

Grow Licking County CIC

Special Board of Directors Meeting
June 16, 2021

- Location: Johnstown Administration Building, 599 S. Main St., Johnstown, OH
and via Zoom
- Present: John Carlisle, John Fisher, Duane Flowers, Erin Grigsby, Patrick Guanciale, Mark Johns, Jim Layton, Jim Lenner, Lauren Massie, Jennifer McDonald, Dan McVey (12:02 PM), Jim Roberts, Joseph Robertson
- Excused: Corey Alton and Robert O'Neill
- Guests: Kent Mallett, The Newark Advocate; Mayor Charles Dutcher, Johnstown;
Johnstown Village representative; Alexis Fitzsimmons

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by Chair Mark Johns.

Ms. Massie called the roll. Mr. Fisher motioned, seconded by Mr. Layton to excuse absent directors.

The members of the executive director search committee made comments pertaining to Alexis Fitzsimmons, who was recognized as the final candidate for the position.

Chair Johns stated that he highly recommends Ms. Fitzsimmons based on her experience and presentation during the interview process (see handouts).

Mr. Lenner commented that the process was thorough and that he is excited about identifying the third executive director for the position. He stated that he concurs with the recommendation and looks forward to Licking County's future, and that because he has two daughters, he also appreciates a female leader in this role.

Mr. Fisher thanked Chair Johns for leading the committee, and thanked the others on the committee. He stated that he is impressed with Ms. Fitzsimmons and her experience.

Ms. McDonald stated that the committee asked Ms. Fitzsimmons some hard questions, and that she answered them very well. She said that she is excited about the recommendation and looks forward to working with her.

Chair Johns opened for comments from other directors. Mr. Carlisle commended the committee, and stated that he has full confidence in its selection of the final candidate. He suggested that a committee member bring forward a motion to hire Ms. Fitzsimmons.

Mr. Roberts thanked the search committee for their time.

Mr. Flowers commented that Chair Johns is the right person to chair GROW Licking County CIC during this process and transition. He stated that he is very supportive of the recommendation to hire Ms. Fitzsimmons.

Chairs Johns described the history of Grow Licking County CIC, and the importance of selecting A strong executive director to continue to lead the organization. He invited Ms. Fitzsimmons to make comments.

Ms. Fitzsimmons stated that she is very excited about the opportunity and believes that collaboration is key and something she already sees with this organization. She also stated that she hopes to build on the success of Grow Licking County CIC and looks forward to being a part of the team.

Items for Action

Mrs. McDonald motioned, seconded by Mr. Guancia to accept the committee's recommendation and hire Ms. Alexis Fitzsimmons, effective July 6, 2021. All present approved. The motion passed.

Mr. Guancia motioned, seconded by Mr. Flowers to authorize the Chair to sign the Lease Agreement with Murphy Group, Inc. for office space located at 33 W. Main St., Newark, OH, effective August 1, 2021, and ending July 31, 2022. All present approved. The motion passed.

Mr. Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Massie, Secretary