

# Western Connecticut

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



### WCEDD Meeting Minutes

April 10 at 1:00 pm

Meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

#### Members in attendance

- Shannon O'Toole Giandurco Greater Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director,
- Lisa Mercurio AdvanceCT, Vice President, Business Development
- Andrea Rynn Nuvance Healthcare
- Lisa Scails Cultural Alliance of Western Connecticut, Executive Director
- PJ Prunty Bright Ravens, Director of Development
- Hal Kurfels Scalzo Real Estate
- Jason Patlis The Maritime of Aquarium at Norwalk, Executive Director
- Leah Kagan City of Stamford, Economic Development Director
- Farley Santos City of Danbury, Economic Development Director
- Ashley Gaudiano Chief Operating Officer United Way of Coastal and Western Connecticut

Francis Pickering and Betsy Paynter were in attendance from WestCOG

#### Meeting Call to Order

Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

#### Public Participation

There was no public participation

#### Approval of April 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Hal Kurfels made a motion to approve the January 2025 WCEDD meeting minutes, Ashley Gaudiano second the motion, All in favor.

#### Regional Sector Partnership Update:

Helen Brickfield and team provided a Manufacturing and Healthcare RSP update.

#### Stamford Economic Development Update

Leah Kagan, Stamford Economic Development Director, presented an update on their programs including Innovation Cluster and the Stamford Tech Hub

#### Chamber of Commerce Update:

Maura Ruby, Executive Director of The Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce, provided an update on the Chamber activities moving forward.

#### Adjournment

PJ Prunty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:05, second by Maura Ruby. All in favor.