



NEW YORK STATE
**OLYMPIC REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**Board Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2024**

Present: Joe Martens, Chair
Cliff Donaldson
Steve Hunt
Betty Little
Arthur Lussi
Diane Munro
Chris Pushkarsh
Jeff Stefanko
Elinor Tatum

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

Introduction: Joe Martens called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Joe Martens explained that the meeting was being videotaped and a link to the recording would be made available at www.orda.org.

Joe Martens then asked for a roll call, and confirmed a quorum was present.

Minutes: On a motion by Cliff Donaldson, seconded by Chris Pushkarsh, the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on February 2, 2024, were approved without changes.

Governance Committee: Chris Pushkarsh explained that the Governance Committee has met twice since the last Board meeting. On March 8, 2024, the Committee discussed proposed revisions and updates to the Olympic Authority's Code of Ethics Policy and proposed Resolution #523. The Governance Committee recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution #523 as presented.

On April 12, 2024, the Governance Committee met to discuss the mission statement performance measures and proposed Resolution #524. The Public Authorities Law and the Authorities Budget Office require annual submissions of the Authority's Mission Statement and performance measures, and a list of stakeholders and their reasonable expectations. The Governance Committee

recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution #524 as amended.

President's Report: Ashley Walden explained that the Olympic Authority is beginning to wrap up winter operations and is starting to transition to summer operations. Ashley provided a late season revenue update and explained that as of April 8, across all of the venues, the visitation was up 3% and revenue was up 4%. This increase is good considering the challenging weather patterns.

Ashley Walden reviewed the major events schedule and discussed some of the events that have been held this year.

Among a large array of events across the venues, the Olympic Jumping Complex hosted the FIS World Cup Ski Jumping and the NorAm Aerials, Gore Mountain hosted the Holeshott Cross Tour, Mt. Van Hoevenberg and Whiteface hosted the U.S. Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Association, the Olympic Center hosted the ECAC Championships, and Mt. Van Hoevenberg hosted the US Ski & Snowboard Junior National Championships for Nordic.

Ashley Walden shared a video showing a few of the highlights for 23/24.

New Business: Resolutions:

#523 Resolution Approving and Adopting a Revised and Updated Olympic Authority Code of Ethics

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

9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, Resolution #523 adopted.

#524 Resolution Approving and Adopting Performance Measurements for the Olympic Authority's Mission

Motion by Steve Hunt and seconded by Art Lussi.

On a motion by Betty Little, seconded by Elinor Tatum, and carried unanimously, pending resolution #524 was amended to include the list of performance measures recommended by the Governance Committee.

The Board then voted on the motion to adopt proposed resolution #524 as amended.

9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, the motion carried unanimously.

#525 Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for the Olympic Jumping Complex

On a motion by Cliff Donaldson, seconded by Diane Munro.

Ashley Walden explained that this resolution includes the design and procurement of a wind curtain system. This system would protect athletes if the wind picks up, provide the opportunity to have more training, and protect future events from having to delay or postpone competitions. Additionally, there would be improvements to the towers, and improved separate of public and athlete areas.

9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, Resolution #525 adopted.

#526 Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for the Mt. Van Hoevenberg Sports Complex

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

Ashley Walden explained that since the track was originally built there have been technology changes and one of the improvements would be a new fiber optics system to enhance event timing, cameras, broadcast, security, and athlete training. The track profile will be improved to help with refrigeration, athlete training, and maintenance. There will also be improvements to the roller loop to include widening and adding additional drainage.

9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, Resolution #526 adopted.

#527 Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for Belleayre Mountain Snowmaking, Trails and Electrical Improvements

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

Ashley Walden explained that some of the snowmaking pipelines that run up the mountain need updates, so they are able to support the high efficiency snow guns. There will also be upgrades to the pump and valve houses, expansion of snowmaking on the racing trail, an expansion of the learning area, and upgrades to the electrical distribution system.

8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained, Resolution #527 adopted. Elinor Tatum abstained from voting.

#528 Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into an Agreement for the Belleayre Mountain Carpet Conveyor System

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

Ashley Walden explained that this resolution would allow for a new carpet conveyor system that would help support the expansion of the learning area.

8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained, Resolution #528 adopted. Elinor Tatum abstained from voting.

#529 Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for Gore Mountain Snowmaking, Trails, and Electrical Improvements

On a motion by Elinor Tatum, seconded by Cliff Donaldson.

Ashley Walden explained that this resolution is for replacing and installing new pipelines, electrical improvements, and Little Gore Mountain terrain improvements.

9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, Resolution #529 adopted.

#530 Resolution Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for Gore Mountain Gondola Improvements

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

Ashley Walden explained that at the February 2 Board meeting there was a resolution for the replacement of the Gondola Cabins. This resolution is for the purchase of the Gondola grips to accompany the new cabins.

9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, Resolution #530 adopted.

#531 Resolution Committee Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for Whiteface Mountain Snowmaking, Trails and Electrical Improvements

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

Ashley Walden explained that this resolution includes improvements to some of the valve houses, continued trail work, and additional electrical work that will support the snowmaking infrastructure.

9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, Resolution #531 adopted.

#532 Resolution Committee Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for Whiteface Mountain Snowmaking Pump House #1 Improvements

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

Ashley Walden explained that this resolution will allow repairs to the stop gate to prevent debris from entering the pumphouse. Additionally, a new gantry crane would be installed to help remove any of the debris that would be in the water before it enters the pipelines and potentially damages the snowmaking infrastructure.

9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, Resolution #532 adopted.

#533 Resolution Committee Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for Whiteface Mountain Lodge Improvements

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

Ashley Walden explained that this resolution is to address the three lodges at Whiteface Mountain. The Base Lodge has energy conservation and building envelope improvements planned. Legacy Lodge needs an expansion of the snow melt system on the deck and some of the siding needs to be replaced. Bear Den Lodge needs improvements to accommodate increased usage, improve flow, and optimize space for guest services and snow sports school.

9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, Resolution #533 adopted.

#534 Resolution Committee Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for the Whiteface Mountain Little Whiteface Lift Replacement

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

Ashley Walden explained that this resolution is for a new fixed grip chairlift, which will utilize new towers and foundations from mid-station down, and repurposing of towers and foundations from mid-station up.

9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, Resolution #534 adopted.

#535 Resolution Committee Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to Enter Into Agreements for Improvements to the Whiteface Mountain Veterans' Memorial Highway

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

Ashley Walden explained that this resolution is for improving the wastewater system and completing the masonry work at the castle. It will also improve the wastewater system and roofing system at the Toll House. The Round House will have continued masonry, electrical, and mechanical upgrades.

9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, Resolution #535 adopted.

Executive Session: On a motion by Cliff Donaldson, seconded by Elinor Tatum, the Olympic Authority Board of Directors entered into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a matter leading to the employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person, as well as for the purpose of obtaining legal advice on proposed litigation involving a personnel matter.

After a motion and second, the Olympic Authority Board of Directors voted to exit Executive Session and resumed public session. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Chair: Joe Martens announced that the meeting's business had concluded.

Adjournment: On a motion by Cliff Donaldson, seconded by Steve Hunt, the meeting of the Olympic Regional Development Authority Board of Directors was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.