



Onondaga County Legislature

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PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES – FEBRUARY 24, 2026 ELAINE DENTON, CHAIR

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Denton, Mr. Eriksen, Mr. Meaker, Mr. Brown, Mr. Knapp
ALSO PRESENT: Chairwoman Watts, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Romeo, Mr. Thompson, Ms. Block; also see attached list

Chair Denton called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., and the previous meeting's minutes were approved.

1. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION:** Martin C. Skahen, Director of Community Development
a. **INFORMATIONAL** – Overview of Community Development in Onondaga County (*Attachment No. 1: Community Development Overview*)

- Majority of staff paid through state and federal grant admin funds
 - Minimal direct county funding outside county executive initiatives

Federal Entitlement Grants:

- Entitlement grants awarded annually based on community demographics; no competitive application required
- Three categories:
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): funds municipalities for HUD-eligible projects; matching funds for New York Main Street grant; supplement for RAMP and lead projects
 - HOME Grant: RAMP program, Access to Home, ShapeUp, emergency repair and restore programs, lead projects
 - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG): homeless programs and homeless assistance
- Allocation determined by steering committee meeting twice yearly; 10 members
 - Municipalities apply, staff reviews, committee determines budget; Legislature approves before proceeding
- Ms. Denton: Is there a list of who's on the steering committee?
- Mr. Skahen: Yes. I will get that to you
- Ms. Denton: I was wondering if it could be on the website as well?
- Mr. Skahen: Okay

Presentation continued:

Federal Competitive Grant:

- Lead Hazard Reduction Grant: \$7.75 million awarded in most recent round
 - 48-month grant; requirement to reduce/remediate lead hazards in 270 units; inspect 280 units

- Currently rated green in all quarterly evaluations at or ahead of all required benchmarks

New York State Grants:

- Access to Home Grant: open application, rolling funding; used for RAMP program; reapply when funds are running low
- Affordable Home Ownership Development Program (AHOD): rolling application; county partners with Empire Housing and Development Corporation (HDFC)
- County applies in \$600,000 increments, split equally with Empire Housing and Development Corporation
 - County's \$300,000 administered through HDFC nonprofit, rehabs homes and sells to low-income first-time buyers at 80% average median income or lower
 - Family of four: \$82,000; \$40,000 subsidy per property offsets gap between rehab cost and affordable sale price
- New York Main Street Grant: Awarded \$268,000 in November 2024
 - Participating property owners pledged \$210,000
 - \$309,000 in CDBG applied toward program; total investment \$788,000
 - Currently underway in Village of East Syracuse (second round)
 - First round produced approximately \$907,000 total investment
 - Work concentrated in contiguous areas to maximize visible impact
- Restore Program: open application, rolling program; used for county emergency repair program
- Vacant Rental Improvement Program (VRIP): new state program launched 2024
 - \$2 million award, November 2024; awards \$50,000–\$75,000 for rehabilitation of unoccupied, uninhabitable units to be converted to rentals
 - New round applied for as current funds nearly fully committed

County Initiatives:

- County Main Street Program
 - Modeled after New York Main Street program
 - Municipalities apply for funds placed in budget during budget cycle and approved by Legislature
 - Municipalities may apply for up to \$500,000
 - Property owners must provide minimum 25% match
 - Many provide larger matches to strengthen applications given limited pool of funds
 - Since 2019 launch: \$18.9 million awarded; \$15.3 million in property owner matching funds; total investment just over \$34 million
 - Notable impact visible in villages of Liverpool, Marcellus, Baldwinsville
 - All funded work exterior only: windows, painting, siding, entryways; parking lots generally ineligible; roofing eligible if part of main facade

Questions/Comments:

- Mr. Brown: When did the County Main Street Program start?
- Mr. Skahen: Started 2019; first awards ready early 2020, announcement delayed due to COVID-19
- Ms. Denton: Is it the municipality's responsibility to contact property/business owners?
- Mr. Skahen: Yes, municipalities contact owners to see who is interested, compile applications and funding packages, submit to county for review
 - County notifies municipalities of awards; municipality oversees projects
 - When the property owner completes the work, municipality verifies work completion
 - County pays municipality, which pays property owner
- County manages the New York Main Street program directly

- In-house architect on staff manages the process
 - Architect works with property owner directly
 - Contract is with the county directly
 - County pays contractors directly per property
- Ms. Denton: What are examples of work that qualifies?
- Mr. Skahen: All exterior facade improvements: windows, painting, siding, entryways; parking lots generally excluded though some early exceptions were made; roofing qualifies if part of primary facade
- Mr. Brown: What metrics are used to judge success?
 - Mr. Skahen: County only requires 25% match; property owners have collectively matched nearly 50%
 - County invested \$18 million; property owners invested \$15 million
 - Visible transformation in communities such as Liverpool and Marcellus
- Ms. Denton: Is the City of Syracuse eligible for the Main Street program?
- Mr. Skahen: Yes, \$1.25 million awarded for Downtown Revitalization Initiative (South Ave and West Onondaga Street)
 - County awarded \$1.25 million for South Salina Street; both currently active
- Mr. Knapp: Was there a project on the north side as well?
- Mr. Skahen: \$1.25 million North Side initiative announced last fall; in early stages of engagement with property owners; more complex given larger geographic area
- Mr. Brown: Noted the three city awards total \$3.75 million of the \$18.9 million awarded overall

Presentation Continued:

Onondaga County Housing Initiative Program (O-CHIP):

- Awards \$5,000 per housing unit; up to \$250,000 per project at 50 units or more
 - Maximum award is \$250,000
- \$750,000 for regionally significant projects; projects with bigger economic footprint than just creating housing
 - Center-based development: housing combined with medical offices, entertainment, or other economic drivers with broader economic footprint
- 59 projects awarded to date; total investment exceeds \$1 billion, if all come to fruition

Questions/Comments:

- Ms. Denton: How much has been awarded and is funding remaining?
- Mr. Skahen: \$10.6 million awarded; \$4.395 million in O-CHIP-specific funds remains; overall program funded at approximately \$15 million
- Ms. Denton requested a status tracker or annual report for all O-CHIP-awarded projects showing completion, in-progress, or failed status and reasons, described as important for accountability and future decision-making
- Mr. Brown: How many projects applied for versus how many were awarded?
- Mr. Skahen: Applicants must be well along before applying: funding streams in place, sources-and-uses budget prepared, design complete, letter of municipal support obtained
 - A handful advised to return when further along
 - Two were outright rejected, both proposed student housing near Syracuse University, deemed unnecessary given existing supply
- Mr. Brown asked for data on how many did not reach the formal application stage
- Ms. Denton: Who reviews and approves O-CHIP applications?

- Mr. Skahen: Internal committee convened on as-needed basis, typically when four to six applications assembled; members: Dan Hammer (Purchasing), Tim Burtis (Legislature), Isabel Harris (County Executive's Office)
- Mr. Eriksen: Can you describe a couple examples of approved developments?
- Mr. Skahen: 1117 West Fayette Street, adjacent to new police headquarters, approximately \$190,000 awarded
 - Field Cutlery Building on Canal Street in Camillus (Phase 2 funded, Phase 3 funds committed pending developer closing a financing gap)
 - Church Street Station near Township Five, approximately 200 units, reached the \$250,000 maximum award
- Mr. Knapp noted O-CHIP is typically the last money committed in a deal, projects are generally well advanced and have high likelihood of completion by the time county funds are awarded

Presentation Continued:

Hotel Initiative: (Attachment No. 2: Hotel Initiative Awards)

- Shortage of hotel rooms; approximately 900 rooms lost (University Sheraton, tower converted to housing, Mayflower on East Genesee Street converted to apartments)
- With Micron coming, need rooms for temporary workers as well as tourism
- \$2.3 million awarded for seven projects; projected total investment \$160 million
- Home2 Suites, Liverpool: open approximately six months
- Old Ramada, Electronics Parkway, Salina (Randolph House): awarded; in process
- Home2 Suites, Route 31, Clay: awarded; in development

