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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Lake Placid Conference Center,  
Lake Placid, NY

June 11, 2024  
2:30 p.m. - 2:57 p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Martens (Chair)

Betty Little

Art Lussi

Cliff Donaldson

ALSO PRESENT:

Ashley Walden, President & CEO

Michelle Crew, General Counsel

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2 (The Executive Committee meeting commenced at  
3 2:30 p.m.)

4 JOE MARTENS: Please call the roll.

5 RENEE FITZGERALD: Joe Martens?

6 JOE MARTENS: Here.

7 RENEE FITZGERALD: Betty Little?

8 BETTY LITTLE: Here.

9 RENEE FITZGERALD: Art Lussi?

10 ART LUSSI: Here.

11 RENEE FITZGERALD: Cliff Donaldson?

12 CLIFF DONALDSON: Here.

13 RENEE FITZGERALD: We have a quorum.

14 JOE MARTENS: Excellent. So, the first  
15 item for the committee absent on the agenda is  
16 the approval of the minutes from our last  
17 meeting. Could I have a motion approving the  
18 minutes of December 21, 2023?

19 CLIFF DONALDSON: I'll make that motion  
20 approving.

21 JOE MARTENS: Okay, moved by Cliff.

22 BETTY LITTLE: Second, Betty.

23 JOE MARTENS: Seconded by Betty. Any  
24 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor?

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2 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

3 JOE MARTENS: Opposed? Any abstentions?  
4 Motion, carries. So, before we get into the  
5 investment policy, I'm going to ask Ashley to  
6 kick us off with some information to start us.

7 ASHLEY WALDEN: Alright. Thank you,  
8 Joe. So, a few updates here. Today, we're going  
9 to take a look at our electricity contract  
10 reviews, give an update on that process, have a  
11 little bit of information on investment report  
12 and policy, which will be a part of the  
13 resolution today, and then review some -- few  
14 aspects of the annual report. So again, our  
15 operational revenue closing out this year on  
16 March 31, 2024, just under 64 million, which was  
17 an increase from last year. Despite, you know,  
18 the winter -- lack of winter conditions that we  
19 had this year, we did continue to see this  
20 operational revenue grow. There are few things  
21 related to that that are starting to trend that I  
22 wanted to point out though. While the revenue is  
23 growing, the expenses are also growing. Personal  
24 services, here's a snapshot over the past three

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2 years, '21-'22, you know, a reminder that there's  
3 still quite a bit of construction. We were  
4 coming out of COVID. All of the operations  
5 weren't open. As things started to complete the  
6 construction and more of the operations were  
7 opening, we saw the increase. This is still  
8 incrementally increasing as we add additional  
9 staff for the year-round opera- operations. In  
10 addition, our CSEA contract, which we negotiated  
11 a little over a year ago, that had increases,  
12 increases in minimum wages, is also impacting  
13 this. So, this is something we're working and  
14 paying close attention to. Electricity supply, I  
15 know over the past couple of years, this has been  
16 a topic and it's going to be an ongoing one that  
17 we continue to discuss and monitor. Last year,  
18 we renewed the three ski mountain electric-  
19 electricity contracts. We ended up with  
20 Belleayre and Whiteface doing a two-year contract  
21 with NYPA. We ended up with a one-year contract  
22 based on the pricing and the recommendations for  
23 Gore. So, the only one that we will be looking  
24 at this fall will be Gore. We're hopeful that we

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2 can try and reduce these current rates that we  
3 have as the three ski mountains are obviously  
4 our, our highest users of electricity and this  
5 really impacts the overall operations. On the  
6 right-hand side, you'll see the map of the United  
7 States, the red areas being the highest areas of  
8 pricing for electricity. So, we are right there  
9 in one of the highest regions. And on the, on  
10 the left, we see the breakdown of Belleayre,  
11 Whiteface, and Gore. Gore mountain is in the  
12 capital region. And within New York State, the  
13 capital region has the highest rates. So, they  
14 saw a huge jump but have -- if you see with the  
15 blue and the red charts there, have always been  
16 the highest of the three, but additionally, saw  
17 the largest jump. This past year where -- we, we  
18 were able to reduce the rates, but you can see  
19 from two years previous, it's still a massive  
20 increase.

