HOST COMMUNITIES
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 23, 2026 – 12:00 p.m.
Samuel M. Ferraro Center - Boardroom
6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Sanborn NY

Representatives Present:

Sylvia Virtuoso, Supervisor	Town of Niagara
Stanley Wojton, Superintendent	Niagara Falls City School District
Paul Casseri, Superintendent	Lewiston Porter School District
Lou Paonessa	New York Power Authority
Thomas Burgasser, Esq.	Niagara County
Scott Hapeman, Esq.	Niagara Wheatfield School District
Rob Morreale	Town of Lewiston
Robert M. Restaino, Mayor, CHAIRPERSON	City of Niagara Falls

Alternates/Guests:

Rachel Gephart	NYPA
Mark Boyd	Director of Community Relations, NYPA

Staff Present:
Mary Melloni, Secretary
Mark Gabriele, NPC Counsel

1.0 Call to Order

Chairperson Restaino called the Host Communities Standing Committee meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Ms. Melloni called the roll.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

4.0 Introductions

Stanley Wojton, Niagara Falls School District will replace Mark Laurrie who has retired; Rachel Gephart from New York Power Authority and her guest, Mark Boyd, Director of Community Relations from New York Power Authority. Rob Morreale attended for Steve Broderick.

5.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2026 Meeting

Ms. Virtuoso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Casseri, to approve the meeting minutes of May 20, 2026. Motion carried.

6.0 Annual Report to NYPA (Fiscal Year 7/01/2025 to 6/30/2026)

Mr. Gabriele explained that on an annual basis this report is prepared pursuant to the Host Community Relicensing Settlement Agreement. The Governance Committee has met and approved the report and is recommending it to the HCSC for approval.

Mr. Hapeman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burgasser, to approve the Annual Report to NYPA as presented.

A roll call vote was taken.

Town of Lewiston	*Yes*
Town of Niagara	*Yes*
Lewiston Porter	*Yes*
City of Niagara Falls	*Yes*
Niagara-Wheatfield	*Yes*
Niagara County	*Yes*
New York Power Authority	*Yes*
Niagara Falls Schools	*Yes*

The resolution was thereupon approved.

8.0 Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2026

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Paonessa, seconded by Mr. Wojton. Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary P Melloni

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Recording Secretary