- Mr. Knapp: What is the status of the big downtown one?
- Mr. Skahen: Onondaga Street: held up in litigation now settled; developer reworking plans; expected to move forward shortly
- Mr. Brown: Is there a per-room metric for the hotel program similar to O-CHIP's \$5,000 per unit?
- Mr. Skahen: There is no strict metric for the hotel program. The committee evaluates the number and quality of rooms, the hotel brand and tier, and the overall project budget
 - Awards are based on committee judgment rather than a fixed formula
 - The hotel advisory committee members include: Peter Casper, Oncenter; Danny Leeka, Visit Syracuse, who has prior experience with Marriott Corporation; Nora, CenterState; Isabel Harris County Executive's Office, and me
- Ms. Denton: What is the total county investment committed to date?
- Mr. Brown: What metrics are being used to judge the success of the hotel initiative?
- Mr. Skahen: Primary metric is number of new hotel rooms created
 - Funded 933 rooms; awarded \$2.265 million awarded to date; \$1.735 million remaining
- Mr. Ryan: Is there a target percentage of project cost the county aims to fund? Could you fund 20% of the project?
- Mr. Skahen: No fixed percentage; Liverpool Home2 Suites cost approximately \$18 million to build, county awarded \$400,000; similar proportion expected for Clay Home2 Suites
- Mr. Ryan: How are specific award amounts determined?
- Mr. Skahen: No strict formula; committee considers hotel type, quality, overall project budget, and input from members with industry expertise, particularly Mr. Leeka's knowledge of hotel construction costs, Peter Casper has background in in this type of work
- Mr. Petrovich: You're also looking at budget, correct?
- Mr. Skahen: Yes, we do base it on the overall budget, but there's not a specific percentage applied, like if it costs this much, we'll give you 10%

- Mr. Ryan: Is the current funding anticipated to be sufficient to meet the hotel room needs of the region?
- Mr. Skahen: The programs will be assessed as funds are depleted
 - The County Executive has a track record of replicating successful programs if the model proves effective
- Mr. Petrovich: Regional shortfall estimated at approximately 2,000 rooms; current IDA and hotel initiative efforts expected to bring approximately 600 new rooms online
 - Focus on extended-stay options for Micron-related temporary workers
- Mr. Meaker: 600,000 awarded to the hotel in Liverpool. How long would it take for the county to recoup its investment in the Liverpool hotel through sales tax and room occupancy tax revenue?
- Mr. Skahen acknowledged it is a good analytical question and committed to researching and providing an answer
- Ms. Watts: Is hotel initiative funding from taxpayer dollars or another stream?
- Mr. Skahen: Confirmed funds were placed into the county budget and are taxpayer funds

Presentation Continued:

Lead Funding:

- County Executive was first in county history to allocate county budget dollars directly to lead initiatives
- County lead funds supplement remediation projects when federal lead grant is insufficient and provide required match for HUD lead grant applications
 - For current \$7.75 million federal grant, county committed \$1 million in matching funds
- County works closely with Health Department and Director of Lead Operations on all lead initiatives

ShapeUp for Veterans:

- ShapeUp (federally funded): for persons age 62+ with disability needing home modifications; income requirement 80% average median income or below
- ShapeUp for Veterans: county-created initiative with one key distinction, no age restriction; open to veterans of any age who meet income requirement and were honorably discharged
- Ms. Denton: ShapeUp for Veterans is a purely local program; regular ShapeUp is federally funded?
- Mr. Skahen: Correct
- Mr. Meaker: Would the widow of a veteran be eligible?
- Mr. Skahen: I believe, yes
- Mr. Eriksen: Does the county conduct affirmative outreach to the veterans community?
- Mr. Skahen: Extensive outreach conducted at launch; now in third round of funding; backlog of applications, demand has exceeded need for active outreach

Questions/Comments:

- Ms. Denton: CDBG Annual Action Plan on county website appears to cover only 2020–2024; does a current version exist?
- Mr. Skahen: Current plan exists
 - County prepares five-year Consolidated Plan and annual action plan
 - Will check why current version is not posted and ensure it is updated
- Mr. Brown: What metrics are used to evaluate the lead program and what has the approximately \$11.2 million total investment produced?
- Mr. Skahen: Health Department presented on lead program outcomes at the preceding committee meeting; offered to provide that presentation to committee

