

Development Committee Meeting Minutes

via zoom/telephone/in person
Tuesday, September 1, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judge James H. Cecile (Chair), Robert T. Tackman, Erich W. Shafer, Nicholas J. DeMartino

MEMBERS EXCUSED: none

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

GUESTS PRESENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: Carolyn D. Brown

Call To Order

The September 1, 2026 Development Committee meeting was called to order at 12:23 PM by Board President Judge James Cecile. It was noted for the record that a quorum was present.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Robert Tackman made a motion to approve the June 2026 Development Committee Meetings minutes. The motion was seconded by Erich Shafer, and unanimously approved.

Reappointment to a New Term – Patricia Usherwood Fitzpatrick

Patricia Usherwood Fitzpatrick serves on the Board representing Onondaga County Comptroller Martin D. Masterpole, who is a public/elected official. Patricia's current term that started on November 1, 2023 ends October 30, 2026.

A motion to recommend Patricia Usherwood Fitzpatrick for reappointment to a new term, subject to receiving a letter from Hon Martin Masterpole was made by Nicholas DeMartino seconded Erich Shafer, and unanimously approved.

This recommendation will be forwarded to the full Board, for their vote, at their next meeting.

Board Training Opportunities

The Committee held discussion about providing training opportunities to Board Members.

Old Business

None

New Business:

Executive Director Carolyn Brown reported that PEACE Inc. continues to address the rising Health Insurance costs and explore new models.

Ms. Brown discussed the upcoming Rooftop BBQ scheduled for September 23, 2026.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM.