



**Erie Canal Harbor
Development
Corporation**

A Subsidiary of Empire State Development

ERIE CANAL HARBOR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

at the

University of Buffalo - Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics & Life Sciences
701 Ellicott Street - Conference Room B2-209
Buffalo, New York 14203

Meeting of the Directors

Monday

October 23, 2023 – 10:30 am

AGENDA

CORPORATE ACTION

1. Designation of Chair - Authorization to Designate Chair

FOR INFORMATION

2. President's Report (Oral Report)

Item 1



FOR CONSIDERATION

October 23, 2023

TO: The Directors

FROM: Mark J. Wendel

SUBJECT: Designation of Chair

REQUEST FOR: Authorization to Designate Chair

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation's (the "Corporation" or "ECHDC") by-laws, all Directors of ECHDC are appointed by the New York State Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development ("ESD"), as sole shareholder, based on the recommendation of the Governor. The Governor recommended Joan Kesner as a member of the ECHDC Board. Accordingly, on October 18, 2023 ESD formally appointed Ms. Kesner to the Corporation's Board.

Joan Kesner is very familiar with ECHDC and the projects they have undertaken at both Canalside and the Buffalo Outer Harbor. A Western New York native, Joan previously served as the Regional Director of WNY and liaison to the Governor's office with respect to all items taking place in Buffalo, Erie County and the neighboring counties.

Pursuant to the by-laws of the Corporation, the Chair of the Corporation is designated by the Directors. It is proposed that Joan Kesner be designated as Chair of the Corporation replacing Robert Gioia, who previously served in that position as Chair for twelve years.

REQUESTED ACTION

The Directors are requested to designate Joan Kesner as Chair of ECHDC, effective immediately.

ATTACHMENT

Resolution

October 23, 2023

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RESOLVED, that in accordance with the by-laws of the Corporation, Joan Kesner is hereby designated as Chair of the Corporation.

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