- Key outcomes: increased lead testing capacity
 - Mobile lead van deployed at community events
 - Additional grants secured for lead work outside scope of federal grant; Windows, Doors and More program (joint state-county; no income cap); replacing windows and doors eliminates approximately 90% of friction surfaces that generate lead dust
- Partnered with Home Headquarters and CNY Community Foundation on windows-and-doors initiative
- Mr. Brown: Is there a target number of windows or doors to be replaced?
- Mr. Skahen: Programs work from a fixed pot of money; outcomes depend on material costs at time of work
 - Health Department reported approximately 480 windows and doors completed; no specific unit target set in advance
- Mr. Meaker: How is contractor training going? Pool had shrunk after COVID
- Mr. Skahen: Biggest improvement in the lead program; prior to COVID, robust contractor pool; after COVID, pool dwindled to four or five as contractors had private backlogs and found lead work cumbersome due to EPA requirements
 - Director of Lead Initiatives directed resources toward contractor training and certification; added 16 newly qualified contractors to original pool of five
 - Monthly worker training and quarterly EPA supervisor certification sessions, consistently 10–12 participants
 - Average time from application to clearance reduced from over one year to just over eight months
 - Ongoing funding available for contractor training program

2. **HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD:** Nicole Watts, Chairwoman

a. A Resolution Establishing a Housing and Transportation Citizens Advisory Board

- At the start of the year, County Executive and legislators discussed need to address housing in Onondaga County
- Referenced presentation from prior Tuesday on number of units needed, where county stands, and how it is falling short
- Housing is a significant issue; opportunity to do something about it
- Resolution proposes establishing a one-term Citizens Advisory Board; Legislature authorized to commission these boards
- Board will consist of 7 to 40 members
- Purpose threefold:
 - Be informed about what the county is currently doing related to housing
 - Explore what is and is not working
 - Make recommendations on what the county could and should be doing to address the housing crisis and meet future housing needs
- Named Housing and Transportation Citizens Advisory Board because housing and transportation cannot be separated at the county level, may have land to build but if residents have no car and cannot access resources, housing is not truly viable
- All members appointed by Chairwoman Watts; advised by Majority and Minority Leaders in terms of weighing in on who should be there
- Starting list of invitees intentionally diverse:
 - Developers including representative of Inner Harbor
 - Fair housing advocates
 - Tenant rights organizations

- Home Headquarters
- All members appointed by Chairwoman Watts; Majority and Minority Leaders weigh in on who should be included
- Term runs through end of current legislative term; can be renewed if successful

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Eriksen, to approve this item. Ayes: 4 (Denton, Brown, Eriksen, Knapp) Noes: 0 Abstentions: 1 (Meaker); MOTION CARRIED.

3. DISCUSSION OF CORRESPONDING OUTSIDE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Nicole Watts, Chairwoman

- a. Review and Discussion of Appointments to Outside Boards (*Attachment No. 3: Boards and Commissions*)
- Each outside board, commission, and committee overseen by the Legislature has been matched with a standing committee
 - The following are associated with the Planning and Economic Development Committee:
 - CNY Works Board:
 - Mr. Meaker currently serves; appointment not formally renewed but anticipated to continue; to be confirmed
 - Onondaga County Planning Board:
 - One seat expiring later this year; confirmation appointment; if anyone has candidates, forward names for consideration
 - Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board:
 - Appointments made by the County Executive
 - Ms. Denton as committee chair and myself as Chairwoman automatically sit as ex-officio members
 - CNY Regional Market Authority:
 - Two vacancies currently open
 - Must be market vendors, which limits eligible pool
 - Ms. Watts asked members to submit suggestions and resumes of potential candidates
 - Mr. Knapp: Currently serves on the CNY Regional Market Authority as an appointment by the County Executive
 - Onondaga County Civic Development Corporation (OCDC):
 - Seats filled at end of last year
 - Current status: filled
 - Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency (OCIDA):
 - Two appointments whose terms expire in May, will open in early June
 - High-profile and highly impactful board; draws significant community attention
 - Ms. Watts strongly encouraged committee to begin deliberating on nominees now, well in advance of June opening
 - Community Development Steering Committee:
 - Appointed by County Executive; Legislature makes recommendations
 - Most recent members were Brian May and Tim Burtis; previously, Mr. Knapp
 - If committee wishes to put forward alternative recommendations, submit to County Executive
 - Where board entry reads vacant it means Clerk's office is still searching records to confirm full appointment history
 - Members with recommendations for any of the boards should send them to Ms. Denton so the committee can review and vet candidates collectively before names are formally put forward

C. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE: PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DATE: FEBRUARY 24th, 2026

