

PUBLIC HEARING SCRIPT

**Unifrax I LLC and/or Individual(s) or
Affiliate(s), Subsidiary(ies), or Entity(ies)
formed or to be formed on its behalf
Project**

Public Hearing to be held on February 26, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.,
at the Town of Tonawanda Town Hall, 2919 Delaware Avenue
(Town Board Conference Room #21), Kenmore, New York 14217

ATTENDANCE:

John Thurber – Unifrax

Joseph Emminger – Supervisor, Town of Tonawanda

☒ 1. WELCOME: Call to Order and Identity of Hearing Officer.

Hearing Officer: Welcome. This public hearing is now open; it is 9:30 a.m. My name is Grant Lesswing. I am the Business Development Officer of the Erie County Industrial Development Agency, and I have been designated by the Agency to be the hearing officer to conduct this public hearing.

☒ 2. PURPOSE: Purpose of the Hearing.

Hearing Officer: We are here to hold the public hearing on the Unifrax I LLC and/or Individual(s) or Affiliate(s), Subsidiary(ies), or Entity(ies) formed or to be formed on its behalf project. The transcript of this hearing will be reviewed and considered by the Agency in determination of this project. Notice of this hearing appeared in The Buffalo News on Friday, February 15, 2019.

☒ 3. PROJECT SUMMARY: Description of Project and Contemplated Agency Benefits.

Hearing Officer: The proposed project (the "Project") consists of: (i) the construction and equipping of a 90,000+/- SF addition to an existing manufacturing facility located at 55 Pirson Parkway, Town of Tonawanda, Erie County, New York to be utilized for additional production space for the manufacturing of polycrystalline fiber product (the "Improvements"), and (ii) the acquisition and installation by the Company of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment," and collectively with the Improvements, the "Facility"). The proposed financial assistance contemplated by the Agency includes New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits, mortgage recording tax exemption

benefits, and real property tax abatement benefits (in compliance with Agency's uniform tax exemption policy).

4. FORMAT OF HEARING: Review rules and manner in which the hearing will proceed.

Hearing Officer: All those in attendance are required to register by signing the sign-in sheet at the front of the room; you will not be permitted to speak unless you have registered. If you have a written comment to submit for the record, you may do so. Written comments may also be delivered to the Agency at 95 Perry Street, Suite 403, Buffalo, New York 14203 until the comment period closes on March 26, 2019. There are no limitations on written comments.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Hearing Officer gives the Public an opportunity to speak.

Hearing Officer: If anyone is interested in making a comment, please raise your hand, state your name and address; if you are representing a company, please identify the company. I request that speakers keep comments to 5 minutes, and if possible, 3 minutes.

The Hearing Officer calls on those who raise their hand.

John Thurber – Vice President, Unifrax. First of all, I thank you for the opportunity to be here today. Unifrax has submitted an application for an additional project located at 55 Pirson Parkway. This would be for an approximately 90,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility for line 7. This is an additional PCW line in the Town of Tonawanda. Thank you.

Hon. Joseph Emminger – Supervisor, Town of Tonawanda. I am here today to support Unifrax's efforts for benefits from the ECIDA. Unifrax has been a great corporate citizen here in the Town of Tonawanda for decades and has spent over one hundred million dollars over the past 6-7 years and this will add on to that figure. They have not only worked with the Town but with the ECIDA in good times and bad times. Maybe not so bad times but not so good times and we have worked together as partners to get through those times and they understand the ECIDA's goals & objectives. Certainly, the Town of Tonawanda wants to help Unifrax any way that we can with this project, and we are glad that they are expanding in the Town of Tonawanda since they could go anywhere in the global environment that we live in and we appreciate their confidence in the Town of Tonawanda and Erie County and locating this expansion project here.

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6. ADJOURNMENT:

As there were no further comments, the Hearing Officer closed the public hearing at 9:45 a.m.

**SIGN IN SHEET
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Project Location: 55 Pirson Parkway, Tonawanda, New York

Name	Company and/or Address	X box to speak/ comment
John Thurber	Unifrax 500 Riverwalk Parkway Tonawanda, NY 14150	X
Hon. Joseph Emminger	Town of Tonawanda 2919 Delaware Avenue Kenmore, New York 14217	X