Monroe County Land Bank Corporation

Monroe County, New York



Adam J. Bello County Executive Kevin Purcell Chairperson

Monroe County Land Bank Corporation Meeting Minutes, February 12, 2025

A meeting of the Monroe County Land Bank Corporation was held on February 12, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in person, via Zoom, and live streamed on YouTube.

Members Present: Deborah Campanella, Majority Appointment; Robert Franklin, Monroe County Director of Finance (ex-officio); Amy Grande, Monroe County Real Property Director (ex-officio); Ana Liss, Monroe County Director of Planning and Development (ex-officio); Thalia Wright, Monroe County Commissioner of Human Services (ex-officio)

Others Present: Josh Pheterson, Sr. Deputy County-Attorney; Jamie Raimondi, Sr. Real Estate Paralegal; Chanh Quach, Community Development Manager; Patrick Gooch, Sr. Associate Planner; Lisa Huntoon, Planning Clerk

Vice Chairperson Liss called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and noted that Chairperson Kevin Purcell was excused from the meeting.

Approval of the January 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion: R. Franklin

Seconded: T. Wright

Vote: Motion Approved

Announcements and Communications

- Land Bank Initiative (LBI) funding has been awarded. The contract still needs to be finalized. This is a grant for \$100,000 the first year and have a right to renew for two additional years if the first year goes smoothly. These funds are specifically targeted towards startup land banks.
- Received an invoice from the New York State Land Bank Association (NYSLBA) for \$2,000 for our 2025 dues. The dues did increase by \$500 after the budget was approved, therefore it will need to be amended.
 - CenterState Corporation for Economic Opportunity (CEO) has been contracted to provide staff time for the NYS Land Bank Association.
- MCLBC received an email from HOPE Works who shared information on their mission to help with providing furniture and other home needs for new home-owners.

Committees

Finance Committee Report:

Chair A. Grande shared an update on policies that are currently under development by the committee. Further work is needed and will continue.

Governance Committee Report:

Chair T. Wright shared the committee met to discuss their policies and have questions for legal counsel. They will continue to refine them before presenting them to the board for approval.

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LBI Award Next Steps - Facilitator Pat Gooch

Establish Bank Account – Shared spreadsheet of potential banks in the area the board may want to consider. Purchase Insurance – J. Pheterson is getting initial estimates on insurance and will bring back to the board.

Other Business

Vice Chair Liss mentioned that she has spoken with representatives of the trades that have interest when we are up and running for apprentice or pre-apprentice partnerships.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: D. Campanella

Seconded: A. Grande

Adjournment: 4:39 p.m.

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