



ONEIDA COUNTY SPORTS AUTHORITY

800 Park Avenue ♦ Utica, New York 13501
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY SPORTS FACILITY AUTHORITY

December 12, 2025 at 12:15 p.m.

1. **Call to order:** 12:15 a.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Greg Gaeta (Present), Joanne Gerace (Present), David Guido (Present), Frank DuRoss (Present at 12:38 p.m.), Brian Noonan (Present), Tom Keeler (Present), Joseph Johnson (Present).
3. **Others Present:** Andrew Dean, Esq., Deputy County Attorney-Administration.
4. **Previous Minutes:** Motion by Joseph Johnson to approve the minutes of 9/12/15. Seconded by Brian Noonan. Yes: 6 No 0, the minutes are approved.
5. **Reports by Audit Committee and Governance Committee.**
6. **Motion:** By Joanne Gerace to reappoint Patrick M. Tyksinski, CPA PC as auditor for 2026. Seconded by Joseph Johnson. Yes 6 No: 0. The motion is adopted.
7. Review of Bylaws, Code of Ethics, Procurement Policy, and Whistleblower Policy. Motion By Dave Guido to readopt without alteration the Bylaws, Code of Ethics, Procurement Policy, Whistleblower Policy. Seconded by Tom Keeler. Yes 6 No 0.
8. **Motion:** By Dave Guido to redesignate Andrew Dean as the Ethics Officer. Seconded by Tom Keeler. Yes 6 No 0.
9. Review of Mission Statement and Performance Goals. Motion by Joanne Gerace to readopt the mission statement and performance goals. Seconded by Tom Keeler. Yes 6 No 0.
10. **Motion:** By Tom Keeler, seconded by Dave Guido, to reappoint the officers of the Audit and Governance committees. Yes 6, No 0. The officers are reappointed as follows:

Audit Committee

Joanne Gerace (Chairperson) (Reappointed for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026)

Tom Keeler (Reappointed for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026)

Greg Gaeta (Reappointed for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026)

Governance Committee

Brian Noonan, Chairperson (Reappointed for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026)

Dave Guido (Reappointed for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026)

Joe Johnson (Reappointed for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026)

11. Discussion

- a. Terms of office of Brian Noonan (County Executive) and Joseph Johnson (Board of County Legislators) will expire on December 31, 2025. Both members will accept reappointment, if given.
- b. Greg Gaeta sold several blue seats at \$50 each, totaling \$700.
- c. Greg Gaeta will explore signage options with the Boilermaker.
- d. Batting practice on-field screens will be needed. Motion by Joe Johson to authorize the purchase of up to two batting practice screens at price not to exceed \$2,000.00. Seconded by Tom Keeler. Yes 6: No 0.
- e. Discussion regarding the pricing policy for game rentals of the field. Motion by Joseph Johnson to charge \$150 for the first game, increasing by \$100 for each subsequent game. Seconded by Tom Keeler. Yes 6, No 0.
- f. Discussion regarding MVCC pricing. Consensus is to make no change to MVCC's charges, but to accept any contribution toward the demand charge offered by MVCC.
- g. Frank DuRoss arrives at 12:38 p.m.
- h. Discussion concerning the Blue Sox Lease. Motion by Joanne Gerace, Seconded by Tom Keeler to authorize new lease on the following terms. Yes 7, No 0. The following terms are authorized:
 - Either continue current lease (valid through Summer 2026) or enter into new two-year lease covering the 2026 and 2027 seasons.
 - If two-year lease is accepted by Blue Sox (Jug Sports, LLC), price of \$17,500 per season for 28 games, with a credit of \$300 per game not used (if such game cannot first be rescheduled), with a maximum of credit for five games per season. Annual price of \$17,500 to increase by the greater of 3% or CPI after the first year.
 - 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 \$2,000 per year for use of lighting, with authority to offer \$1,000 per year if necessary.
 - Authorize chairman to deviate from the foregoing if negotiations require, subject to ratification by the Board.
- i. Discussion concerning purchase of new scoreboard. No action taken.
- j. Discussion regarding Little Leage event to have local Little League teams play on the field.
- k. Suggestion by Joanne Gerace to place plaque on the grassy knoll.

12. Motion by Joe Johnson to adjourn, seconded by Frank DuRoss. Yes 7, No 0.



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPORTS FACILITY AUTHORITY AUDIT COMMITTEE

HELD ON December 12, 2025, AT 12:00 PM

Members Present: Joanne Gerace, Gregory Gaeta

Authority Business:

Joanne Gerace called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Motion by Greg Gaeta to approve the Audit Committee minutes of 12/13/2024. Seconded by Joanne Gerace Yes: 2 No: 0, the minutes are approved.

A review of section 5 of the Bylaws of the Authority, the Committee recommends to the Board that it readopt the Bylaws without revision.

A motion was made by Greg Gaeta to recommend that the Board readopt the Bylaws without revision. Seconded by Joanne Gerace. Ayes: 2, Nays: 0. Motion adopted.

G. Gaeta reviewed the 2024 audit engagement letter. The Committee recommend to the Board that it approve continued use of auditor Pat Tykinski if there aren't significant price increases.

A motion was made by Greg Gaeta to recommend that the full Board approve auditor Patrick Tykinski. Seconded by Joann Gerace. Ayes: 2, Nays: 0. Motion adopted.

G. Gaeta reviewed the PARIS filing procedure. The same as last year, Greg and Tom will work together to complete the required information and that Greg will input in portal and present report to the full Board for final approval.

A motion was made by Joanne Gerace to adjourn. Seconded by Greg Gaeta. Ayes: 2, Nays: 0. Motion adopted.



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPORTS FACILITY AUTHORITY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

HELD ON December 12, 2025, AT 12:00 PM

Members Present: Brian Noonan, David Guido, Joseph Johnson

Committee Business:

Called to order at 12:02 p.m.

Motion by Joseph Johnson to approve the Governance Committee minutes of 12/13/2024. Seconded by David Guido. Yes: 3 No: 0, the minutes are approved.

The Committee reviewed the Bylaws of the Authority, the Code of Ethics, the Procurement Policy, the Whistleblower Policy, and the Mission Statement and Performance Goals. Motion by Joseph Johnson to recommend readoption of all such items without revision. Seconded by David Guido. Yes: 2 No: 0, the recommendation is made.

Review of Annual Financial Disclosure Form. No action necessary.

Motion by Brian Noonan to recommend that the Authority redesignate Andrew Dean, Esq. as the Ethics Officer. Seconded by Joseph Johnson. Yes: 3 No: 0, the recommendation is made.

Motion by Joseph Johnson to adjourn. Seconded by Brian Noonan. Yes: 3, No. 0. The meeting is adjourned.