NAME (Please Print)	DEPARTMENT/AGENCY
Marty Sklar	CD

ATTACHMENT NO. 1:
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW

**Planning and Economic Development Committee
Community Development Overview
2/24/26**

- Federal Grants
 - Entitlement Grants
 - Awarded annually
 - Three categories
 - CDBG
 - Provides funding to municipalities for eligible projects
 - Use as matching funds for New York Main Street grants
 - Use for RAMP and Lead projects
 - HOME
 - Provides funding for RAMP, Access to Home, SHAPE-UP, Emergency Repair/RESTORE
 - Also assists with Lead projects
 - Emergency Solutions Grants
 - Provides funding for homeless assistance
 - Steering Committee determines how funds are allocated
 - Competitive Grant
 - Lead Hazard Reduction
 - Awarded \$7.75m in latest funding round
 - 48-month grant
 - Reduce lead hazards in 270 units
 - Rated "Green" in quarterly evaluation
 - HOME-ARP
 - Allocated \$2.3m
 - RFP awarded to Housing Visions
 - Building 3 duplexes on South Side
 - Will be rented to people at 30% AMI who need services
- NYS Grants (all competitive)
 - Access to Home
 - Open applications, apply when more funds are needed
 - Use for RAMP program
 - Affordable Home Ownership Development Program
 - Open applications, apply when more funds are needed
 - Split with Empire Housing and Development Corporation
 - Both use funds to offset cost of housing for Low-Income first-time homebuyers
 - Housing Development Fund Company
 - Rehab or build homes and sell to low income (80% AMI) first time homebuyer
 - Provide \$40k subsidy (NYS Affordable Home Ownership Grant)
 - New York Main Street
 - Awarded \$268,750 in November 2024
 - Property owners \$210k, CDBG \$309,250 for total investment of \$788k
 - Work is in the Village of East Syracuse

- 2nd round
 - 1st round awarded \$322,500
 - Property owners \$176,111, CDBG \$408,341 for total investment of \$906,952
- RESTORE
 - Open applications, apply when more funds are needed
 - Use for Emergency Repair program
- Vacant Rental Improvement Program
 - Awarded \$2m in November 2024
 - Recently applied for another round of funding
 - Provide \$50k-\$75k for rehab of unoccupied units
- County Initiatives
 - County Main Street
 - Municipalities apply for funds
 - Up to \$500k, owners must provide at least 25% match
 - To date we have awarded \$18.9m, with matching funds of \$15.3m for a total investment of just over \$34m
 - O-CHIP
 - Awarded \$10.6m
 - 59 Projects total \$1.17b in investment
 - Hotel Initiative
 - Awarded \$2.3m
 - 7 projects total \$164m in investment
 - Lead
 - County invested over \$11.2m in local and ARPA funding for various lead initiatives
 - Work in conjunction with Health Department and Director of Lead Operations
 - SHAPE-UP for Veterans
 - Similar to SHAPE-UP but there is no minimum age requirement
 - Applicants must have been Honorably Discharged

ATTACHMENT NO. 2:
HOTEL INITIATIVE AWARDS

Project	Location	Number of Rooms	Project Cost
Home2 Suites	Liverpool	110	\$ 18,185,926
Onondaga Hotel	Syracuse	240	\$ 87,000,000
Residenc Inn and Fairfield Inn & Suites	Clay	162	\$ 24,200,000
Lafayette Inn	Lafayette	13	\$ 4,193,208
Suburban Studios	East Syracuse	108	\$ 6,198,800
The Randolph	Liverpool	197	\$ 5,935,000
Home2 Suites	Clay	103	\$ 18,663,000
Total		933	\$ 164,375,934

Remaining Funds

Award Amount

\$	400,000
\$	500,000
\$	400,000
\$	65,000
\$	250,000
\$	250,000
\$	400,000
\$	2,265,000
\$	1,735,000

ATTACHMENT NO. 3:
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



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OUTSIDE BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Planning & Economic Development Committee

CNY Works Board of Directors

Established under Section 1903 of the Onondaga County Charter, this board has a total of 30 voting members, with 50 percent of the board appointed by the County Executive, and 50 percent via the Mayor. The composition of the board must also include 50 percent business representation, 20 percent labor, and five seats for workforce development partners. The purpose of this board is to coordinate local workforce activities for employers and job seekers, developing educational and training programs for youth and adult jobseekers.

