



ONEIDA COUNTY SPORTS AUTHORITY

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY SPORTS FACILITY AUTHORITY

March 13, 2026, at 12:00

1. **Call to order:** 12:02 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Greg Gaeta (Present), Joanne Gerace (Present), David Guido (Present), Frank DuRoss (Absent), Brian Noonan (Absent), Tom Keeler (Absent), Joseph Johnson (Present).
3. **Others Present:** Anthony Alsante, Esq., Assistant County Attorney.
4. Introduction of new attorney Anthony Alsante replacing Andrew Dean
5. **Previous Minutes:** Motion by Joseph Johnson to approve the minutes of 12/12/25. Seconded by David Guido. Yes: 4, No: 0, the minutes are approved.
 - a. Greg updated that the previously approved on field batting practice screens were ordered and delivered for a total of \$1,250
6. **Motion:** By Joseph Johnson to accept audit report. Seconded by David Guido. Yes: 4, No: 0. The motion is adopted.
 - a. Greg informed the board that he is working with auditor to update the listing of fixed assets.
7. **Motion:** By Joseph Johnson to accept Paris filing. Seconded by Joanne Gerace. Yes: 4, No: 0. The motion is adopted.
8. Provided financial disclosure, acknowledgement of financial responsibility and board evaluation forms to all board members to be submitted to Anthony Alsante.
9. Discussion
 - a. Greg informed the board that MVCC played a game on Tuesday March 10th marking the earliest Spring date that a game has been played. With the water not being on yet, port-o-potty was brought on site for the next few weeks.
 - b. Scheduling update
 1. New rentals to Utica University, SUNY POLY, Notre Dame HS, Oriskany HS have been added to the schedule.
 2. Requests for practice rental have come in. Following the discussion, it was determined that this initiative will not be pursued at present and will be considered again next Spring.

3. Possible events for 2027: Section 3 finals, Empire 8 conference playoffs

- c. Pursuing getting the parking lot restriped. Oneida County Engineering will provide a drawing of appropriate striping plan.
- d. Discussion regarding pursuing a grant for additional funding. In the preliminary stages.
- e. Discussion regarding Little League event to have local Little League teams play on the field.

- 1. **Provisional motion** to purchase up to \$3,000 of equipment needed, temporary bases and little league mound. Yes: 4, No: 0.

- f. Discussion concerning the Blue Sox Lease. **Motion** by Joseph Johnson to authorize new lease on the following terms. **Seconded** by David Guido. Yes: 4, No: 0. The following terms are authorized:

- Either continue current lease (valid through Summer 2026) or enter into new three-year lease covering the 2026 and 2027 and 2028 seasons
- Practice time will be scheduled in bulk and provided at 50% of the actual rate
- Charge of \$50 per hour for field use (such as practices)
- Lessee will be entitled to all outfield advertising and ONLY outfield advertising
- Charge of \$1,500 per year for use of lighting
- Authorize chairman to deviate from the foregoing if negotiations require, subject to ratification by the Board

- 10. **Motion:** By Joanne Gerace to approve the renewal of cleaning agreement with Randall Merrit at the same terms for the 2026 season. **Seconded** by Joseph Johnson. Yes: 4, No: 0.

- 11. **Motion:** By Joseph Johnson to adjourn. **Seconded** by David Guido. Yes: 4, No: 0.