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June 25, 2026 DRAFT Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 25, 2026
Time: 6:00PM
Location: CCE OC, 121 Second Street, Oriskany, NY 13424

	Count	Board Member	Position	Term	Expiration
	1	Anna Weeks	President - STEM / Community Connections	2	12/31/2027
	2	Rosanne Loparco	Vice President / Master Gardener	1	12/31/2026
	3	Hollie Wolanski	Secretary – 4H / Dog Obedience / Education	2	12/31/2027
	4	Dick Presky	Treasurer / Insurance	1	12/31/2026
X	5	John Brouillette	At-Large / Agriculture	1	12/31/2027
	6	Kathryn Festine	At-Large / Legal	1	12/31/2027
	7	Torie Hairston	Social Work / Education	1	12/31/2028
	8	Mary Kline	At-Large / Education / BOCES	1	12/31/2026
X	9	Jessica Nelson	At-Large / Agriculture / Farm / Education	1	12/31/2028
	10	Howard Regner	At-Large Agriculture / Farm / Education	2	12/31/2028
	11	Paul Sears	At-Large / Master Gardener / STEM	1	12/31/2026
X	12	Debbie Spinella	At-Large Agriculture / Education	2	12/31/2027
	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	Bonnie Backman	SBN Finance	CCE Oneida County
3	Terri Harrison	Office Manager	CCE Oneida County
4	Shannon Nelson	Auditor	Dermody, Burke & Brown

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2026 Board Schedule

Date		Description
January	22	Reorganization Board Meeting
February	26	Committee Meetings / Board Orientation, 5:30PM food and 6:00PM, General Overview of Programs
March	26	Board Meeting, 6:00PM
April	23	Committee Meetings, HR 5-6:00PM, Program 6-7:00PM
May	21	Board Meeting, 6:00PM
June	25	Board Meeting – Audit Presentation, Dermody, Burke & Brown 6:00PM
July	30	Committee – Boonville Fair Legislative BBQ
August		No Meeting Scheduled
September	24	Board Meeting – Vescio's Franklin Hotel
October	22	Annual Meeting – Valentino's Banquet Hall, New Hartford
November	19	Board Meeting
December		No Meeting Scheduled

Call to Order: (6:00PM)

Pledge of Allegiance:

Audit Presentation:

- Shannon Nelson – DB&B - Shannon presented the 2025 audited financial statements.

Motion to accept the CCE Oneida County 2025 audited financial statements.

Vote:

Motioned by: Kathryn Festine
Seconded by: Dick Presky
Discussion: No discussion
Motion Carried: Unanimous

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve May 21, 2026 Board meeting minutes.

Vote:

Motioned by: Dick Presky
Second by: Paul Sears
Discussion: No discussion
Motion Carried: Unanimous

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Board President Report:

New Business

- USDA RBDG Grant – Update 2017 / 18 AG Feasibility Study

Motion to approve a resolution for CCE Oneida County to apply for the 2026 USDA RBDG Grant and upon receipt of funding, CCE commits to contribute fringe benefits towards completion of the project as described in the funding application.

Vote:	
Motioned by:	Paul Sears
Second by:	Kathryn Festine
Discussion:	No discussion
Motion Carried:	Unanimous

Executive Director's Report:

- We have hired Matt Volz, Farm Management Educator and JB Riffle, Oneida County Public Market Manager.
- Upstate Downstate food system funding – CCE OC received $150,000.00 in the NYS approved budget to continue working toward strengthening the connection and food supply chain between Upstate NY and Downstate NY.
- Regional Navigator – We received a regional navigator award for $10,000.00.
- Mother Cabrini – We received an invitation to submit a full proposal to Mother Cabrini Foundation for $217,117.00 for an additional screen time grant. Two additional years.
- Youth Opportunity Day – July 29th rain date July 30th 8 to 17 years of age, 750 registrants
- OCPM Strawberry Day at the Market June 27th
- SBN Letter of Intent submitted – should receive a new contract for 5 years in July.
- Grants in Process:
    - Oneida County Youth Initiative – Oneida County & The Community Foundation – Youth Violence Prevention – To submit to partner with Thea Bowman, June 30, 2026.
    - USDA RBDG – Update feasibility study from 2017, June 30, 2026
    - Mother Cabrini Foundation – Screen time, July 15, 2026
    - Child Care Support Center - OCFS has released this request for applications (RFA) to solicit competitive applications from child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agencies to establish child care support centers (CCSC). CCR&Rs awarded under this procurement, will receive funding to establish a CCSC. Each CCSC will administer a regional child care substitute pool to support the daily operations of OCFS licensed/registered child care programs. The addition of child care substitute pools will provide qualified professionals to licensed and registered child care programs allowing providers to utilize substitute caregivers to fill in when necessary to provide continuity of care for families and maintain child care operations. The CCSCs will receive technical assistance and relevant technology to support the implementation of

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the substitute pools from the Early Care and Learning Council (ECLC). Up to four awards will be made statewide with a maximum of one award per OCFS-defined region to an established CCR&R currently serving that region. The total funding for this project is anticipated to be $12.5 million over five years ($2.5M per year), which will be divided equally among the awarded contractors, anticipated to be $625,000 per awardee annually. 5 years, July 31, 2026

Executive Session if Required: None required

Time:

Vote:

Motioned by:
Seconded by:
Discussion:
Motion Carried:

Adjourn: Time: 7:01PM)

Vote:

Motioned by:	Rosanne Loparco
Seconded by:	Torie Hairston
Discussion:	No discussion
Motion Carried:	Unanimous

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