**North Country Alliance Local Development Corporation**

**Education and Outreach Committee**

**January 31, 2020**

**Minutes**

The North Country Alliance Local Development Corporation held a meeting of the Education and Outreach Committee on Friday, January 31, 2020 at 10:00 AM via conference call.

**Present:** Michelle Capone, Leigh Rodriguez, Joe Russo, Dave Zembiec, Matt Siver

The meeting began at 10:00 AM.

M. Capone emailed ahead comments received from G. Douglas as well as the NCA’s 2019 Education and Outreach Agenda.

It was agreed that we should keep the first two bullets on the agenda referring to prevailing wages on all projects and extending MWBE requirements. M. Capone was going to edit these bullets to shorten them.

J. Russo noted that the Governor was proposing a significant investment in infrastructure. M. Siver identified this in the budget and reported. G. Douglas also noted the need to close the cell phone service gaps in the Adirondacks and North Country. We agreed to add support to the funding of infrastructure to our agenda.

We also discussed and agreed that we should support small business tax relief. This was also identified in the materials circulated by G. Douglas.

D. Zembiec noted that we need to support more flexible funding for workforce development especially for technical skills and trades. We agreed.

M. Capone stated that she would revise the Agenda and circulate a draft to the committee by Monday. Once the committee signs off on it she will have it circulated to the membership.

It was agreed that once accepted, the agenda should be circulated to our elected officials. We discussed the potential for a meeting later in the year to meet with members of the majority to brief them on the North Country and our diverse needs.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.