



BUFFALO ERIE NIAGARA LAND IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
February 19th, 2026 – 2:30 PM
Brisbane Building Conference Room 521
403 Main Street
Buffalo, New York 14203

Call to Order by Board Chair, Scott Bylewski

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members *Present*:

Scott Bylewski, Daniel Castle, Jeremy Toth,
Thomas Baines, Michael Milks, Adam McNeill,
Karen Utz, Rosa Pizzi, Jessica Brown, Louis
Petrucci

Board Members *Excused*:

BENLIC Counsel *Present*:

BENLIC Staff:

John Sidd

Guests:

Jocelyn Gordon, Benjamin Brown, Matthew Azzano,
John Good

HAND OUTS:

Agenda; Minutes of November 2025 Board Meeting; November 2025 Treasurer's Report, December 2025 Treasurer's Report, January 2026 Treasurer's Report,

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Roll Call

Call to order by Board Chair Scott Bylewski.

2. BENLIC Overview

Executive Director Jocelyn Gordon presented a high-level overview of BENLIC, its mission, and activities. The presentation covered BENLIC's role as a NYS Land Bank, acquisition and disposition strategy, accomplishments since inception, funding sources, as well as historic and ongoing programs.

Board and Staff Members introduced themselves. Executive Director Jocelyn Gordon reviewed roles and responsibilities for members of the Board of Directors including the committees that will be seated at the upcoming annual meeting in March.

3. Approval of October 2025 Minutes:

The minutes of the November 20th, 2025 Board of Directors meeting were presented and reviewed.

A motion to approve November 20th, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Thomas Baines, seconded by Louis Petrucci, and unanimously carried as approved.

4. Treasurer's Report:

BENLIC provided the November 2025, December 2025, and January 2026 Treasurer's Report to the Board of Directors in advance of the meeting. Executive Director Jocelyn Gordon presented the Treasurer's Report to the Board. BENLIC's combined assets totaled \$15,035,652.18 on January 30, 2026.

A motion to approve the November 2025, December 2025, and January 2026 Treasurer's Report was made by Jeremy Toth, seconded by Adam McNeill, and unanimously carried as approved.

5. Approval of 2026 BENLIC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

The Board of Directors reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for 2026. All meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month beginning at 2:30 PM.

A motion to approve the bid for new construction by Buccilli Renovations was made by Thomas Baines, seconded by Daniel Castle and unanimously carried as approved.

There being no further business, Adam McNeill made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was unanimously carried as approved.

NEXT MEETING: Board of Directors Thursday, March 17th, 2026, 2:30 p.m.

Location: Conference Room 521, Brisbane Building 403 Main Street, Buffalo NY 14203

Recorded by: Matthew Azzano, BENLIC Staff

Submitted for Approval: Jocelyn Gordon, Executive Director

Adopted by BENLIC Board Members on March 17th, 2026.

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