



**NYS Olympic Regional Development Authority  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 18, 2022**

Present: Kelly Cummings, Chair  
Bill Beaney  
Cliff Donaldson  
Stephen Hunt, ESD  
Andy Lack  
Betty Little  
Arthur Lussi  
Diane Munro  
Chris Pushkarsh, OPRHP  
Jeff Stefanko, DEC  
Elinor Tatum

Also Present: Michael Pratt, President/CEO

Introduction: Chair Kelly Cummings called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.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, and confirmed a quorum was present.

Minutes: Kelly Cummings explained that there was a revision to the meeting minutes which were provided to all board members and posted to the ORDA website.

On a motion by Elinor Tatum, seconded by Cliff Donaldson, the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on February 25, 2022 were approved.

Audit Committee: The Audit Committee reviewed the timeline for ORDA's independent audit, received an update on the progress with Executive Order 95, reviewed the excellent work in reducing ORDA's debt over this fiscal year, reviewed ORDA's use of fixed asset and depreciation software, and heard an update on ORDA's first year of fully managing its retail operations.



President's Report: Mike Pratt recognized that although there were multiple challenges this year it was a terrific season. Staff's performance exceeded expectations.

Mike Pratt provided a summary of the fiscal year-end expenses. ORDA's labor has increased as we have reintroduced more activities and events. Labor was about sixty eight percent of the costs and rose almost eight percent over last year. ORDA's interest expenses decreased by over \$33,000 as the organization reduced its line of credit balance to \$0.

Mike Pratt explained that operational revenue was up 27.58 percent. ORDA's self-generated revenue was \$48.9 million, with additional appropriations of \$13.9 million, for a total of \$62.8 million.

ORDA has hosted multiple events since the last Board Meeting. One of the events was the FISU World University Championship-Speed skating where two new records were set in the 1,500m event. The 1980 rink was opened to host the ECAC Hockey Tournament, the new lighting and technology worked well. ORDA also hosted the NCAA DIII Hockey, United States Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Association National Championships, Continental Cup in Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined, US Biathlon National Championship, and US National Short Track Championships.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> is Olympic Day. ORDA will be participating again this year, recognizing the teams training in Lake Placid year-round.

Mike Pratt gave an update on construction projects. The Olympic Center modernization is coming along well. It is going to be a must visit destination with the expanded retail, new restaurant, and the museum.

The Administration building is moving along and is fully enclosed with windows installed.

Mike Pratt advised the board that there were sixteen resolutions for discussion on the agenda and provided background information for the resolutions.

Mike explained the interesting history of the North Creek Ski Bowl, and Gore Mountain's operation of the area over the last 20 years.

Mike also discussed the upgrades to snowmaking and the installation of new lifts at all three ski venues.



Betty Little emphasized the long-time efforts of government and community around developing the North Creek Ski Bowl, and how this advances the dream for so many while improving the economic vitality of the Gore Region. Diane Munro commented that she appreciated the information about the historical significance of the Bowl.

New Business:

Resolutions:

**#444** Resolution Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter into a Food and Beverage Concession License Agreement

On a motion by Betty Little, seconded by Andy Lack.

Diane Munro noted that she felt the agreement should include requirements for food and beverage services at all main lodges daily, and that with a reasonable fee, outside caterers could service special events or needs.

11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, adopted Resolution #444.

**#445** Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for the Purchase and Installation of Commercial Prefabricated Restroom Systems at Belleayre Mountain, Mt. Van Hoevenberg and Whiteface Mountain

On a motion by Diane Munro, seconded by Elinor Tatum.

11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, adopted Resolution #445.

**#446** Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into an Amended Agreement for the Olympic Center Revitalization Project - 1932 Rink/Jack Shea Arena & 1980 Rink/Herb Brooks Arena Contract

On a motion by Cliff Donaldson, seconded by Bill Beaney.

11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, adopted Resolution #446.

**#447** Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for Building & Infrastructure Improvement Projects at the Olympic Center

On a motion by Steve Hunt, seconded by Diane Munro.



11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, adopted Resolution #447.

**#448** Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for Buildings & Infrastructure Improvements at Mt. Van Hoevenberg

On a motion by Cliff Donaldson, seconded by Steve Hunt.

11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, adopted Resolution #448.

**#449** Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for the Redevelopment of the North Creek Ski Bowl Lodge

On a motion by Bill Beaney, seconded by Andy Lack.

11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, adopted Resolution #449.

**#450** Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for Gore Mountain Summer Operations - Anchor Attraction Project

On a motion by Betty Little, seconded by Diane Munro.

In reference to expanding summer operations within ORDA, Diane Munro urged efficiency in the execution of Belleayre's UMP amendment process.

11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, adopted Resolution #450.

**#451** Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for Electrical Infrastructure Improvements at the North Creek Ski Bowl

On a motion by Elinor Tatum, Seconded by Betty Little.

11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, adopted Resolution #451.

**#452** Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for Whiteface Mountain Electrical Improvement Project



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

11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, adopted Resolution #452.

**#453** Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for Belleayre Mountain Snowmaking Improvements Project

On a motion by Elinor Tatum, Seconded by Steve Hunt.

11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, adopted Resolution #453.

**#454** Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for Whiteface Mountain Snowmaking & Trails Improvement Projects

On a motion by Andy Lack, Seconded by Betty Little.

11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, adopted Resolution #454.

**#455** Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for Gore Mountain Snowmaking & Trails Improvement Projects

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

11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, adopted Resolution #455.

**#456** Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into an Agreement for the Purchase of an Industrial Haul Truck for Gore Mountain

On a motion by Betty Little, Seconded by Cliff Donaldson.

11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, adopted Resolution #456.

**#457** Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for Replacement of Gore Mountain's Hudson Chair with a Four-Person Detachable Chairlift Designed for Year-Round Operations

On a motion by Betty Little, Seconded by Andy Lack.



11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, adopted Resolution #457.

**#458** Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into an Agreement for Belleayre Mountain Lift #6 Improvements

On a motion by Diane Munro, Seconded by Art Lussi.

11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, adopted Resolution #458.

**#459** Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for 2023 Lift Modernizations at Belleayre Mountain, Gore Mountain and Whiteface Mountain

On a motion by Cliff Donaldson, Seconded by Art Lussi.

Diane Munro felt the new Whiteface lift should be secondary in priority to Chair 7 at Belleayre and the Mountain Run lift at Whiteface, saying she could not support the resolution as presented. Art Lussi commented that he supported the resolution, as the proposed lift has been formulated over many years, and he commended the thoughtful planning that Mike and ORDA had done in bringing it forward.

10 in favor, opposed by Diane Munro, 0 abstained, adopted Resolution #459.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Cliff Donaldson, seconded by Elinor Tatum, the meeting of the Olympic Regional Development Authority Board of Directors was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.