**North Country Alliance Local Development Corporation**

**Education and Outreach Committee**

**February 7, 2023**

**Minutes**

The North Country Alliance Local Development Corporation held a meeting of the Education and Outreach Committee on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 12:00 PM via WebEx.

**Present:** Jeremy Evans, Chair**,** Michelle Capone, Manna Doyle, Bob Ahlfeld, Garry Douglas, Ben Dixon, Dave Zembiec

**Excused**: Carol Calabrese, Marijean Remington

The meeting began at 12:00 PM.

J. Evans asked participants if they could provide names for schedulers. M. Capone provided updated list of elected officials. Need to update POC names.

J. Evans asked if general framework looked good. M. Doyle was good with the layout.

J. Evans asked for top issues. M. Capone noted taxes and fees are tough for businesses. J. Evans mentioned climate goals. B. Ahlfeld talked about workforce out-migration and the need for population retention. M. Doyle spoke about the Department of Defense’s strategy to increase the pool of qualified contractors especially with large regional projects like Micron forthcoming. M. Capone thought that this might be a good topic for a face-to-face meeting or a lunch workshop that the NCA could sponsor.

M. Doyle noted that the agenda seemed very focused on economic development. It didn’t seem very personalized to the region. D. Zembiec agreed.

M. Capone stated that she would have a draft of the Agenda by end of week for the committee to review. She will incorporate all comments to include new pictures and personalizing some of the information.

J. Evans then asked if the group thought that the NCA should have a legislative day in Albany and when. It was mentioned that many of them would be in Albany around the EDC Conference in early March. M. Capone and J. Evans will work on securing a date/time for meetings.

J. Evans asked if RESTORE NY was in the budget. M. Capone confirmed after the meeting it was not.

It is the committee’s goal to review the draft Agenda to present the final draft version to the NCA board of directors at its February 15 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:43 PM.