



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, February 5, 2026

9:30 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Economic Development Committee was called to order by member Brian McPhillips in the absence of Chair, Terry Blosser-Bernardo and Vice-Chair Luis Alvarez at 9:31am.

Roll Call

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

Comments:

Matt McPhillips, Amanda Ward

Joshua Potosek, Michelle Bowers, Dan Hust, Robert Freehill, Sharon Jankiewicz, Khalid B., Laura Quigley, Heather Brown, Kathleen Lara, Lorne Green

Ken Walter, Lise Kennedy, Lou Setren, Martha Scoppa, Jerry Stevens, Matthew Sush, Lori Orestano-James, Dawn Ceciori, Jen Flad, Marc Baez, Dorothy Sanchez, Rebekah Creshkoff, Eric Feinblatt, Annette, Manny Steinberg, Brad Rutledge, and Matt from the Democrat.

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

Reports:

1. Chamber of Commerce

At this time, Brad Rutledge introduced the new President and CEO Matthew Sush who gave a brief background and outlook for the Chamber.

At this time, Lori Orestano-James gave an update on the Sullivan County Chamber Foundation.

2. Division of Community Resources

Commissioner Laura Quigley gave an update on the Division of Community Resources.

3. IDA[ID-8117](#)

Attachments: [IDA Activity Report January 2026](#)

Executive Director Jen Flad gave an update on the IDA.

4. Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association

President and CEO Michael Martel gave an update on the Visitors Association.

SCVA February Monthly Report

[ID-8127](#)

Attachments: [Economic Development Committee 2.5.26](#)

5. Partnership for Economic Development

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

Heather Brown made a comment at this time.

Discussion:**Public Comment**

1. Ken Walter made a public comment.
2. Rebekah Creschkoff mde a public comment at this time.
3. Lori Orestano-James made a public comment at this time.
4. Marc Baez made a public comment at this time.
5. Annette made a public comment at this time.
6. Lou Setren made a public comment at this time.
7. Manny Steinberg made a public comment at this time.

Resolutions:**Adjourn**

There being no further business, Joseph Perrello moved to adjourn, seconded by Catherine Scott. The Economic Development Committee was adjourned at 10:42am