

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
SCHUYLER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY AND GUIDELINES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026, AT 4:00 P.M.
FLX WORKS, 216 N. FRANKLIN STREET, WATKINS GLEN**

ATTENDANCE LIST:

Judy McKinney-Cherry, CEO Executive Director
Michell Krossber, Staff
Wendy Shutter, Staff
Hon. James Ryan, Mayor, Village of Montour Falls
James Nolan, Superintendent, Odessa-Montour School District

CALL TO ORDER: Time: 4:00 p.m.

Judy McKinney Cherry opened the hearing.

PURPOSE:

Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 859-a(5) of the General Municipal Law (“GML”), the Schuyler County Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) hereby establishes a Uniform Project Evaluation Policy for the evaluation and selection for all qualifying categories of projects for which the Agency may provide Financial Assistance in accordance with its Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (“UTEP”).

The Agency’s UTEP is required to be reviewed from time to time pursuant to Section 874 of the General Municipal Law (“GML”), and following discussions with the County and several affected tax jurisdictions, the Agency has developed proposed guidelines to be incorporated into the UTEP for CHILDCARE CONSIDERATIONS.

The general policy of the Schuyler County Industrial Development Agency (“Agency”) is to grant applicants real property tax abatements and exemptions from sales, use and mortgage recording taxes as described below. The Agency may grant enhanced benefits on a case by case basis for a project expected to have a significant economic impact on the county as determined by the Agency’s members.

The Agency has adopted this Uniform Tax Exemption Policy to provide guidelines for the claiming of real property, sales and use tax, and mortgage recording tax abatements.

The Agency published a Notice of Public Hearing in *The Review and Express* on August 26, 2026, and mailed a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing to each affected tax jurisdiction. An Affidavit of Publication of *The Review and Express* and Proof of Mailing are attached.

DISCUSSION:

Judy McKinney Cherry read a description of the Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hon. James Ryan, Mayor, asked what percentages would be added or affected. Effected.

Judy McKinney Cherry explained that this change wouldn't have any impact on the percentages ATJ's would receive. These updates, as mandated by New York State, only require the IDA to take childcare into consideration when deciding on a project. While consideration has to be a part of the application process; the IDA Board will still consider how the project impacts all ATJs. Some projects don't have a significant employment impact but if a new business with high employment numbers comes along, childcare could be an issue because there are not a significant number of open spots in our current facilities. Businesses can consider options ranging from offering nothing, to providing childcare vouchers to help with costs, to building an on-site childcare facility. The IDA would consider this information during the deliberation/determination of projects.

ADJOURNMENT: Time: 4:15 p.m.

Universal Tax Exemption Policy (UTEP) Changes – Child Care Consideration Addition
Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Schuyler County
216 N. Franklin Street
Watkins Glen, NY 14891

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The Agency invites the public and representatives of each affected tax jurisdiction to attend this public hearing to address the Agency with any comments relative to the proposed UTEP amendments. The Agency welcomes any and all input you may have as it considers adoption of the proposed UTEP amendments following the public hearing.

By: SCHUYLER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Dated: August 20, 2026

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

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Anjana Bhadoriya

Agent

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State of New Jersey
County of Camden

Signed or attested before me on this: 09/02/2026

Sharon E. Thomas-Pope

Notary Public

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