



NYS Natural Fiber Textile Development Workgroup Meeting Minutes

Friday November 17, 2023

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

10B Airline Drive, Albany NY 12235, Apple Orchard Empire Conference Room
Shirley A. Chisholm State Office Building, 55 Hanson Place, Brooklyn NY
2069 Elm Street, New Woodstock, NY 13122
Buffalo State University Technology Building Room 303, 1300 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo,
NY 14222
Virtual via WebEx

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1. The NYS Natural Fiber Textile Development Workgroup was called to order by the Designee of the Chair, Lauren Williams, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

Natural Fiber Textile Development Workgroup Members (In Albany)

- Lauren Williams, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets (AGM Designee)*
- Stephanie Kedzior, *Empire State Development (ESD Designee)*
- Cecilia Tkaczyk, *Barton Hill Jacobs*
- Mary Jeanne Packer, *Empire Sheep Producers Association*
- Rabbit Goody, *Thistle Hill Weavers*
- Mimi Prober, *Mimi Prober Designs*
- Stephen Hadcock, *CCE Livestock Team*
- Renee St. Jacques, *NY Farm Bureau*
- Lilly Marsh, *Lilly Marsh Studios*
- Jeff Silberman, *Hudson Valley Textile Project*

Workgroup Members (Virtual Due to Extraordinary Circumstance)

- Gail Parrinello, *Hudson Valley Textile Project*

NYS Agriculture and Markets Staff

- Kathryn Davis, *Program Manager, Agricultural Development*
- Kendall Hough, *Program Manager, Agricultural Development*
- Jessica Brooks, *Program Manager, Agricultural Development*
- Jessica Henesy, *Program Manager, Agricultural Development*
- Taylor Goodell, *Food Policy Specialist, Agricultural Development*



Current members of the Natural Fiber Textile Development Workgroup include:

- Cecilia Tkaczyk, *Barton Hill Jacobs*
 - Mary Jeanne Packer, *Empire Sheep Producers Association*
 - Gail Parrinello, *Hudson Valley Textile Project*
 - Rabbit Goody, *Thistle Hill Weavers*
 - Mimi Prober, *Mimi Prober Designs*
 - Stephen Hadcock, *CCE Livestock Team*
 - Renee St. Jacques, *NY Farm Bureau*
 - Lilly Marsh, *Lilly Marsh Studios*
 - Dr. KeunYoung Oh, *Buffalo State University*
 - Steve Halton, *CNY Hemp*
 - Jeff Silberman, *Hudson Valley Textile Project*
2. Welcome and Introductions from Lauren Williams and Stephanie Kedzior
 3. Review of Minutes from the previous meeting, led by Kathryn Davis
 - a. There were no objections to the minutes
 4. Overview of Division Programs
 - a. Presentation on NYS Grown & Certified by Jessica Brooks, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*
 - b. Presentation on Taste NY by Jessica Henesy, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*
 5. Group Discussion
 - a. Kathryn Davis led the Natural Fiber Textile Development Workgroup in a discussion responding to questions to develop actionable solutions around recommendations following the 2023 report.
 - b. For a detailed overview of this discussion, please view the recording of this meeting posted to the NYS Agriculture and Markets website here:
<https://agriculture.ny.gov/natural-fiber-textile-development-workgroup>
 6. Closing Remarks from Lauren Williams
 7. Lauren Williams adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm.