



NYS Olympic Regional Development Authority  
Board Meeting  
May 11, 2020

Present: Art Lussi, Chair Pro Tem  
Andy Lack, Vice Chair  
Steve Hunt, ESD  
Chris Pushkarsh, OPRHP  
Bill Beaney  
John Parete  
Jill Broderick  
Jeff Stefanko

Excused: Cliff Donaldson

Also Present: Mike Pratt, President/CEO  
Michelle Crew, General Counsel

Introduction: Chair Pro Tem, Art Lussi called the meeting to order at 11:11 am. He welcomed the new Board Secretary Emily Stanton, thanking Lisa Wieboldt for filling in the last two meetings. He asked for a roll call to confirm a quorum was present. Art explained the meeting was being videotaped and would be made available on [www.orda.org](http://www.orda.org).

Minutes: On a motion by John Parete, seconded by Jill Broderick, the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on April 15, 2020 were approved with corrections. Jill Broderick requested changing "in concert" to "in keeping" on Page 3. Art Lussi requested two typographical corrections, as well as clarification of the snowmaking cost reductions mentioned on Page 3.

All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

President's Report: Staff has been very diligent with safety protocols. Maintenance and environmental stewardship have been prioritized. Reimagining operations and preparing for reopening is in progress. This includes identifying challenges and opportunities.

New Business:

**Resolutions:**

**#381** Granting Approval for the President & CEO to enter into an agreement for the Olympic Sports Complex – Building Upgrades & Construction of the Mountain Coaster Buildings General Contract

On a motion by John Parete, seconded by Andy Lack.



Mike explained this includes the operator and storage buildings for the coaster, loading and unloading platforms, and building work at the bobsled start. Art Lussi recalled that the start work will be helpful to ORDA's hosting of the World Championships next year.

All in favor, motion carries unanimously, adopted Resolution #381.

**#382** Approving & Adopting a Whistleblower Policy Pursuant to Public Authorities Law § 2986

On a motion by John Parete, seconded by Andy Lack.

All in favor, motion carries unanimously, adopted Resolution #382.

**#383** Approving & Adopting a Paid Family Leave Policy

On a motion from Bill Beaney, seconded by Jeff Stefanko.

Jill Broderick inquired if the policy included all employees, and the cost. The first phase will be for management confidential employees and funded by ORDA at an estimated annual cost of \$19,340; participation for the bargaining unit employees would be discussed in their next contract. Jill is hopeful that all employees be included in the future.

All in favor, motion carries unanimously, adopted Resolution #383.

**Chair Pro Tem:**

Art Lussi asked if there were any further comments. Bill Beaney asked about changes in the timetable for the Olympic Center. Mike explained that construction delays due to the pandemic have made summer completion of the tunnel unlikely, which would impact Cummings Road traffic and the start of the link building project. Uncertainties remain around labor and supply chains. The tunnel can be tabled, and the USA rink addition can be completed later in the project. ORDA will continue focusing on the Olympic Center modernization.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2020 at 11:00 am.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Bill Beaney, seconded by John Parete, the meeting of the Olympic Development Authority Board of Directors was adjourned at 11:31 am.