21 BETTY LITTLE: How are the, the solar  
22 panels helping with this?

23 ASHLEY WALDEN: Yeah. So, the solar  
24 arrays are -- at Gore and at, and at Whiteface

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2 are, are part of this, but these are the, the  
3 negotiated rates that we have.

4 BETTY LITTLE: Oh, these are just the  
5 rates you're talking about that went up.

6 ASHLEY WALDEN: Yes.

7 BETTY LITTLE: So, it's not usage. I'm  
8 sorry.

9 ASHLEY WALDEN: Yeah.

10 BETTY LITTLE: Okay.

11 ASHLEY WALDEN: Actually, the -- what  
12 we're seeing is that the usage is, is trending  
13 down. Now, we have to be careful about comparing  
14 year-to-year because we didn't have a lot of  
15 temperatures last year to --

16 [CROSSTALK]

17 ASHLEY WALDEN: So -- but the, the usage  
18 is, is trending down, but the rates are higher.  
19 So, the overall bottom line at the end for the  
20 utilities is, is netting higher.

21 JOE MARTENS: So, Ashley, to, to Betty's  
22 point, it would be nice to see the numbers about  
23 how much the solar panels, particularly since we  
24 acquired them at Gore, are bringing down our

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2 overall cost, even, even if it's incremental,  
3 it'd be -- it's a good thing to know. One, night  
4 keep touting the fact that we have, you know,  
5 solar usage at both places. It'd be good to know  
6 just how much we're saving. Again, even if it's  
7 an incre- increment, every little bit help.

8 BETTY LITTLE: It's a huge solar farm.

9 JOE MARTENS: Yeah.

10 BETTY LITTLE: And it's so big that they  
11 had to do two than separate equipment. And  
12 they're like in Hebburn, Harburn [phonetic], I  
13 went when they opened it.

14 ASHLEY WALDEN: Yeah, White- Whitehall,  
15 New York.

16 [CROSSTALK]

17 ASHLEY WALDEN: Yeah. Okay.

18 BETTY LITTLE: We found the people in --  
19 live in Hebburn or Ha- Harburn. I don't remember  
20 which one.

21 ASHLEY WALDEN: Hebburn, I think.

22 BETTY LITTLE: But it is, it is very  
23 large, and what we can do is provide a more  
24 detailed report on this.



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2 JOE MARTENS: Okay. Great.

3 ART LUSSI: My, my question was when I  
4 see the national average at -- for 2023 at 12.72  
5 cents per kilowatt hour, and I look at Gore, does  
6 that mean it's 10 cents at Gore? Like at 0.10?

7 ASHLEY WALDEN: Yeah.

8 ART LUSSI: So -- and where Whiteface is  
9 six and seven, and Belleayre is seven and eight.  
10 Is that --

11 ASHLEY WALDEN: Yeah. And those are the  
12 --

13 ART LUSSI: -- accurate reading of that?

14 ASHLEY WALDEN: That's an accurate  
15 reading.

16 ART LUSSI: Okay.

17 BETTY LITTLE: Does Gore got NYPA power?  
18 Are they getting national grid?

19 ASHLEY WALDEN: I -- Gore was not elig-,  
20 I do not believe they're eligible for NYPA.

21 MICHELLE CREW: So, the delivery is  
22 national grid, and then we get our supply from a  
23 different provider than NYPA?

24 BETTY LITTLE: Yeah. That's, that's

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2 what makes it more expensive.

