

Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank
Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 26, 2023
DRAFT - Minutes

Present: Angela DeFelice (Vice-Chair), Brian Engles(Treasurer), Susan Fortunato (Chair), Brian Martinez, Jacob Reckess, Heidi Seelbach, Eoin Wrafter (Secretary)

Excused /Absent: Kari Rieser, Jordan Schinella

Staff: n/a

Others: Paul Hesse, member of the Public

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Chair Fortunato, with a quorum of Directors present.

1. **Roll Call/Introductions:** Chair Fortunato opened the meeting and asked the secretary to do a roll call.
2. **Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):** None
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. The minutes of the May 24, 2023, Board Meeting were approved as presented. The motion was passed unanimously. (Seelbach\Martinez)
 - b. The minutes of the July 19, 2023, Board Meeting were approved as presented. The motion was passed unanimously. (Seelbach\Martinez)
4. **Centerstate CEO follow-up discussion, disposition policy:** Benjamin Sio from Centerstate CIO presented an overview of their findings from the Board survey and retreat. He asked the board to review the draft document to ensure that it captured our thoughts and concerns and to add anything that may have come up since the retreat. He then moved on to the Priority Disposition Framework that they have developed with examples based on our feedback. He asked the board to review it to ensure that it captures our focus areas and that we should be looking at narrowing down those to perhaps three top focus areas to drive the disposition policy. One thing he did point out is that work needs to be done on how the board wants to define equity and community engagement. The board was asked to get all comments to Ben in two weeks (August 9th)
5. **Financial Statements:** The monthly financial statements for May and June were reviewed and presented to the Board. There were minor operating expenses (audit firm, insurance, and Centerstate CEO), and we did receive the \$18,000 from the City of Poughkeepsie. Our current balance in our bank account at the end of May was \$240,221.20 and \$226,408.22 at the end of June. The Financial Statements were approved as presented.
6. **Membership:** Eoin indicated that a reappointment resolution for Susan and Heidi is going to the County Legislature in August. The County legislature is working to identify a replacement for

Brian. Angela has not heard back from the Common Council and was going to follow up about her reappointment.

7. **Logo\Branding:** Paul Hesse distributed a sheet of 11 revised logos from Lauren Gill Design. There was consensus around several logos. Paul will bring the feedback to the consultant and present revised logos at the next meeting.
8. **Executive Director:** Chairperson Fortunato discussed moving forward with hiring an Executive Director after meeting with them in Executive Session on July 19th. The board discussed the timing of passing such a resolution and due to the need for a supermajority and concerns about meeting that in August the Board decided to proceed. The secretary read resolution # 5 of 2023 authorizing the hiring of an executive director. Which was moved by Martinez and seconded by DeFelice. The resolution was passed unanimously by the board of directors in attendance.
9. **Member Comments/Announcements:** None
10. **Public Comment:** None
11. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Seelbach, seconded by DeFelice. The board voted unanimously in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.