

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS WILD
CROCITTO
BRUNO
PATCHETT
BEATY
NILES

LIZA OCHSENDORF, DIRECTOR, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
REPRESENTING THE PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:
SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS ADMINISTRATOR
ETHAN GADDY, COUNTY PLANNER
REPRESENTING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:
JIM SIPLON, PRESIDENT
JOHN WHEATLEY, VICE PRESIDENT
ERIC ROSENFELD, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATIONS
COORDINATOR
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
KIMBERLY RICHARDS, COUNTY ATTORNEY
NATHAN ETU, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS GILLIGAN
STRAINER
TURNER
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LINDA CLARK, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
LESLIE LOVELACE, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the October 21, 2026 meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed using the following links:

Warren County website - <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Warren County's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fcC4KWEy3U>

Copies of the Workforce Development and Planning & Community Development meeting agendas were distributed; copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

Mr. Wild called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 10:22 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Niles and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Patchett and Diamond absent*) to approve the minutes from the previous Economic Growth & Development Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

The meeting commenced with a review of the Action Agenda/New Business portion of the Workforce Development agenda, which included the following request:

- A. To authorize a new agreement with SUNY Adirondack in an amount up to \$20,000 to provide training and employment services on campus over a term commencing October 15, 2026 and terminating August 31, 2027.

Mr. Patchett entered the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Crocitto and seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Wild called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- B. To authorize a new contract with New York Wired for Education, Inc dba Metrix Learning in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to provide free online learning courses to local residents, businesses, organizations, municipalities and students, over a term commencing November 30, 2026 and terminating October 31, 2027.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Crocitto to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Wild called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

The Information for Discussion/Review portion of the agenda was reviewed, which included the following:

- A. General workforce updates.
- a. Unemployment rate.
 - b. Seasonal updates.
 - c. Upcoming initiatives.

There being no further Workforce Development business to discuss, review of the Action Agenda/New Business Items portion of the Planning & Community Development agenda commenced which included the following request:

1. To amend the contract with Cliff & Redfield Interactive to increase the amount not to exceed from \$20,000 to \$32,500 to reflect occupancy tax funding allocated to First Wilderness initiatives in the 2026 County Budget. (*Previous Resolution No. 44 of 2025*)

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Crocitto and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, the Discussion Items portion of the agenda was reviewed, which included the following item:

1. Planning Updates - a powerpoint presentation was made, a copy of which is included in the agenda packet.

Mr. Wild exited the meeting at 11:12 a.m. and returned at 11:14 a.m. during review of the Planning updates.

2. LDC Updates - following a brief Economic Development Corporation (*EDC*) update provided by Jim Siplon, *President, Economic Development Corporation*, he reviewed a powerpoint presentation entitled “Warren County Update”, a copy of which is on file with the meeting minutes.

Mr. Beaty exited the meeting at 11:41 a.m. during the LDC presentation.

Privilege of the floor and public comment was offered to the following individual:

Liza Ochsendorf, *Director, Workforce Development*, asked Mr. Siplon if he had seen a pattern with particular industries or challenges of the 17 businesses that had loans with the LDC who were no longer in business. Mr. Siplon replied an issue with smaller businesses was they had unrealistic expectations of the market and businesses that failed had an inability to model cash.

There being no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Mr. Crocitto and seconded by Mr. Niles, Mr. Wild declared the meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Legislative Office Specialist