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**Announcing Dave Seeley as Next Executive Director**

Rochester, NY: Workforce Development nonprofit RochesterWorks! has selected Dave Seeley as its next executive director. Seeley will succeed the late Peter Pecor, who passed earlier this year after more than ten years leading the organization.

In March, the Monroe County/Rochester Workforce Development Board and Monroe County leaders appointed a diverse, seven-member selection committee to begin the search. Members drafted a statement to guide the process: The work that we do right now should contribute to good jobs, a stronger economy and a better quality of life for every Monroe County resident by 1) helping youth and adult workers of all types to advance in their careers; 2) supporting businesses as they seek to hire, train, and promote a more diverse, more inclusive workforce; and 3) leading by example by striving for equitable outcomes for the people we serve and the people who work for us.

After reviewing 50 candidate applications, the committee screened and interviewed a cohort of applicants with varied backgrounds. Workforce Development Board Chair Sergio Esteban said of the committee's selection, "Dave has the skills and experience to carry RochesterWorks! into the future."

Dave Seeley has spent his entire career in public service, most recently as the Supervisor of his hometown of Irondequoit. As Supervisor, Seeley has overseen the largest sustained investment in the Irondequoit community in its modern history. Before his role in Irondequoit, Seeley spent extensive time in State Government, in both the Governor's Office and State Assembly. He is a 2003 graduate of Allegheny College and received a Masters in Public Administration in 2014 from SUNY Brockport.

"I am honored to have been appointed to serve as the next Executive Director of RochesterWorks!, mindful of the high bar that has been set by my predecessor, the late Peter Pecor. As we emerge from the pandemic, our economy and labor workforce face unprecedented challenges, but also immense opportunity. I look forward to working with all stakeholders in our local economy to ensure that we are providing economic opportunity and mobility to every member of our community."

When Seeley assumes the role this summer, he will work closely with staff and the Monroe County/Rochester Workforce Development Board to ensure the organization can continue to adapt to serve job seekers, youth, and businesses through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic

and beyond. One of Seeley's first acts as director will be to oversee the reopening of RochesterWorks! three Career Center locations to in-person appointments and services, including recruitment events, workshops, and other workforce development programming. # # #

*As Monroe County's largest employment and training initiative, RochesterWorks! is dedicated to developing a strong workforce in the Rochester, NY, region as we serve job seekers, youth, and businesses in our community.*