



2024 MEDA Annual Conference
Business Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2024
Chesapeake Bay Hyatt Regency

The MEDA Business Meeting was called to order by MEDA Board President Richard Griffin, CEcD at 8:39 a.m. Mr. Griffin thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Minutes: Mr. Griffin invited MEDA Secretary Kelly Robinson-Slagle to present the minutes of the January 2024 business meeting for approval. Ms. Robinson-Slagle presented the minutes and asked for approval from the members. There was a motion by Renée Winsky and second by Lori Valentine, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Renée Winsky, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. She provided a brief overview of the MEDA financial statements and indicated that MEDA was in a good financial position. There were no questions from the members.

Membership: Membership co-chairs Denise Beaver, CEcD and Ebony Stocks submitted the names of 50 new and returning members for consideration of membership in MEDA. With those new members, MEDA now has 532 members. Ms. Stocks asked for approval of the new members from the group. There was a motion by Denise Beaver and a second by Renée Winsky, and all nominations for membership were unanimously approved.

Election of Officers: Ms. Kimberly Clark, Past President, presented the 2024-2025 slate of Officers as follows:

President: Richard Griffin, CEcD, Director, City of Frederick Department of Economic Development

Vice President: Tammi Thomas, Chief Development and Marketing Officer, TEDCO

Secretary: Kelly Robertson-Slagle, Director, Charles County Economic Development Department

Treasurer: Renée Winsky, President and Founder, Bay One Group, LLC

Past President: Daniel (Danny) Thompson, Executive Director, Somerset County Economic Development

Ms. Clark asked for a motion to approve the slate of Executive Officers as presented. A motion was made by Lori Valentine, seconded by Amy Seitz, and the Executive Officers were unanimously elected.

Ms. Clark then announced the remaining board members for the 2024-2025 term as follows:

Awards Co-Chairs

Dawn Medley, President and Chief Executive Officer, FSC First

Destiny Mitchell, Senior Program Officer, Economic Development, Local Initiatives Support Corporation

Business Development

Jerry Sanford, Managing Director Business and Economic Development Officer, The Harbor Bank of Maryland

John Stalfort, Principal, Miles & Stockbridge P.C.

Membership

Denise Beaver, CEcD, Deputy Director, Carroll County Department of Economic Development

Ebony Stocks, Executive Vice President, Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation

Professional Development

Trish Heidenreich, CEcD, President, Economic Development Initiatives Group

Jamie Williams, CEcD, Director, Kent County Economic & Tourism Development

Program Development

Lara Fritts, CEcD, Executive Director, Frederick County Office of Economic & Workforce Development

Lori Ratzburg, Senior Director, Regional Growth & Retention, Maryland Department of Commerce

Public Policy

Andrea Mansfield, Associate, Manis Canning & Associates

Lori Valentine, Vice President of Policy and Public Relations, Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation

Young Leaders

Allison Akers, Digital Marketing Manager, Vision Technologies

Jennifer LaHatte, Managing Director of Policy, Research, and Government Affairs, Maryland Department of Commerce

Mr. Griffin thanked the executive committee and the committee co-chairs for their efforts throughout the year. He welcomed the new MEDA members and provided an overview of the conference.

The business meeting was adjourned at 9:19am.