

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2019

The Committee of the Whole of the Broome County Legislature met on Thursday, March 21, 2019 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: D.J. Reynolds (Chair), S. Baker, M. Pasquale, J. Shaw, M. Hilderbrant, C. O'Brien, S. Ryan, R. Balles, R. Weslar, M. Kaminsky, M. Whalen

Members Absent: S. Flagg, K. Wildoner, D.D. Reynolds, G. Baldwin

Others Present: A. Martin, J. Bertoni, M. Tanzini, R. O'Donnell, Legislature; G. Kilmer, Transit; J. Bernardo, S. Duncan, N. Abbadessa, The Agency; D. Kuhn, Newschannel 34

The Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:05 PM.

Mr. Reynolds stated that the Committee of the Whole meeting was called to allow for members of The Agency (a/k/a the Broome County IDA) to update the Committee on their operations.

Ms. Duncan presented an update to the Committee. A copy of that presentation is attached to the minutes.

Answering a question from Mr. Whalen, Ms. Duncan stated that L3 is moving out of the Link building in Kirkwood and that more news would be coming in the following weeks and months.

Answering a question from Mr. Balles, Ms. Duncan stated that The Agency works with BAE, local healthcare organizations, Raymond Corp, and others in getting students introduced to employers and to keep them local after graduation. She also stated that BOCES has implemented a "signing day" for high school students who go directly to the workforce from high school.

Answering a question from Mr. Baker, Ms. Duncan stated that local fire departments aren't eligible for Agency loans, but that The Agency can assist them with other grant opportunities and possibly the State's CFA process.

Answering a question from Ms. Ryan, Ms. Duncan stated The Agency could definitely look into attracting parents of downstate students, who may be retired, or close to retiring, to relocate to our area.

Answering a question from Mr. Weslar, Ms. Duncan stated that our local colleges and high schools have worked diligently to retain local nursing students. Binghamton University and SUNY Broome have a 2+2 Program, where students complete two years at SUNY Broome and then begin the final two years at Binghamton University. She also stated that the BOCES New Visions Program tries to act as a pipeline between local high school students and local colleges/employers, through mini-internships.

Mr. Pasquale made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien. The meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM.