

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING
MARYLAND INNOVATION INITIATIVE (MII)**

March 9, 2017
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Participating Board Members:

Karl Steiner, Vice Chair
Victor McCrary
Philip Robilotto
Nina Urban
Mary Beth Tung
Julie Lenzer

Participating TEDCO Staff

Stephen Auvil
Silvia Goncalves
John Gustin
Ira Schwartz, TEDCO Counsel

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2017.

The Board considered the minutes from the January 12, 2017 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Vice Chairman's Report

K. Steiner welcomed Julie Lenzer, the new MII Board Member from University of Maryland, College Park.

IV. Director's Report (given by John Gustin)

J. Gustin reported on the applications received on March 1st.

J. Gustin discussed the upcoming iCorps workshop taking place at TEDCO on May 23 -24, 2017

J. Gustin and J. Hammaker met with World Wildlife Fund and will be following up with them in the future.

Statement for Closing the Meeting

A motion was made and seconded that the Board go into closed session. The motion included the following:

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION

State Government Article Sec.10-508(a)(5):

A public body may meet in closed session ... to consider the investment of public funds.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED: The MII board will discuss which pending grant applications to consider, given the rankings received and other relevant factors. The discussion might also relate to the characteristics of specific applications.

REASON FOR CLOSING: The MII board believes that confidentiality is essential to protect sensitive information about plans and processes that applicants divulge, to avoid a chilling effect on future submissions, and to enable candid discussion of how best to invest limited resources.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The Board went into a closed session at 2:00 p.m. to consider and vote on various grant applications. Six of the nine applications from the January 2017 submissions were recommended to the Board for consideration. In accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law, Board members recused themselves from that portion of the discussion that pertained to applications from their own universities. The members then discussed and approved six applications.

The meeting reopened at 2:18pm

V. Other Business

Victor McCrary spoke about his appointment to the National Science Foundation.

Julie Lenzer discussed a new program at UMCP that involves cyber security opportunities.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.