

**NIAGARA POWER COALITION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 6, 2015 – Following HCSC Meeting**  
Niagara County Department of Economic Development  
6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One  
Sanborn, New York 14132

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**1.0 Call to Order**

Chairman Ross called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

**2.0 Roll Call**

Ms. Melloni performed roll call:

**Representatives Present:**

Cynthia Bianco, Superintendent / Chairperson, HCSC	Niagara Falls City School District
Paul Casseri, Superintendent	Lewiston Porter School District
William L. Ross, Chairman, NC Legislature	Niagara County
Scott Hapeman, Esq.	Niagara Wheatfield School District
Lee Wallace, Supervisor	Town of Niagara
Dennis Brochey	Town of Lewiston
Thomas O'Donnell, Esq.	City of Niagara Falls

**Alternates/Guests:**

Thomas Burgasser, Esq.	Niagara County
Jackie Siegmann	Town of Niagara

**Staff Present:**

Mary Melloni, Secretary  
John M. Baird, Treasurer, NPC  
Stan Widger, Esq., NPC Counsel, Nixon Peabody  
Samuel M. Ferraro, Executive Director/Commissioner, Niag. Co. Dept of Economic Development

**3.0 2016 NPC Budget**

Mr. Hapeman explained that the 2016 Budget represents a 22% reduction from last year (\$68,860 from \$88,100). Much of the difference can be attributed to a reduction in legal fees. Legal services were used to assist the Ad Hoc Committee with various issues and there are no immediate issues to address at this time. The only other increase in expenses is a 3% raise for the Administrative Assistant and the hiring of a new Web Site provider.

***Mr. Hapeman made a motion to adopt the 2016 Budget as presented, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell. Motion passed.***

**4.0 Revisions to Conflict of Interest Policy**

Mr. Widger stated that the Authorities Budget Office has issued a recommendation to review and modify the Conflict of Interest Policy and included with their recommendation a model of what they expect to be in the policy. Mr. Widger stated that the NPC's policy stood up well in comparison to the recommended changes, however, some things emphasized by the ABO need to be included. He presented the document with his suggested revisions. This will be attached hereto and become a part hereof these minutes. It was agreed that Mr. Widger will allow time to review the document and provide him with comments. If there are no major comments, we will institute the revised policy.

**5.0 Correspondence – None.**

**6.0 Other Matters**

**7.0 Next Meeting – To be Determined**

**8.0 Adjournment**

*Mr. O'Donnell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hapeman. Motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary P. Melloni  
Secretary