3 MICHELLE CREW: Well, we've, we've been  
4 shopping hard. It's, it's --

5 BETTY LITTLE: It's hard. Yeah.

6 MICHELLE CREW: But the commodity is --

7 BETTY LITTLE: Yeah.

8 MICHELLE CREW: -- a little out of our  
9 control with the --

10 BETTY LITTLE: Oh, absolutely.

11 MICHELLE CREW: -- rates, yeah. We've  
12 just been trying to get the best prices we can  
13 during the fall months.

14 ASHLEY WALDEN: Yeah. Exactly, and the  
15 -- and that's part of the reason that Gore just  
16 has a one year because we weren't really happy  
17 with the rates, and we felt more comfortable with  
18 Belleayre and Whiteface locking in at a two-year  
19 rate in the trends in those areas over the past.

20 BETTY LITTLE: How does Belleayre get  
21 NYPA?

22 ASHLEY WALDEN: I -- I'm not sure.

23 BETTY LITTLE: I don't know. It's in  
24 the park, I guess, maybe that's why.

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2 ART LUSSI: The Catskill? The Catskill.

3 BETTY LITTLE: Catskills, yeah. Yeah.

4 It must come from -- I don't know where. Or it's  
5 a long ways from NYPA. Anyway, they have other -  
6 - you know, other ways of doing it too. Yeah.

7 ASHLEY WALDEN: So, this -- again, this  
8 is something we'll continue to update you on, but  
9 we will be looking to enter into a contract, you  
10 know, mid-late fall of 2024. So, the investment  
11 policy, this will be one of the resolutions.  
12 Their investment policy was updated in June of  
13 2022. There's, there's no real changes to it.  
14 We do take a look. Right now, we review it.  
15 It's reviewed annually by the Executive  
16 Committee. There's no recommended changes for  
17 this one, and we continue to make our investments  
18 based on this policy. And just to note that only  
19 the president CEO is allowed to invest. The  
20 director of finance or other positions are, are  
21 not able to do so.

22 JOE MARTENS: They recommend to you and  
23 --

24 BETTY LITTLE: Correct.

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2 JOE MARTENS: -- you have the final say.  
3 Yeah.

4 BETTY LITTLE: But didn't we have  
5 substantial benefits from it?

6 ASHLEY WALDEN: There's been substantial  
7 improvements on the, on the whole financial  
8 position and this has been one --

9 BETTY LITTLE: Right, one of many  
10 investments.

11 ASHLEY WALDEN: We didn't ever even  
12 invest because we never had anything to invest.  
13 We were always in debt.

14 JOE MARTENS: Correct.

15 ASHLEY WALDEN: It was paying interest  
16 previously.

17 BETTY LITTLE: Which is something to  
18 rave about, really.

19 ASHLEY WALDEN: Yeah. And over the past  
20 seven years, that financial position has gone  
21 from area of paying back loans to a positive  
22 financial --

23 BETTY LITTLE: Absolutely.

24 ASHLEY WALDEN: Again, hats off to Peggy

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2 and the team.

3 BETTY LITTLE: Yeah.

4 JOE MARTENS: And primarily, it's  
5 certificate to deposit, right, that we invest in  
6 when we have cash on hand.

7 ART LUSSI: T-bills, Treasury bills.

8 JOE MARTENS: Okay.

9 BETTY LITTLE: Treasury bills.

10 JOE MARTENS: Treasury bills, right. I  
11 mean, there's -- you all, you all recall there's  
12 a lengthy list of acceptable all conservative,  
13 protect principle type of investments, but it's  
14 not like we have barrels of cash, but we -- when  
15 we do invest it, it's simply in things that are  
16 very secure government-backed.

17 ASHLEY WALDEN: And actually, Peggy can  
18 probably give a quick overview that the -- that  
19 is part of it, but the majority comes from  
20 interest fund thing.

21 BETTY LITTLE: Bank certificates and  
22 stuff. But we do -- this is where we get our  
23 women-owned businesses, right? Somewhat, at  
24 least, we have more selection to comply with our

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2 women-owned businesses.

