APPROVED Minutes from the First Meeting of the
Nineteenth New York State Dairy Promotion Order Advisory Board
Held in Homer, NY
Tuesday, June 16, 2026, 8:00am – 12:30pm

Attendees

Board Members Present: Quorum established.
Chair L. Bailey, Vice Chair J. Patterson, J. Whittaker, A. Lamb, R. Wolf, J. Kehl, E. Ooms, J. Klapper, M. Gerst

Board Members Present via Webex:
D. Handy

New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Staff Present:
Deputy Commissioner K. Howard, A. Giuliano, H. Torino (virtually), C. Gravelle, E. Peila, A. Martin (virtually)

Disclaimer: This was a public meeting and procedure followed all rules set forth in Open Meetings Law. Meetings were recorded and posted on the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets website, along with meeting minutes and additional materials presented. Use the following link to access the webpage:
https://agriculture.ny.gov/dairy/dairy-promotion-order

Meeting

Purpose: 2027 Budget and Goals Meeting

1. **Opening Remarks/Roll Call/Quorum:**
   - Chair L. Bailey welcomed everyone, asked all board members and AGM staff to introduced themselves, conducted roll call and established quorum.

2. **Approval of Past Minutes:**
   - E. Peila provided the March 11-12, 2026, meeting minutes to the board prior to today's meeting.
   - Resolution: A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 11-12, 2026, meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **2027 Goals:**
   - The Board reviewed the 2027 goals one by one and edited four of the existing goals.
   - Resolution: A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2027 goals. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Transition of Contracts**
   - AGM staff informed board members and contractors that New York State Agriculture and Markets will take complete authority over Dairy Promotion Order contracts and how this will impact the 2026 contracts. AGM staff members will be reaching out to each contractor to work on getting required documents and to guide them through the process.

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5. **2027 Budget:**
    - C. Gravelle presented the USDA milk projections for 2027.
        - The recommendation was to not exceed $17.0 million for the 2027 budget, $16.85 million will be allocated for contracts with $150,000 for administration.
    - Resolution: A motion was made and seconded to approve a 2027 budget of $17.0 million. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **RFA Format & Release Date:**
    - E. Peila will work with internal staff to change and upload the RFA.
    - AGM staff are hopeful the RFA will be released in July 2026 with the submission deadline date to be included with the released RFA.

7. **Board Member Discussion:**
    - The board decided on October 14th – 16th, 2026 for the 2027 Funding meeting.
    - The board discussed possible locations for their early winter Educational Meeting.

8. **Public Comment Opportunity:**
    - No public comments were provided.

9. **Closing Remarks:**
    - Chair L. Bailey thanked everyone for their time and effort.

10. **Meeting Adjourned at 12:30pm**

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Peila

Attachments:
2027 approved goals