



NEW YORK STATE

# OLYMPIC REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## Governance Committee Meeting Minutes March 8, 2024

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

Also Present: Ashley Walden, President & CEO  
Michelle Crew, General Counsel

Introduction: Chris Pushkarsh called the meeting to order at 11:14 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 Art Lussi, seconded by Joe Martens, the minutes of the Governance Committee meeting held on September 22, 2023, were approved without changes.

Discussion: Chris Pushkarsh explained that the first item on the agenda was the Revised and Updated Code of Ethics Policy and Proposed Resolution # 523.

Michelle Crew explained that the most significant change is the update to the previously stated rules on nepotism, which prohibited relatives from working in the same chain of command. The Olympic Authority now has a more flexible interpretation of that part of the law that allows for relatives to be in the same chain of command as long as there is an alternative form of supervision, so they are not reporting to someone they are related to.

Several other policy clarifications or updates included the definition of an interested source, the requirements of policy makers, and guidance for employees participating in outside political activities.

Chris Pushkarsh asked for a motion to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt proposed resolution #523 as presented.

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

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

Executive Session: On a motion by Diane Munro, seconded by Steve Hunt, the Governance Committee entered into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person and matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person.

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

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

Adjournment: On a motion by Steve Hunt, seconded by Art Lussi, the meeting of the Governance Committee was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.