

**Schuyler County Industrial Development Agency
216 N. Franklin Street - Watkins Glen, NY 14891
Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2025**

The meeting of the Schuyler County Industrial Development Agency was called to order at 5:01 pm by John Terry, Board Chair.

Roll Call:	John Terry	Chair
	Chad Hendrickson	Vice Chair
	Margaret Lawrence	Treasurer
	Laury Ward	Secretary
	Hon. Carl Blowers	Schuyler County Legislature
	Mark Taylor	Member
	Carl Taber	Board Emeritus
Staff:	Judy McKinney Cherry	CFO/CEO
	Michell Krossber	Office Manager
	Wendy Shutter	Economic Development Specialist
Absent/Excused:		
Guest:	Shawn Rosno	Schuyler County Administrator
	Steve Berry	Community Member

Roll Call - Confirmation of Quorum

Conflict of Interest: No conflicts were reported.

Introduction of Guests: John Terry welcomed our guests. Shawn Rosno and Steve Berry.

Public Comment: No comments were made.

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Laury Ward made a motion to accept the November 2025 minutes, as written. The motion was seconded by Mark Taylor. The motion carried, unanimously.

Financials

Margaret Lawrence reviewed the October 2025 Financial Reports. Income includes interest earned, admin income for the SHMR lease, and the equipment lease. Expenses include equipment depreciation and records management expense. Restricted income and expenses balance to zero for the SHMR October lease payment.

Margaret confirmed that we moved the \$50k CD from CCTC to Visions FCU, as discussed last month. We do not have any CD's maturing until March 2026 and have sufficient operating funds to last through that date.

Laury Ward made a motion to accept the October 2025 financial reports. The motion was seconded by Chad Hendrickson. The motion carried, unanimously.

New Business

Bank Account Signers

Mark Taylor made a motion to remove Carl Taber as an account signer effective 12/31/2024 (end of term), and to affirm Margaret Lawrence, Carl Blowers, and Judy McKinney Cherry as financial account signers for calendar year 2025. The motion was seconded by Laury Ward. The motion carried, unanimously.

**In January, we will remove Margaret as a signer (termed off board 12/31/25), elect a new Treasurer, and determine who will have account signing privileges for 2026.*

New York Power Authority RFI

SCOPED is submitting an RFI to the New York Power Authority (NYPA), to move Camp Monterey forward as an advanced energy site. They are asking for a letter of support from the IDA. While Camp Monterey isn't suitable for a large reactor, we do want to get it on the state's radar as a potential site for a smaller reactor or deep-source-earth/geothermal site.

Laury Ward made a motion for the IDA to write a letter of support for SCOPED to move Camp Monterey forward as a potential advanced energy site. The motion was seconded by Margaret Lawrence. The motion carried, unanimously.

2026 SCIDA-SCOPED MOU for Administrative Services

This is the same MOU as previous years, where SCOPED will provide administrative services to SCIDA for 2026, and SCIDA will pay the annual fee of \$70,000.

Margaret Lawrence made a motion to accept the 2026 SCIDA-SCOPED MOU. The motion was seconded by Mark Taylor. The motion carried, unanimously.

Judy confirmed that SCOPED is responsible for administering all SCIDA's financial ops, as well as the full audit process. While both agencies utilize Inero CPAs, SCIDA's audit process is entirely separate from SCOPED's audit. Michell confirmed that two entirely different teams administer these annual audits.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Camp Monterey Facilities Assessment – Update

Judy reported that there has been a lot of interest shown in this site! She received a call from a self-funded developer from Long Island, who has experience in dealing with multiple state agencies. The developer asked for details on the historical interest and why they didn't work out; Judy sent him all the files for proposed uses of the site. She also reached out to a previous developer she had spoken with, who confirmed they are still interested in the site as well. Both developers have asked if there are any local incentives available from the county. Whoever purchases the site will still be required to meet the milestones as directed by NYS.

Judy noted that the support letter to NYPA will include the availability of water on-site and that she will update the currently listed refreshment amount (from the 2024 water system review results). While not enough water to support a trout farm, it is sufficient for electronic needs. Also, the existing powerline is only ¾ mile away.

Shawn Rosno noted that the Town of Orange is in support of one of the proposed uses, and asked what the process would be if there was more than one potential project? We would have to ask the town at that time.

A.B.O./PAAA-

Michell will submit the 2025 Summary Results of the Confidential Board Survey by the 12/31/2025 deadline.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Did not meet. No report.

Governance Committee: The committee met at 4:30 pm today to review the results of the 2025 Confidential Board Survey. Most responses were unanimous (6/6), and a few had 5/1. No one responded with any "disagree" or "somewhat disagree" responses.

The committee focused on the two (2) sections had 4-Agree/2-Somewhat agree responses:

#1. The Board has adopted policies, by-laws, and practices for the effective governance, management and operations of the Authority and reviews these annually. The IDA does have board adopted policies; however, they are not currently reviewed annually. To address the concern, the Governance Committee will do

a formal review of the policies and recommend any needed changes. Margaret Lawrence reminded the committee that a full review of the policies was completed circa-2024. Judy noted that our attorneys do keep us updated with any requirement changes but it's always good practice to review them.

#2) The Board sets clear and measurable performance goals for the Authority that contribute to accomplishing its mission. The IDA does have these goals identified in the 2020-2026 Strategic Plan. To address the concern, staff will add the goals to the agenda (along with the mission statement) to help raise internal awareness.

Laury Ward noted that, while just a 5/1 response, it wasn't addressed in Governance Committee, but she has a personal concern that anyone responded with less than full agreement to: **Board members demonstrate leadership and vision and work respectfully with each other.** She feels this response should always be 6/6. If anyone has any concerns, please talk with Judy or the Board Chair immediately. We will prioritize addressing any concerns regarding board integrity and/or the respect we show to one another.

Judy noted that we have a strong board and she hopes the new 2026 board will have as much integrity, belief, and desire as this one!

Chad Hendrickson made a motion to accept the 2025 Summary Results of the Confidential Board Survey. The motion was seconded by Carl Blowers. The motion carried, unanimously.

Audit Committee: Did not meet. No report.

Margaret Lawrence noted that she is the sitting committee chair and, with her term ending in December, a new chair needs to be selected. The board meets next on January 14, 2026, where a new Treasurer and this chairperson seat needs to be filled. Michell will reach out to Inero to schedule the Preaudit Meeting, sometime between January 15 and the February 2, 2026 audit start date.

BROADBAND

Mark Taylor reported that the NYS Connect All site has a great map that he plans to share at our January meeting, showing the updated line installations. The state posted an update in November (*see the Connect All website*). He will reach out to Jeff from Southern Tier Network to get an update on their recent installations too.

Mark noted that some of the \$660 million originally earmarked for this initiative has been held up by the federal government. The state is currently working to respond to the federal demands.

Executive Session

Not needed at today's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by John Terry to adjourn the December 10, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mark Taylor. The motion carried, unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laury Ward, Secretary

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