3 JOE MARTENS: Yeah. We, we --

4 ASHLEY WALDEN: Through the investments

5 or --

6 JOE MARTENS: Yes.

7 [CROSSTALK]

8 BETTY LITTLE: -- the financial people?

9 ASHLEY WALDEN: There's -- yeah.

10 There's a number of categories that we use.

11 BETTY LITTLE: It's easier than

12 construction.

13 ASHLEY WALDEN: Yes, it is. Marketing

14 is a good one. There's, there's a lot of

15 opportunities, but on one side, we have --

16 BETTY LITTLE: It's been --

17 ASHLEY WALDEN: So, everyone received a

18 copy of -- the draft copy of the annual report?

19 There's a few items that we'll highlight in the

20 report. One of the things we -- so, we have

21 members from the chamber and from Division of

22 Budget that will be here later on this week. One

23 of the items that we're going to tour and take a

24 look at is the Veterans Memorial Highway.

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2 There's a number of infrastructure upgrades.  
3 It's a historic building. It's an old building.  
4 It's in extreme temperatures and climates. There  
5 are needs from water and wastewater standpoint,  
6 masonry, electrical upgrades, the elevator So,  
7 the elevator, those are -- haven't been up there  
8 recently. It runs right through the middle of  
9 the mountain. It's really cold in the winter. It  
10 gets really wet. It's, you know, operationally  
11 challenging. So, we need to be addressing that.  
12 And overall, you know, the building improvements,  
13 it's, again, a historic building, a very amazing  
14 feature, and we want to be protecting it. So,  
15 this was -- there was a nice report in the annual  
16 report, a nice description of the history of it  
17 and some of the opportunities that are there now.

18 BETTY LITTLE: Several years ago, we got  
19 -- somebody complained to me, a well-known person  
20 in Lake Placid, about his daughter. And so, we  
21 got an elevator because it said a handicapped  
22 access, but when you got down to the end, the  
23 elevator didn't work and there were seven steps.  
24 And so, it was like --

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2 ASHLEY WALDEN: Yeah.

3 BETTY LITTLE: And she had a very heavy  
4 wheelchair, so we did put that in --

5 ASHLEY WALDEN: Mm-hmm.

6 BETTY LITTLE: -- but it's so damp that  
7 it let -- like the next time he went, it was  
8 broken, not working.

9 ASHLEY WALDEN: Yeah.

10 BETTY LITTLE: So, it was kind of --

11 ASHLEY WALDEN: Yeah. It's a -- I mean,  
12 it's a --

13 BETTY LITTLE: A tough one.

14 ASHLEY WALDEN: -- it's a very tough  
15 climate. You know, I think the average  
16 temperature is 32 degrees year-round, and it --  
17 there's winds. There's -- you know, it makes it  
18 challenging to operate there, but it's an  
19 important piece, and we need to protect it.

20 BETTY LITTLE: We did go, just to say,  
21 because what a gorgeous place it is, and she was  
22 in a wheelchair, you know, when we got it. And  
23 she -- they wheeled her out on a rock and there  
24 was nothing behind her but the mountains and the



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2 distance, and I mean, there was about 10 feet  
3 before the edge of the rocks, but it's a little  
4 scary about, oh, my gosh, she was in her glory.

5 JOE MARTENS: That's great.

6 ASHLEY WALDEN: It's spectacular.

7 BETTY LITTLE: Fabulous place.

8 ASHLEY WALDEN: Another -- we provided  
9 an update at the last board meeting on the  
10 Milano-Cortina sliding sports bid. This has  
11 progressed currently. There are three cities  
12 left that are for consideration, Innsbruck,  
13 Austria, Saint Moritz, Switzerland, and Lake  
14 Placid. We have in -- the initial or preliminary  
15 site visit from a representative of the Milano-  
16 Cortina group that is here this week. And then,  
17 there will be a more formal site visit scheduled  
18 for later on this summer. So, we have -- we will  
19 be responding back with some more detailed  
20 information to Milano-Cortina. They requested  
21 some additional feedback. So, we'll be supplying  
22 that this week and this continues to evolve, and  
23 so we'll keep everyone updated, but, you know,  
24 the next, what we'll be really looking for is the

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2           scheduled in-person visit from a wider group from

3           Milano-Cortina end of the summer. Another piece

4           is our sport partner relationships. Some key

5           items in here, we're working with the U.S.

