



Sullivan County

Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes - Final

100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

Chair Terry Blosser-Bernardo
Vice Chair Luis Alvarez
Committee Member Brian McPhillips
Committee Member Catherine Scott
Committee Member Joe Perrello

Thursday, August 6, 2026

9:30 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Blosser-Bernardo called the Economic Development Committee meeting to order at 9:30am. It should be noted that Luis Alvarez was not present at Roll Call.

Roll Call

Present: Terry Blosser-Bernardo, Brian McPhillips, Catherine Scott and Joseph Perrello

Arrived Late: Luis Alvarez

Comments:

Matt McPhillips, Nicholas Salomone, Nadia Rajs, Joseph Perrello

Joshua Potosek, Michelle Bowers, Dan Hust, Laura Quigley, Heather Brown

Ken Walter, Lise Kennedy, Star Hesse, Lou Setren, Michael Martelon, Jen Flad, Matt Sush, Marc Baez, Yakov M. Matt from the Democrat and Patrick from the River Reporter

Reports:

1. Division of Community Resources
Workforce Development
Monthly Report
August 2026

[ID-8537](#)

Attachments: [2026 Economic Dev August Report](#)

At this point, Luis Alvarez joined the meeting at 9:38am.

Commissioner Laura Quigley gave an update on Workforce Development.

2. SCVA

Michael Martelone, SCVA gave an update on the SCVA.

3. IDA

Jen Flad gave an update on the IDA.

1. IDA Monthly Report for August 2026

[ID-8550](#)

4. Chamber of Commerce

Matt Sush gave an update on the Chamber of Commerce and a presentation.

Chamber of Commerce Presentaiton

[ID-8600](#)

Attachments: [Sullivan County Chamber Legislative Briefing Aug2026](#)

5. Partnership for Economic Development

Marc Baez gave an update on the Partnership for Economic Development.

1. Partnership Monthly Report for August 2026

[ID-8554](#)

Attachments: [CED Report August 2026](#)

Discussion:**Public Comment**

1. Ken Walter made a public comment.

At this time Joseph Perrello left the meeting at 10:13am.

Resolutions:

At this point, Joseph Perrello returned to the meeting at 10:15am.

1. Resolution introduced by the Economic Development Committee to modify the agreement with the Workforce Development Board for One Stop Operator services.

[ID-8525](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 8/20/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairwoman Blosser-Bernardo, Vice Chairman McPhillips, Vice Chairman Alvarez, District 5 Legislator Scott and District 7 Legislator Perrello

2. Resolution introduced by the Economic Development Committee to accept an authorize an agreement with the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) for the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NYSCION) grant.

[ID-8535](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 8/20/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairwoman Blosser-Bernardo, Vice Chairman McPhillips, Vice Chairman Alvarez, District 5 Legislator Scott and District 7 Legislator Perrello

3. Authorize Ten Year Lease Town of Thompson 12.-1-26 for building of a private school with HR Strawberry LLC. or a new entity to be formed [ID-8551](#)

CS to amend the first whereas that we have gained 800 jobs, remove next two whereas paragraphs, Chair Blosser-Bernardo called the question on the Resoution. This resolution FAILED 1-4 with Luis Alvarez, Brian McPhillips, Joseph Perrello and Catherine Scott opposed.

A motion was made by Chairwoman Terry Blosser-Bernardo, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be denied. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: Chairwoman Blosser-Bernardo

Nay: Vice Chairman McPhillips, Vice Chairman Alvarez, District 5 Legislator Scott and District 7 Legislator Perrello

Adjourn

There being no further business, Brian McPhillips moved to adjourn, seconded by Catherine Scott. The Economic Development Committee adjourned at 10:26am