Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency
Board of Directors Meeting Draft Minutes
October 14, 2026
TC Legislative Chambers
121 E. Court Street
Ithaca, NY 14850

Present: Deborah Dawson, Ducson Nguyen, Jerry Dietz, Shawna Black, Prentice Smith, Greg Mezey, Jeff Gorsky

Admin: Kurt Anderson, Ina Arthur (IAED), Russ Gaenzle, Stephen Meier (Harris Beach Murtha, PLLC)

CALL TO ORDER – Deborah Dawson called meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ray Schlather – Mr. Schlater spoke in favor of the TCIDA purchasing the building owned by FingerLakes ReUse with the intent of leasing the building back to the company. He stated that this would help the company pay off its debt and move forward. This would hinge on the County increasing its support of the company.

Rich John – Mr. John stated that the TCIDA fund balance is large and that purchasing the Fingerlakes ReUse building could help the organization. He did comment on requesting conditions from the company and that it might be possible for members of the community to raise funds to pay the rent for a one year.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

BUSINESS

2027 TCIDA Budget – Approval

Kurt Anderson reviewed the 2027 TCIDA Budget which has been reviewed and approved by the Finance and Audit Committee.

Greg Mezey made a motion to approve the 2027 TCIDA Budget. Jerry Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Deborah Dawson noted that the TCIDA Governance and Bylaws committee will be meeting to consider revisions to the bylaws.

STAFF REPORT

Kurt Anderson reviewed the Q3 financials. He noted that the Housing study contract has been executed and work will begin October 1, 2026 and will proceed for 9 months.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Informational

MINUTES

Greg Mezey made a motion to approve the August 12, 2026 TCIDA Board minutes. Jeff Gorsky seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jerry Dietz made a motion to the take the meeting into executive session to discuss financial and credit history of a potential contract. Greg Mezey seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0.

Greg Mezey made a motion to being the meeting out of executive session. Jeff Gorsky seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.