6           Olympic and Paralympic Training Center to

7           modernize the training center food service area.

8           This is part of a, a larger project that we hope

9           to continue in the next couple of years. With

10          the build-up to the 2026 Olympic games, there's

11          quite a bit of usage or increased usage at the

12          training center as the teams are preparing for

13          the Olympics. So, this will be complete by

14          March. So, they'll have -- to be able to utilize

15          the new facility as their teams are here training

16          and preparing for the Olympics. The

17          International Cycle Union, otherwise known as

18          UCI, we have a three-year contract with them to

19          host Marathon and Cross-Country Mountain Biking

20          World Cup that will be at Mt. Van Hoevenberg. We

21          will have the option to add downhill, if

22          applicable, to Whiteface mountain for second year

23          of the contract, which will be 2025. So, the

24          partnership begins this year. In September,

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2 we'll be hosting the first of the events out at  
3 Mt. Van Hoevenberg, again with the option to  
4 expand into downhill at Whiteface, should the  
5 permitting and other items that are listed pan  
6 out.

7 BETTY LITTLE: How long does there -- is  
8 there trail at Mt. Van Hoevenberg? I mean, the  
9 different lengths?

10 ASHLEY WALDEN: There's different links  
11 available.

12 BETTY LITTLE: Wow.

13 ASHLEY WALDEN: The two events, each  
14 have a different requirement, but there's  
15 features. So, it's not just a straight mountain  
16 biking. They build a lot of features. There's  
17 jumps. It's a very, you know, action-based --

18 BETTY LITTLE: Amazing.

19 ASHLEY WALDEN: Yeah, I would say so,  
20 but it will be a really --

21 BETTY LITTLE: But there's miles that  
22 they're riding, right?

23 ASHLEY WALDEN: Yeah.

24 BETTY LITTLE: Yeah.

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2 ASHLEY WALDEN: They do loops. And  
3 then, another initiative that we've been working  
4 on is just making sure that we have order  
5 representation and attendance at key  
6 international and national governing body  
7 meetings. We continue to expand our port-, our  
8 sport relationships and it's crucial that we have  
9 a seat at the table at these meetings. That's  
10 it.

11 JOE MARTENS: Questions for Ashley?

12 ART LUSSI: I'd say compliment.

13 JOE MARTENS: Okay.

14 ART LUSSI: That has to do with having -  
15 - I think the world got used to during COVID of  
16 participating at meetings online. And I think  
17 that by sending ORDA staff around the country, as  
18 well as the world, to attend international  
19 meetings and national meetings is, is extremely  
20 important. And I think more deals get done in-  
21 person than they do over online. And I  
22 compliment you for encouraging that and leading  
23 that.

24 ASHLEY WALDEN: Thank you. And we have

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2 a, a talented group of staff that are very well-  
3 versed in the sport world, and this is a great  
4 opportunity for them to strengthen their  
5 relationships too. So, it's important to the  
6 organization.

7 JOE MARTENS: Okay. Thank you, Art.  
8 So, the next item on the agenda is Resolution  
9 537, and we already heard from Ashley on the  
10 background, on the investment report and the  
11 investment policy. So, is there any further  
12 discussion related to this resolution?

13 ART LUSSI: Just hope that the new  
14 leader of the finance department can be as  
15 successful as Peggy's been and half as good.

16 BETTY LITTLE: One of the things that  
17 was in here was designated holidays, maybe we  
18 recorded as comp holidays. But we have a lot of  
19 employees that have to work on holidays, and that  
20 increases our, you know, our employee costs  
21 tremendously. How many designated holidays are  
22 we up to in New York State?

