



**NYS Olympic Regional Development Authority  
Governance Committee Meeting Minutes  
June 14, 2023**

Present: Chris Pushkarsh, Chair  
Diane Munro  
Steve Hunt  
Art Lussi  
Joe Martens

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

Introduction: Chair Chris Pushkarsh called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Chris Pushkarsh explained that the meeting was being videotaped and a link to the recording and transcript would be made available at [www.orda.org](http://www.orda.org).

Chris Pushkarsh then asked for a roll call, and confirmed a quorum was present.

Minutes: On a motion by Diane Munro, seconded by Steve Hunt, the minutes of the Governance Committee meeting held on March 24, 2023 were approved without changes.

Executive Session: On a motion by Art Lussi, seconded by Steve Hunt, the Governance Committee entered into Executive Session to discuss a matter made confidential by state law.

On a motion by, seconded by, the Executive Committee exited Executive Session and resumed public session. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Public Session: Chris Pushkarsh explained that during Executive Session, in accordance with the requirements of the Public Authorities Law, the Committee reviewed and discussed the 2023 confidential Board evaluations.

At the previous Governance Committee meeting, the committee voted to utilize an evaluation form that included an opportunity to provide comments to explain certain rankings, along with the original numerical evaluation criteria. It was determined that the written comments are deliberative and confidential, and are meant to inform internal discussions about how to use the evaluation process to improve Board performance.

Chris Pushkarsh asked for a motion that the comments be separated from the original confidential summary that will be submitted to the required legal entities in Albany, and to retain the comments document as an internal discussion document.

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

5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, the motion carries unanimously.

Chris Pushkarsh explained that the next item on the agenda was the designation of Olympic Authority policymakers for 2023/2024 and proposed resolution #500.

Michelle Crew explained that the NYS Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government require the Olympic Authority to provide a list of policy makers. The Olympic Authority files this statement every year as required by statute, and annually seeks the Board's approval of the list at the June Board meeting. Michelle also noted that the law requires any amendments to the list be submitted within thirty (30) days of any changes. This resolution would give the authority approval to submit any amendments within the required timeframe.

Chris Pushkarsh asked for a motion to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt proposed resolution #500 as presented.

On a motion by Art Lussi, seconded by Steve Hunt.

5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, the motion carries unanimously.

Chris Pushkarsh noted that the next item on the agenda was review of certain policies and procedures and proposed resolution # 501.

Michelle Crew explained that this resolution is for revisions to the current Background Check Policy, which has been amended to include additional staff employed in certain Covered Positions under Category 1 and Category 2.

Chris Pushkarsh asked for a motion to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt proposed resolution #501 as presented.

On a motion by Joe Martens, seconded by Diane Munro.

5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, the motion carries unanimously.

Chris Pushkarsh explained that the last item on the agenda was review of extraordinary circumstances and proposed resolution # 502.

Michelle Crew explained that this resolution would allow Board members, under extraordinary circumstances, to participate in a Board meeting from a non-public location, by video conference as long as the member can be seen and heard and there is otherwise a quorum of members present from properly posted public locations.

Chris Pushkarsh asked for a motion to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt proposed resolution #502 as presented.

On a motion by Art Lussi, seconded by Steve Hunt.

5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, the motion carries unanimously.

Chair:

Chris Pushkarsh announced that the meeting's business had concluded.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Steve Hunt, seconded by Joe Martens, the meeting of the Governance Committee was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.