

**OGDENSBURG BRIDGE & PORT AUTHORITY
CHILDCARE INITIATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022**

A meeting of the Childcare Initiative Committee of the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority was held in the boardroom of the Administration Building on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 3:30 PM.

The following were present:

Toni A. Kennedy, Committee Chair
Nicole A. Terminelli, Member
Vernon D. Burns, Board Chair
Steven J. Lawrence, Executive Director
Patricia A. Nisco, Chief Financial Officer

Committee Chair Kennedy called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM.

I. Business Items

1. Update on Childcare Initiative. Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence gave an update on grant applications and planning. The 2021 grant application was not successful but staff is working on the 2022 round of funding.
2. Update on Funding Sources. Committee Chair Toni A. Kennedy asked when the Authority will hear back about the grants that federal elected officials applied for. Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence advised that he expects to hear back by the end of the year. Board Chair Vernon D. Burns asked if Children and Family Services have any information about funding could be coming. Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence responded that he has been concentrating on programs that are already in place. Mr. Lawrence added that Ogdensburg is considered a childcare desert, which lends weight to the application. Mr.

Lawrence also noted that not all programs match up perfectly with the Authority's project.

3. Future Meeting with New York State Empire Development, Lynn Pietroski – The Arc, Jefferson-St. Lawrence, and OBPA. Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence has a tentative meeting scheduled in July. Board Chair Vernon D. Burns suggested that Lynn Pietroski could provide something in writing regarding what The Arc does and what they could do in Ogdensburg. Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence agreed that this could strengthen the Authority's application. Mr. Lawrence also noted that the applications will need to be a lot more detailed and specific than what was previously submitted.

On a motion by Nicole A. Terminelli, seconded by Vernon D. Burns, the meeting adjourned at 4:02 PM.

Toni Kennedy
Childcare Initiative Committee Chairperson