Appointing Authority: Appointments are made by the County Executive and Mayor, and must be approved by the county legislature. Terms are 3 years long. One appointment is typically a legislator)

Current Appointments:

- **VACANT** (Was Legislator Meaker)



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Onondaga County Planning Board

Established under New York State Senate GML Section 239-M, this board has a total of 7 voting members, 5 appointed by the County Executive, subject to approval by the County Legislature. The purpose of this Board is to advise local boards on the potential intermunicipal or countywide impact of local land use decisions.

Appointing Authority: The County Executive appoints 5 of the members to be approved by the Legislature; the other two spots are filled by the Comptroller and Commissioner.

Current Appointments:

- Michael LaFlair
 - o Appointed on: 12/16/25
 - o Term Expires: 12/31/28
- Renee S. Dellas
 - o Appointed on: 3/4/25
 - o **Term Expires: 12/31/26**
- Kevin J. Casserino
 - o Appointed on: 3/4/2025
 - o Term Expires: 12/31/2027
- Craig Dennis
 - o Appointed on: 3/4/25
 - o Term Expires: 12/31/27
- Donald S. Radke
 - o Appointed on: 3/4/25
 - o Term Expires: 12/31/27



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Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board

Established under Article 12b NYS GML, this board has a total of 35 members, with Onondaga County appointing seven directors. The purpose of this board is to provide a comprehensive range of planning services associated with the growth and development of communities in Central New York.

Appointing Authority: All appointments for this board are made by the County Executive, and have indefinite term limits.

Current Appointments:

- Julie Abbott
- Timothy Burtis
- Emanuel Cartar
- Cydney Johnson
- David Knapp
- Martin E. Voss
- Troy W. Waffner



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OUTSIDE BOARDS & COMMISSIONS Planning & Economic Development Committee

CNY Regional Market Authority

Established under Title 2 Article 4 of the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York, this board's purpose is to provide facilities, programs and services to promote opportunities for agriculture and commerce in Central New York.

Appointing Authority: This board has a total of 13 members, 3 of whom are appointed by the County Legislature. Terms are to be determined by the County Legislature.

Current Appointments:

- JoAnn Delaney
 - o Appointed on: 12/20/2022
 - o Term Expires: 1/1/2027
- Maria Mahar (VACANT)
 - o Appointed on 6/8/2022
 - o Term Expired: 1/1/2024
- Anthony Emmi (VACANT)
 - o Appointed on 6/8/2022
 - o Term Expired: 1/1/2025



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OUTSIDE BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Planning & Economic Development Committee

Onondaga Civic Development Corporation (OCDC)

Established under Section 1411 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York. The purpose of this Board is to work charitably to amend, relieve, and reduce unemployment, and to maintain and improve job opportunities.

Appointing Authority: The County Legislature appoints 7 members, with the option to appoint an additional 13 non-voting members, with staggered 1, 2, and 3-year terms.

Current Appointments:

- Christopher Daniel
 - o Appointed: 12/2/25
 - o Term Expires: 10/6/27
- Kimberly Townsend
 - o Appointed: 12/2/25
 - o Term Expires: 10/6/28
- Virginia Biesiada O'Neill
 - o Appointed: 12/2/25
 - o Term Expires: 10/6/27
- Janice Herzog
 - o Appointed: 12/2/25
 - o Term Expires: 10/6/27
- Vincent Cioci
 - o Appointed: 12/2/25
 - o Term Expires: 10/6/27
- Mitchell Latimer
 - o Appointed: 12/2/25
 - o Expires: 10/6/28



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Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency (OCIDA)

Established under Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the New York State Senate, this Board aims to stimulate economic development, growth, and general prosperity for the people of Onondaga County by using available incentives, rights, and powers in an efficient and cooperative manner.

Appointing Authority: The County Legislature appoints 7 members, who also determine the length of members' term lengths, and members will maintain office until a successor is appointed.

Current Appointments:

Alan Marzullo

Appointed: 12/2/25

Term Expires: 5/31/26

Mark A. Muthumbi

Appointed: 12/2/25

Term Expires: 5/31/26

Randy Wolken

Appointed: 12/2/25

Term Expires: 5/31/28

Cydney Johnson

Appointed: 12/2/25

Term Expires: 5/31/27



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Planning & Economic Development Committee

Community Development Steering Committee

Help make decisions on the use of Community Block Grants. Very limited information on this committee.

Appointing Authority: Chair makes recommendation to the County Executive

Current Appointments:

- **VACANT** (Was Brian May)
- **VACANT** (Was David Knapp)