specific programs of PEACE, Inc. Mr. O'Hara also provided information on PEACE, Inc.'s budget and its footprint in Syracuse, Onondaga County, and Oswego County (BB/BS and Energy & Housing).

Ms. Natale asked questions regarding PEACE, Inc. programs and the Board's role in the community.

The committee thanked Ms. Natale for her participation in the zoom interview and the interview concluded.

Committee members were impressed with Ms. Natale and believe she would be an asset to the Board. The committee deliberated on what sector Ms. Natale should represent and agreed to discuss it further.

REAPPOINTMENT TO A NEW TERM – Shirley Copes

Board Development Committee Chair, Judge Cecile, reminded Committee Members that Shirley Copes has been serving on the Board representing Public/Elected Official Helen Hudson who is the President of the Syracuse Common Council.

Judge Cecile and the Development Committee reviewed the recommendation letter received from Helen Hudson nominating Shirley Copes to be reappointed for another term as her representative to the PEACE, Inc. Board.

A motion to recommend Shirley Copes for reappointment to a new term was made by Robert Tackman, seconded by Nicholas DeMartino, and unanimously approved. Ms. Copes' new term will start on March 1, 2021 and continue to February 28, 2024.

This recommendation will be forwarded to the full Board, for their vote, at their February 22, 2021 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER: None

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Judge James Cecile and seconded by David Scharoun, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.