23 ASHLEY WALDEN: We should talk to the,  
24 the total number we -- I'd have to -- I don't

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2 know the exact total number. But what this  
3 allows us now, as you said, that it will allow  
4 them to use it as a diff-, at a different date.  
5 So, if they have to work the holiday, they can  
6 then select another day to take the holiday. So,  
7 the holiday pay is not being activated.

8 BETTY LITTLE: If they're not getting  
9 the holiday pay, then --

10 MICHELLE CREW: Right.

11 BETTY LITTLE: -- then another day --

12 ASHLEY WALDEN: They can --

13 BETTY LITTLE: Right.

14 ASHLEY WALDEN: -- take another day off.

15 BETTY LITTLE: Yeah. Okay. If they  
16 choose not to -- I didn't know that. So, if they  
17 choose not to, then --

18 MICHELLE CREW: If they work on a  
19 holiday, then it gets designated on the time card  
20 as a comp holiday, and they have the ability to  
21 use that time before September 30th of each year  
22 before it expires. It will not roll over into  
23 the next year.

24 BETTY LITTLE: That's a good plan.

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2 Thank you. I didn't know that.

3 JOE MARTENS: We just thought -- we, we  
4 actually discussed this in the governance  
5 committee meeting earlier this morning, that --  
6 that's -- that was a change and it's good.

7 BETTY LITTLE: The counties that owned  
8 nursing homes, you know, they were getting  
9 killed.

10 ASHLEY WALDEN: And seasonally, we have  
11 a lot of staff that have to work particularly in  
12 the winter holidays. So, this --

13 BETTY LITTLE: You can't close on --

14 ASHLEY WALDEN: -- helps us.

15 ART LUSSI: Christmas.

16 BETTY LITTLE: -- those major holidays  
17 in the winter where we make money.

18 ART LUSSI: Birthday.

19 BETTY LITTLE: Yeah.

20 ART LUSSI: Yeah.

21 BETTY LITTLE: And they keep creating  
22 more.

23 ART LUSSI: Yeah, it's Juneteenth.

24 BETTY LITTLE: These ski areas, well,

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2 they're open.

3 ASHLEY WALDEN: Okay. Could I have a  
4 motion to advise the Board of Directors that the  
5 Executive Committee recommends the proposed  
6 resolution be adopted as presented, and this is  
7 Resolution 537.

8 CLIFF DONALDSON: I'll move that.

9 JOE MARTENS: It's moved by Cliff.

10 ART LUSSI: Second by Art.

11 JOE MARTENS: Seconded by Art. Any  
12 further discussions? All in favor?

13 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

14 JOE MARTENS: Any opposed? Any  
15 abstained? Okay, carried unanimously. Next item  
16 on the agenda is the annual report, which you  
17 also just heard about from Ashley. Does anyone  
18 have any comments or desired changes to the  
19 report?

20 ART LUSSI: I have one tiny one and it  
21 had to do with the, the -- we -- I thought the  
22 notch idea for the new lift at Whiteface is  
23 phenomenal and then the way it went through a new  
24 notch. But growing up in Wilmington, I always



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2 referred to the road to Lake Placid as the notch.  
3 I never heard of it as the Wilmington Notch. And  
4 I, and I just was -- it's a little nuance in the  
5 description in our report. And so, I, I didn't  
6 know if that was appeasing Cliff, the outgoing  
7 supervisor, or if it was the -- a tribute to  
8 favor the new supervisor. But I just -- as a  
9 local, I just refer to it as the notch.

10 CLIFF DONALDSON: Notch.

11 ART LUSSI: Yeah. It's not the  
12 Wilmington Notch. So, I'm with you. Thanks,  
13 Cliff.

14 BETTY LITTLE: Unless you live in  
15 Wilmington.

16 ART LUSSI: So, that's where I'm -- I  
17 just make that observation and glad to have  
18 whatever your editing staff wants to do.

