

**OHIO TAX CREDIT AUTHORITY MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
MEETING DATE: JANUARY 10, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Ohio Job Creation Tax Credit Authority was called to order at 10:01 a.m. on January 28, 2019 in Columbus, Ohio by Lydia Mihalik.

Roll Call:	Lydia Mihalik, Chair	Present
	Darnita Bradley	Present
	Brian Cooper	Present
	Emmett Kelly	Present
	David Smith	Present

Staff Members Present: Rasheda Hansard, Daniel Strasser, Eric Lindner, Lisa Colbert, John Werkman, Todd Walker, and Matt Peters

Others present: Tyler Lash, Tony Ciambrone, Jason Dunkle, Logan Dawson, Mary Cierebiej, and Walt Good

Minutes Approval: Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 meeting. Cooper seconded. The vote was 5-0 yes. Voting Mihalik, Kelly, Cooper, Bradley, and Smith.

PROJECTS

Great Lakes Cheese Co., Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in Troy Township, Geauga County. Mihalik made a motion to approve a tax credit of 2.281% for 10 years for Great Lakes Cheese Co., Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 400 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$23,750,000 in new annual payroll and retaining \$49,551,815 in existing payroll at the project location in Troy Township, Geauga County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2021 and end on 12/31/2030. Kelly seconded. The vote was 5-0. All present voted yes.

AVT Technology Solutions LLC appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in the Village of Obetz, Franklin County. Mihalik made a motion to approve a tax credit of 1.349% for 6 years for AVT Technology Solutions LLC in exchange for a commitment to create 88 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$3,900,000 in new annual payroll and retaining \$12,072,696 in existing payroll at the project location in the Village of Obetz, Franklin County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2019 and end on 12/31/2024. Cooper seconded. The vote was 5-0. All present voted yes.

Morgan Truck Body, LLC appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in the City of Orrville, Wayne County. Mihalik made a motion to approve a tax credit of 1.293% for 8 years for Morgan Truck Body, LLC in exchange for a commitment to create 139 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$4,865,000 in new annual payroll at the project location in the City of Orrville, Wayne County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2020 and end on 12/31/2027. Bradley seconded. The vote was 5-0. All present voted yes.

Kyotocooling - North America, LLC appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project at a to-be-determined location. Mihalik made a motion to approve a tax credit of 1.472% for 6 years for Kyotocooling - North America, LLC in exchange for a commitment to create 149 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$6,900,000 in new annual payroll and retaining \$1,050,000 in existing payroll at the to-be-determined project location. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2020 and end on 12/31/2025. Smith seconded. The vote was 5-0. All present voted yes.

Youngstown Tool and Die Company LLC appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in the City of Youngstown, Mahoning County. Mihalik made a motion to approve a tax credit of 1.467% for 7 years for Youngstown Tool and Die Company LLC in exchange for a commitment to create 60 new full-time

equivalent employees generating \$2,500,000 in new annual payroll and retaining \$2,000,000 in existing payroll at the project location in the City of Youngstown, Mahoning County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2019 and end on 12/31/2025. Kelly seconded. The vote was 5-0. All present voted yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

FedEx Supply Chain, Inc (City of Groveport/Franklin County)

The staff recommends that the Authority terminate the agreement without clawback for failure to maintain operations during the post-term reporting period. On 1/25/2010, the grantee was approved for a 45%/8 year tax credit in exchange for a commitment to create 80 FTEs with \$2,600,000 in new payroll at the project location. ODSA has learned that the grantee failed to maintain operations at the project location. Due to this failure, the Authority has statutory authorization to require clawback of 75% of the credits issued, which totaled \$117,174.53. After taking into consideration market conditions and the grantee's significant other operations in Ohio, staff recommends that the Authority terminate the agreement without clawback.

Mihalik made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Kelly seconded. The vote was 5-0. All present voted yes.

The BON-TON Department Stores, Inc. (Village of Obetz/Franklin County)

The staff recommends that the Authority terminate the agreement with clawback for failure to maintain operations during the active term of the agreement. On 1/27/2014, the grantee was approved for a 50%/7 year tax credit in exchange for a commitment to create 139 FTEs with \$3,755,668 in new payroll and to retain 60 FTEs with \$1,308,494 in retained payroll at the project location. ODSA has learned that the grantee failed to maintain operations at the project location. Due to this failure, the Authority has statutory authorization to require clawback of 100% of the credits issued, which totaled \$218,786.23. The grantee did not respond to a request for market conditions. Based on this information, the staff recommends that the Authority terminate the agreement with clawback of \$218,786.23.

Mihalik made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 5-0. All present voted yes.

PharmaForce, Inc. (City of New Albany/Franklin County)

The staff recommends that the Authority reassign the tax credit agreement from PharmaForce, Inc. (and associated FEIN) to American Regent, Inc. (and associated FEIN) due to a corporate restructuring.

Mihalik made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 5-0. All present voted yes.

FacilitySource, LLC (City of Columbus/Franklin County)

The staff recommends that the Authority reassign the tax credit agreement from FacilitySource, LLC and (and associated FEIN) to CBRE, Inc. (and associated FEIN) due to an acquisition.

Mihalik made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Smith seconded. The vote was 5-0. All present voted yes.

Avon Products, Inc. (Washington Township/Muskingum County)

The staff recommends that the Authority reassign the tax credit agreement from Avon Products, Inc. (and associated FEIN) to New Avon, LLC (and associated FEIN) due to a corporate restructuring.

Mihalik made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Bradley seconded; Kelly abstained. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

G-TEKT North America Corporation (Village of West Jefferson/Madison County)

The staff recommends that the Authority reassign the tax credit agreement from G-TEKT North America Corporation (and associated FEIN) to Jefferson Industries Corporation (and associated FEIN) due to an acquisition. Additionally, staff recommends that the Authority clarify the project location as 6670 State Route 29 NE, Plant 2, West Jefferson,

OH 43162.

Mihalik made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Kelly seconded. The vote was 5-0. All present voted yes.

ProLink Staffing Services, LLC (City of Montgomery/Hamilton County)

The staff recommends that the Authority add the project location at 4221 Malsbary Rd. Ste. 208, Cincinnati, OH 45242. The company has outgrown its current location and requires additional space to support expansion and job creation.

Mihalik made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Smith seconded; Kelly abstained. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Empower MediaMarketing, Inc. (City of Cincinnati/Hamilton County)

The staff recommends that the Authority change the project location from 1111 St. Gregory St., Cincinnati, OH 45202 to 15 E. 14th St., Cincinnati, OH 45202 as the buildout of the company's new location is now complete.

Mihalik made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Bradley seconded; Kelly abstained. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Verso Corporation (Miami Township/Clermont County)

The staff recommends that the Authority cancel the tax credit. The company never executed the tax credit agreement and has not received any tax credit certificates.

Mihalik made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Bradley seconded. The vote was 5-0. All present voted yes.

PatientPoint Network Solutions, LLC (Village of Sycamore/Wyandot County)

The staff recommends that the Authority cancel the tax credit. The company never executed the tax credit agreement and has not received any tax credit certificates.

Mihalik made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Bradley seconded; Kelly abstained. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

Withholding Adjustment Factor Recommendation

Mihalik made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to maintain the withholding adjustment factor at 12.8069% and Kelly seconded. The vote was 5-0. All present voted yes.

MOTION TO AJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. by Lydia Mihalik.

The next meeting is scheduled February 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. on the 31st Floor.

Chair of Ohio Tax Credit Authority's Signature


