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October 23, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 25, 2025
Time: 6:00PM
Location: Valentino's Banquet Hall, 3899 Oneida Street, New Hartford, NY 13413

	Count	Board Member	Position	Term	Expiration
	1	Anna Weeks	President - STEM / Community Connections	2	12/31/2027
X	2	Sue Carvelli	Vice-President – Rome Community Schools / BOCES	2	12/31/2025
X	3	Hollie Wolanski	Secretary / Education	2	12/31/2027
	4	Dick Presky	Treasurer / Insurance / Genesis	1	12/31/2026
	5	John Brouillette	At-Large / Agriculture	1	12/31/2027
	6	Kathryn Festine	At-Large / Legal	1	12/31/2027
X	7	Rosanne Loparco	At-Large / Master Gardener / Finance	1	12/31/2026
	8	Howard Regner	At-Large Agriculture / Farm / Education	1	12/31/2025
	9	Paul Sears	At-Large / Master Gardener / STEM	1	12/31/2026
	10	Shaila Singh	At-Large / Education	1	12/31/2027
	11	Debbie Spinella	At-Large Agriculture / Education	2	12/31/2027
	12	Vacant	Vacant		
	Appointed	George Joseph	Legislative Representative	N/A	N/A
	Appointed	Paul O'Connor	State Extension Specialist	N/A	N/A

Staff/Community Attendance

1	Mary Beth McEwen	Executive Director	CCE Oneida County
2	Terri Harrison	Office Manager	CCE Oneida County
3	Bonnie Backman	SBN Finance	CCE Oneida County
4	Lori North	Director of Ops.	CCE Oneida County

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2025 Board Schedule	Description
January 23	Reorganization Board Meeting
February 27	Committee Meetings / Board Orientation, 5:30PM food and 6:00PM, General Overview of Programs
March 27	Board Meeting, 6:00PM
April 24	Committee Meetings 6:00
May 22	Board Meeting, 6:00PM
June 26	Board Meeting – Audit Presentation, Dermody, Burke & Brown 6:00PM
July 24	Committee – Boonville Fair Legislative BBQ
August	No Meeting Scheduled
September 25	Board Meeting
October 23	Annual Meeting
November 20	Board Meeting
December	No Meeting Scheduled

Call to Order: (6:00PM)

Pledge of Allegiance:

Opening remarks by Anna Weeks

Dinner

Assemblymemeber Marianne Buttonshoen

Assemblymemeber Brian Miller

Keynote speaker, Raymond J. Durso, Jr., President and CEO The Genesis Group

Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes:

- Motion to approve October 24, 2024 Board annual meeting minutes.

Vote:

Motioned by: Kathleen Festine
Second by: Debbie Spinella
Discussion: No discussion
Motion Carried: Unanimous

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- Motion to approve the new Board of Director members: Torie Hairston and Jess Nelson

Vote:

Motioned by:	Dick Presky
Second by:	Howard Regner
Discussion:	No discussion
Motion Carried:	Unanimous

Mary Beth to thank the retiring Board Member Sue Carvelli

Finance:

- Review 2nd Quarter 2025 financials. – Bonnie Backman

Mary Beth, Executive Director report, CCE OC Trivia

Friends of CCE OC

Adjourn: Time: (7:54PM)

Vote:

Motioned by:	Dicky Presky
Seconded by:	John Brouillette
Discussion:	No discussion
Motion Carried:	Unanimous

Basket drawings

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