19 ASHLEY WALDEN: Okay.

20 ART LUSSI: Thank you.

21 ASHLEY WALDEN: Noted. Thank you.

22 JOE MARTENS: So, do we need to amend  
23 the resolution to include the possibility that  
24 the reference to the Wilmington Notch be reduced

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2 to the notch after further research and  
3 confirmation of the concern? I'm looking to  
4 Michelle.

5 CLIFF DONALDSON: Can't --

6 JOE MARTENS: It is such a minor --

7 MICHELLE CREW: I mean, yeah. I, I, I  
8 think it's up to you alls to whether you want to  
9 change it or not. But it --

10 CLIFF DONALDSON: Yeah. I would say,  
11 Ashley.

12 JOE MARTENS: No. But my question is  
13 very specific to the --

14 MICHELLE CREW: Do you have to --

15 JOE MARTENS: Do I have --

16 [CROSSTALK]

17 JOE MARTENS: -- just to give them that  
18 you'll, you know, the okay, or --

19 MICHELLE CREW: Well, I think that you  
20 can make -- since you're not approving the  
21 resolution, you, you can make --

22 JOE MARTENS: Right.

23 MICHELLE CREW: You can recommend to the  
24 board that they adopt the resolution with that

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2 same --

3 JOE MARTENS: And then, we put it to  
4 work. Yeah.

5 MICHELLE CREW: -- if you want to make  
6 the change. And then, then, it would go to the  
7 board with that change.

8 JOE MARTENS: I assume we don't --

9 MICHELLE CREW: I don't think we need to  
10 go through the whole -- no.

11 CLIFF DONALDSON: No.

12 JOE MARTENS: Okay.

13 BETTY LITTLE: I'd say the notch in  
14 Wilmington. Someday, next time.

15 ASHLEY WALDEN: It would be nice if the,  
16 if the resolution could reflect approval to  
17 accept it with either terminology so we could  
18 have time.

19 JOE MARTENS: With the what?

20 ASHLEY WALDEN: With either terminology.  
21 If that -- if it's --

22 JOE MARTENS: That's great. Perfect.

23 ASHLEY WALDEN: Yeah.

24 ART LUSSI: Great idea.

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2 JOE MARTENS: So, did I -- can I put the  
3 motion out for -- yeah?

4 ART LUSSI: No.

5 JOE MARTENS: Okay. So, could I have a  
6 motion to advise the Board of Directors that the  
7 Executive Committee recommends the resolution be  
8 adopted as presented or with a minor change  
9 referring to the notch in Wilmington?

10 BETTY LITTLE: I'll make that move.

11 JOE MARTENS: Okay.

12 ART LUSSI: Second.

13 JOE MARTENS: Moved by Betty, seconded  
14 by Art. All in favor?

15 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

16 JOE MARTENS: I should have asked if any  
17 discussion after that. Any discussion further?  
18 Moved by Betty, seconded by Art. All in favor.  
19 We got aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?  
20 Motion carries. Okay. Great. So, that  
21 concludes the business of today's Executive  
22 Committee Meeting. Are there any other items?

23 BETTY LITTLE: Yeah. I just want to say  
24 a little bit about this report.

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2 JOE MARTENS: Okay.

3 BETTY LITTLE: It is excellent. And  
4 I've read every piece of it, and I wish I knew  
5 all that when you're talking to some of these  
6 naysayers, you know, who aren't sure that we're  
7 doing the right things and all the money, but  
8 it's excellent. I wish there was a way we could  
9 print it and have, and have it go out to all the  
10 towns that benefit from us.

11 JOE MARTENS: Well, I think we will  
12 distribute it as widely as possible. And I, I  
13 agree with you. I think the report is terrific.

