



**NYS Olympic Regional Development Authority  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 25, 2022**

Present: Kelly Cummings, Chair  
Art Lussi  
Betty Little

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

Introduction: Kelly Cummings called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Kelly Cummings explained that the meeting was being videotaped and a link to the recording would be made available on [www.orda.org](http://www.orda.org).

Kelly Cummings then asked for a roll call, to confirm who was present.

Minutes: On a motion by Betty Little, seconded by Art Lussi, the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on October 29, 2021 were approved without changes.

Discussion: Kelly Cummings noted that the next item on the agenda was the two-year extension of the current ORDA Workers Compensation Insurance Policy and proposed Resolution #440.

Mike Pratt explained that the total cost of workers compensation insurance over the last ten years has had a dramatic curve. Over the last five years ORDA has reduced the premiums by half a million dollars.

ORDA has been recognized for its safety efforts by the National Ski Areas Association. In 2018, Gore won Best Guest Safety Program. In 2020, Belleayre was a finalist for Best Guest Safety Program, Gore won Best Overall Safety Program, and Cindy Dady was recognized as the National Safety Champion.



PERMA specializes in serving NYS Public Entities. In 2022 there is a premium reduction of \$164,964. PERMA also invests \$40,000 annually in ORDA safety materials.

ORDA's improved cash flow allowed for payment of the 2022 premium in full instead of installments, saving \$29,696.

ORDA has begun the last year of a 4-year worker's compensation agreement with an offer to extend for two additional years. Staff anticipates 2023 and 2024 premiums to be equal to or less than the current premium.

Committee members had further discussion on the steps that ORDA has taken to help educate staff and guests on safety policies.

Kelly Cummings asked for a motion for the Executive Committee to recommend adoption of the resolution to the full board.

On a motion by Betty Little, seconded by Art Lussi.

3 in favor, 0 opposed, the motion carries unanimously.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Art Lussi, seconded by Betty Little, the meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.