



# Sullivan County

## Economic Development Committee

### Meeting Minutes - Final

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

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**Thursday, May 7, 2026**

**9:30 AM**

**Government Center**

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#### **Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Bernardo called the Economic Development Committee meeting to order at 9:43am.

#### **Roll Call**

Roll Call indicated Joseph Perrello not present.

Joseph Perrello joined the meeting at 9:45am.

**Present:** Terry Blosser-Bernardo, Brian McPhillips, Luis Alvarez and Catherine Scott

**Arrived Late:** Joseph Perrello

#### **Comments:**

Matt McPhillips, Amanda Ward and Nick Salomone.

Josh Potosek, Michelle Bowers, Dan Hust, Heather Brown, Laura Quigley, Robert Freehill Sharon Jankiewicz

Jen Flad, Matthew Sush, Lori Orestano, Marc Baez, Ken Walter, Lise Kennedy, Lou Setren, Michael Martelon, Albee Bockman, Matt from the Democrat

#### **Reports:**

##### **1. Partnership for Economic Development**

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

2. Division of Community Resources [ID-8351](#)  
Workforce Development  
Monthly Report  
May 2026

**Attachments:** [2026 Economic Dev May Report](#)

Commissioner Laura Quigley gave an update on Workforce Development issues and statistics.

At this point, Luis Alvarez left the meeting at 9:49am and returned at 9:52am.

3. IDA [ID-8356](#)

**Attachments:** [IDA Activity Report April 2026](#)

Executive Director Jen Flad gave an update to her report.

4. SCVA [ID-8359](#)

**Attachments:** [Economic Development PDF 05.07.26](#)

At this point, JP out at 10:00am

## 5. Chamber of Commerce

Lori Orestano James gave an update on the Chamber Foundation gave an update.

President and CEO Matt Sush gave an update on the Chamber of Commerce.

### Public Comment

1. Ken Walter made a public comment,.

### Resolutions:

1. To authorize a Contract Agreement between the County of Sullivan and Bold Gold Media Group to provide services for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) [ID-8346](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 7 Legislator Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 5/21/2026. 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

### Adjourn

There being no further business, Brian McPhillips moved to adjourn, seconded by Luis Alvarez. The Economic Development Committee was adjourned at 10:27am.