14 BETTY LITTLE: It made some new -- it's  
15 almost like a little newspaper.

16 JOE MARTENS: Yes.

17 BETTY LITTLE: You could get away doing  
18 it like that cheaper pay for mending.

19 ART LUSSI: I think that's a -- a good  
20 question is, is what in the past, how have we  
21 disseminated this information? I know it's  
22 always been online. And so, if you're curious,  
23 you could go there. But I think as maybe Betty's  
24 alluding to, the summer season is our biggest

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2 tourist time of the year in the park, and it  
3 might be a great piece at some of our welcome --

4 BETTY LITTLE: Discover.

5 ART LUSSI: -- at some of our welcome  
6 centers.

7 BETTY LITTLE: Fabulous.

8 ART LUSSI: Yeah.

9 BETTY LITTLE: The old, new era.

10 ART LUSSI: And so, I, I, I guess an  
11 idea would be like the welcome centers when you  
12 come from Albany north --

13 JOE MARTENS: Mm-hmm.

14 ART LUSSI: -- and there's a welcome  
15 center near North, North Creek or, or right past  
16 the exit for Lake Placid. But I -- I'm with  
17 Betty. I think it's so well done. It's worth us  
18 being proud to get it out in the marketplace.

19 BETTY LITTLE: It has so much  
20 information, and it's, it's just -- you know, I  
21 thought I've, I've been up on the, on the  
22 highway, and I thought, why didn't I take these  
23 people up there when I had them up in Lake  
24 Placid?

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2 ASHLEY WALDEN: Yeah.

3 BETTY LITTLE: You know, you want to go  
4 hiking, you don't have to hike.

5 ASHLEY WALDEN: Right. You can still --

6 BETTY LITTLE: I'll take you to the top  
7 of the mountain.

8 ART LUSSI: Or you can hike the last,  
9 last half a mile up the stairs.

10 BETTY LITTLE: Yeah. Like I'm doing.  
11 I'm a king.

12 JOE MARTENS: I assume that this goes to  
13 legislative leaders.

14 ASHLEY WALDEN: It gets filed, so it's  
15 part of the --

16 JOE MARTENS: I mean, I would -- I would  
17 think you send it with a short note to the  
18 speaker that --

19 ASHLEY WALDEN: Oh, my God, there is --

20 JOE MARTENS: -- probably the leader and  
21 --

22 ASHLEY WALDEN: There is a short list of  
23 representatives that it goes to, but we can make  
24 sure that it's shared widely.

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2 BETTY LITTLE: And you know where you  
3 could get it printed, it is Marian O'Brien's  
4 place, developmentally --

5 ASHLEY WALDEN: That's --

6 BETTY LITTLE: -- nicer.

7 ASHLEY WALDEN: Yeah.

8 BETTY LITTLE: Because that's where they  
9 do -- they hire disabled people as well as, you  
10 know, regular workforce people. But the money,  
11 it really helps them, and, and I know you had a  
12 meeting with them.

13 ASHLEY WALDEN: I met with them.

14 BETTY LITTLE: And they'll do a lot of  
15 that kind of stuff. I think they are printing  
16 and -- but it doesn't have to be the most  
17 expensive thing, kind of like a newspaper like.  
18 But nobody -- to go online, I hate to say this,  
19 but it takes a long time on the ORDA website to  
20 find what you're looking for, or at least it does  
21 for somebody like me. Yeah.

22 JOE MARTENS: You're not alone. Okay.  
23 I think we had the motion and we had it seconded  
24 to adjourn. All in fa-, do we have it?



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ASHLEY WALDEN: No.

JOE MARTENS: Okay. We get a motion,  
then, to adjourn.

ART LUSSI: I'll move to adjourn.

CLIFF DONALDSON: Second.

JOE MARTENS: Moved by Art, seconded by  
Cliff. All in favor?

MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

JOE MARTENS: Opposed? Any abstentions?  
Meeting is adjourned at --

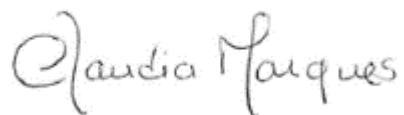
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(The Executive Committee meeting  
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