



**MINUTES OF THE  
WESTERN NEW YORK POWER PROCEEDS ALLOCATION BOARD MEETING**

**April 7, 2026**

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# Western NY Power Proceeds Allocation Board

KATHY HOCHUL  
Governor

ANTHONY J. COLUCCI III  
Chairman

The minutes of Western New York Power Proceeds Allocation Board meeting held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, in person at the New York Power Authority Visitor Center, Niagara Power Project, 5777 Lewiston Rd., Lewiston, New York, 14092 at approximately 3:00 p.m.

**Members of the Board present were:**

Anthony Colucci – Chair  
Brenda McDuffie -- videoconference  
Paul Brown  
Dennis Eisenbeck  
Deanna Alterio Brennen

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Also in attendance were:

Karen Delince	Vice President and Corporate Secretary
Chad Gholizadeh	Deputy General Counsel
Angela Rossi	Program Manager – Economic Development
Alana Appenzeller	Director - Economic Development and Key Account Management
Louis Paonessa	Senior Director Community Affairs
Sheila Quatrocci	Manager, Corporate Secretary
Michele Stockwell	Associate Corporate Secretary
Fiona Khan	Senior Assistant Corporate Secretary
Kayla Scholz	Travel Administrator

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Chair Colucci presided over the meeting. Vice President and Corporate Secretary Karen Delince kept the Minutes.

## **Introduction**

*Chair Anthony Colucci welcomed members of the Board, and the staff of the New York Power Authority ("NYPA"). He stated that this meeting of the Board had been duly noticed as required by the Open Meetings law of the State of New York. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.*

### **1. Adoption of the April 7, 2026, Proposed Meeting Agenda**

On motion made by member Elsenbeck and seconded by member Brown, the agenda for the meeting was adopted. (5-0)

## **Conflicts of Interest**

Chair Colucci stated that the members had been polled prior to the meeting regarding possible conflicts of interest with the entities previously provided for their review. The members declared no conflicts of interest.

### **2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of February 12, 2026**

On motion made by member Brennen and seconded by member Brown, the Minutes of the meeting held on February 12, 2026, were unanimously approved. (5-0)

### **3. Fund Update**

Angela Rossi, Program Manager, presented the update to the Board.

#### **➤ Deposits**

- Fund Deposits: \$135,025,949
- Accrued Interest: \$4,831,492
- Total Funds Available: \$139,857,441

#### **➤ Disbursements**

- Disbursements to Grantees: \$37,853,477
- Current Fund Balance: \$102,003,964
- To date, no administrative expenses have been withdrawn from this amount.

#### **➤ Awards to Date**

- Cumulative Fund Benefits Awarded Total: \$67,996,120
- Awarded to Standard Projects: \$56,010,748
- Awarded to Energy Related Projects: \$11,955,372
- The Allocation Board has a remaining \$71,891,321 in funds available for future awards.

#### **➤ Energy-Related Projects**

- A minimum of 15% of the Fund must support energy-related projects: \$20,253,892
- Awarded to Date, \$11,955,372
- Total Fund Award Available for Energy Related Initiatives: \$8,298,520

Ms. Rossi noted that today, the Board is presented with a recommendation to consider funding for three standard projects, totaling \$8,468,000.

Chair Colucci noted no action is needed on the Fund Update.

#### **4. Awards of Funds Benefits from the Western New York Economic Development Fund – Round 43**

Angela Rossi, Program Manager, presented the award requests for three projects to the Board.

##### **1. Buffalo Go Green, Inc (BGG)**

- Award Amount Requested: \$218,000

##### **➤ Background**

- A minority and veteran-founded nonprofit on Buffalo's East Side
- The project is working to expand access to nutritious food through:
  - Urban agriculture
  - Workforce training
  - Other community programs offered

##### **➤ Use of Funds**

- Buffalo Go Green, Inc. (BGG) will transform a 50+ year-old industrial site on Manhattan Avenue into a 16,000-square-foot Holistic Wellness and Agricultural Education Campus.
- A key element is renovating a 7,500-square-foot pole barn into a state-of-the-art hydroponic farm, with approximately 4,500 square feet for year-round controlled-environment agriculture.
- The Campus will also include:
  - Commercial teaching kitchen
  - Classrooms
  - Food processing space
  - Retail areas for fresh and prepared foods
  - Flexible space for workforce training
  - Small food businesses
- The total project cost is approximately \$1,060,391, with the recommended award representing an estimated 21% of total project cost.
- BGG is anticipated to generate five initial jobs from the Campus itself, not just the project.
- Will produce three to four tons of fresh produce annually.

##### **➤ Reasons for Recommendation**

- Supported by an alignment with the Agricultural Investment track because it is:
  - Expanding local food production capabilities
  - Providing market access
  - WNY agricultural profile
- While the Campus will initially create five positions, its broader impact lies in its ability to train and support the next generation of agricultural workers and food systems.

