

Tompkins County Strategic Tourism Planning Board

Wednesday, September 16, 2026; 3:00 – 5:00pm

Old Jail (Scott Heyman Conference Room)

125 E. Court Street, Ithaca, NY 14850

[Attend online via Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 879 0874 7921 | Passcode: 720914

AGENDA

Start

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| 1. STPB Meeting Minutes | 3:00 |
| • ACTION – Approve July Meeting Minutes | |
| 2. Privilege of the Floor | |
| • Limit of 3 minutes per person for members of the public to address the board | |
| 3. Chair’s Report – Doug Levine | 3:05 |
| 4. Staff Report– Nick Helmholdt | 3:10 |
| 5. Community Celebrations Grant Review Committee | 3:15 |
| • ACTION: Recommend Fall 2026 grant awards | |
| 6. Tourism Capital Grant Review Committee – Ken Jupiter | 3:25 |
| • ACTION: Recommend 2026 grant awards | |
| 7. Membership and Bylaws Committee | 3:40 |
| • ACTION: Recommend voting members for reappointment | |
| 8. Member Announcements | 4:00 |
| 9. Adjournment | |

Agenda Packet

1. Draft July meeting minutes
2. September staff report
3. [2025 Economic Impact of Visitors in New York – Finger Lakes](#)
4. Community Celebrations Grant – Proposed Awards
5. Tourism Capital Grant – Proposed Awards



MISSION: The Strategic Tourism Planning Board is charged by the Tompkins County Legislature with providing oversight and strategic direction for tourism initiatives that ***promote economic development*** and ***enhance the quality of life*** in Tompkins County.