



**Albany County Pine Hills Land Authority**  
**Governance Committee Meeting Minutes – 1/9/2025**

A Meeting of the Albany County Pine Hills Land Authority (“ACPHLA” or “Authority”) Governance Committee was held on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 10:00 am at 111 Washington Ave, Albany, NY. Members of the public were able to attend the meetings by attending in person; additionally, the Meeting was live streamed via the internet.

The following Members were present at, and participated in the meeting:

Jasmine Higgins, Chairwoman; John Nigro, Member; Alison Walsh, Member; Sarah Reginelli, Member; and Dannielle Melendez, Member

Excused Members:

- Dominic Mazza, Ex-Officio Member
- Alejandra Paulino, Member

Advance Albany County Alliance Staff:

- Kevin O'Connor, Director of Economic Development, Albany County and CEO
- Amy Thompson, CFO
- Dylan Turek, Sr. VP of Development
- Antionette Hedge, Economic Development Coordinator
- Sara Paulsen, Executive Assistant

Also present:

- Thomas Owens, Esq.
- A. Joseph Scott, Esq.
- David Reilly, Albany County Commissioner of Division of Management & Budget

Guests:

- John Wallner, Pine Hills Neighborhood Association
- Geoff Redick, Baker Public Relations
- Jeff Cohen, Piper Sandler
- Eric Golynsky, Piper Sandler

Ms. Higgins called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

1. The first order of business, Ms. Higgins made a roll call and confirmed there was quorum.

2. The next order of business was the Governance Committee. Mr. Owens presented the three (3) resolutions for the Governance Committee to consider for potential recommendation to the Board.
  - a. Resolution 2025-01-01 related to the election/appointment of Officers to serve in certain Authority positions during 2025. Following discussion of the individuals presently serving in such positions, a motion was made by Ms. Walsh to recommend that the slate of Officers contained in Resolution 2025-01-01 be elected to the positions so indicated , and seconded by Ms. Melendez, a recommendation by the Committee to the Board that the slate of Officers contained in Resolution 2025-01-01 be elected to such Officer positions was adopted pursuant to a unanimous vote.
  - b. Resolution 2025-01-02 related to the Authority's annual review and approval of Investment, Procurement, Real Property, Acquisition, and Disposition Policies. Following a discussion of such policies, on a motion made by Ms. Reginelli, seconded by Ms. Melendez, the Committee unanimously recommended that the Board approve Resolution 2025-01-02.
  - c. Resolution 2025-01-03 related to the Authority's adoption of a Mission Statement and Performance Goals. Following a discussion, which included an amendment by Mr. Nigro to include" repurpose and dispose of the [College of Saint Rose] properties in support of the public interest", a motion was made by Ms., seconded by Ms. Melendez, the Committee unanimously recommended that the Board approve Resolution 2025-01-03.
3. The meeting adjourned with unanimous consent of all Board Members at 10:10AM.