- The broader Campus will amplify the project’s economic impact by incorporating food processing and commercial kitchen space that supports small-scale food entrepreneurs and participation in the local food economy.
- Strategic investment in Buffalo’s East Side:
  - Advancing neighborhood revitalization
  - Allowing more access to fresh, locally grown food via the farm
- Consistent with REDC priorities such as:
  - Strengthening the regional agricultural economy
  - Improving market access for the agricultural markets

## 2. The Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society (Buffalo History Museum)

- Award Amount Requested: \$1,185,000
- **Background**
  - A nonprofit that preserves the history of Western New York (WNY) and Buffalo through a collection of over 80,000 regional artifacts.
- **Use of Funds**
  - The project will restore and expand the historic 1920 Reinstein Center, adjacent to the Museum’s Delaware Park campus.
  - The building will be rehabilitated to State Historic Preservation Office standards.
  - A new addition will expand programming and event capacity.
  - Site improvements will strengthen connections between the Reinstein Center, the Museum, and the park.
  - The completed facility will provide dedicated, ADA-accessible spaces for:
    - Educational programs
    - School groups
    - Camps
    - Community activities
    - Events
  - It is expected to generate a considerable amount of revenue for the organization and increase museum attendance by 15%.
  - Total project cost is \$6,550,000; the award represents about 18% of that total project cost.
  - The project will create:
    - Two full-time positions
    - Several part-time event and guest services roles; these roles are not counted in the job creation count for the program.

➤ **Reasons for Recommendation**

- Direct support for the tourism track by expanding capacity for:
  - Educational, cultural, and community events
  - Increasing visitor engagement
- Significant leverage of public and private funding, demonstrating strong financial backing.
- Expected 15% increase in attendance and double public programming capacity for the museum.
- Aligns with Western New York REDC priorities by advancing Smart Growth and tourism through investment in existing cultural assets.

**3. Newstead Ranch, Inc. (Kreher Family Farms)**

- Award Amount Requested: \$6.4 million

➤ **Background**

- A family-owned business and one of WNY's largest egg producers.
- Supplies over 700 million eggs annually to major regional retailers and food service distributors.

➤ **Use of Funds**

- The project will construct a standalone egg cleaning, packing, and shipping facility in Newstead, New York.
- The facility will occupy about 12 acres of a 122-acre parcel, with the remaining land continuing in organic food production.
- Relocation of egg-packing operations from Kreher's Clarence facility in order to separate processing from production to reduce biosecurity risks from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI).
- Designed to process eggs from roughly 1.2 million hens across Kreher farms and contract growers, the facility will reduce reliance on out-of-state processors and strengthen WNY's food supply.
- Total project cost is over \$32 million; the award represents approximately 20% of the project cost
- The project commits to creating five full-time jobs over seven years, with an average wage of \$60,000.

➤ **Reasons for Recommendation**

- The project aligns with the Agricultural Investment track.
- Significant investment in regional agricultural infrastructure, creating a centralized facility capable of handling production of 1.2 million hens.
- Improved biosecurity by separating production and processing.

- Aligns with WNY REDC priorities, including:
  - Elevating agriculture sector
  - Supporting rural development
  - Strengthening supply chain

**(Exhibit A-1)** to award \$218,000 to Buffalo Go Green, Inc.

*On motion made by member Elsenbeck and seconded by member Brown, Exhibit A-1 was adopted unanimously. (5-0)*

**(Exhibit A-2)** to award \$1,185,000 to The Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society

*On motion made by member Brown and seconded by member McDuffie, Exhibit A-2 was adopted unanimously. (5-0)*

**(Exhibit A-3)** to award \$6.4 million to Newstead Ranch, Inc.

*On motion made by member Elsenbeck and seconded by member Brennen, Exhibit A-2 was adopted unanimously. (5-0)*

## **RESOLUTION**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Western New York Power Proceeds Allocation Board (“Board”) hereby recommends that the Power Authority of the State of New York (“NYPA”) make awards of Fund Benefits to Buffalo Go Green Inc., the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society d/b/a The Buffalo History Museum and Newstead Ranch, Inc. as recommended in the attached memorandum and the attachments thereto, for the reasons set forth in the attached memorandum and any attachments thereto; provided, however, that (i) if an application proposes a project that must receive approvals and/or comply with other legal requirements, such as the State Environmental Quality Review Act, before it may proceed, the recommendation for such application shall not be forwarded to NYPA until Staff, on behalf of the Board, receives appropriate notification that such legal approvals and/or requirements that are necessary for the project(s) to proceed have been satisfied, and (ii) such recommendation shall be subject to further Board review in the event that such approvals and/or legal requirements are not satisfied; and be it further RESOLVED, That Staff is authorized, on behalf of the Board, to transmit the Board’s decision and recommendation to NYPA, subject to the qualifications stated above regarding legal approvals and/or requirements, and to do any and all things and take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the Board’s decision and the foregoing resolution.

### **Other Business**

#### **5. Next Meeting**

Chair Colucci stated that the next regular meeting of the Western New York Power Proceeds Allocation Board will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

### **Adjournment**

On a motion made by member Elsenbeck and seconded by member Brennen, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:19 p.m. (5-0)

*Karen Delince*

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Vice President and Corporate Secretary