## TOWN OF AMHERST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

#### **Governance Committee Meeting**

#### Agenda

# March 21, 2019 8:30 am

# Agency Offices, 4287 Main Street

- 1. Roll Call of Members
- 2. New Business
  - a. Authority Mission Review and Performance 2018
  - b. Board of Directors Evaluation

# 3. Adjournment

# **Authority Mission Statement and Performance Measurements - 2018**

Name of Public Authority: Amherst Development Corporation (ADC)

**Mission Statement**: The mission of the Amherst Development Corporation is to promote economic diversity and to broaden the tax base, including capital development by not-for-profit entities, for the Town of Amherst in order to maintain and enhance a high-quality living environment.

Date Reaffirmed: March 29, 2019

**List of Performance Goals** 

#### Goal #1: Promote private investment and enhanced community facilities

<u>Measured by</u>: (1) Value of new investment from low-interest financing provided to non-profit organizations.

	Date Issued	Bond Amount
Tax-Exempt Bond Issue		
Daemen College	5/18	\$28,600,000

Williamsville Co-op – Supported the development of a feasibility study by this private group through a \$5,000 contribution towards the economic development effort. The study indicated that there was a market for this unique offering in the Village of Williamsville and identified several sites that this operation could be the anchor of a redeveloped building and site.

# Summary Results of Confidential Evaluation of Board Performance (2018)

Criteria	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree
	#	#	#	#
Board members have a shared understanding	4			
of the mission and purpose of the Authority.				
The policies, practices and decisions of the	3			1
Board are always consistent with this mission.				
Board members comprehend their role and	3	1		
fiduciary responsibilities and hold themselves				
and each other to these principles. The Board has adopted policies, by-laws, and				
practices for the effective governance,				
management and operations of the Authority	4			
and reviews these annually.				
The Board sets clear and measurable				
performance goals for the Authority that	3	1		
contribute to accomplishing its mission.		±		
The decisions made by Board members are				
arrived at through independent judgment and				
deliberation, free of political influence or self-	2	2		
interest.				
Individual Board members communicate				
effectively with executive staff so as to be well	3	1		
informed on the status of all important issues.		_		
Board members are knowledgeable about the				
Authority's programs, financial statements,	3	1		
reporting requirements, and other transactions.				
The Board meets to review and approve all				
documents and reports prior to public release	2	1		
and is confident that the information being	3	Ţ		
presented is accurate and complete.				
The Board knows the statutory obligations of			-	
the Authority and if the Authority is in	3		1	
compliance with state law.				
Board and committee meetings facilitate open,	4			
deliberate and thorough discussion, and the	4			
active participation of members.				
Board members have sufficient opportunity to		1		
research, discuss, question and prepare before	3	1		
decisions are made and votes taken.				
Individual Board members feel empowered to				
delay votes, defer agenda items, or table	3	1		
actions if they feel additional information or				
discussion is required.				
The Board exercises appropriate oversight of				
the CEO and other executive staff, including	3		1	
setting performance expectations and				
reviewing performance annually. The Board has identified the areas of most risk				
to the Authority and works with management to				
implement risk mitigation strategies before	2	1	1	
problems occur.				
Board members demonstrate leadership and		1		
vision and work respectfully with each other.	3	1		

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Date Completed: December 2018