



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 Kurfehs 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 Kurfehs 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.