

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

May 18, 2017
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Participating Board Members:

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

Participating TEDCO Staff

Stephen Auvil
Dan Gincel
Silvia Goncalves
John Gustin
Ira Schwartz, TEDCO Counsel

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of March 9, 2017.

The Board considered the minutes from the March 9, 2017 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The Board agreed that it would be useful to have a Retreat to discuss challenges and issues with the program. It was agreed that Board Members would send Jennifer some ideas of what they would like discussed at the Retreat.

D. Gincel discussed the State's requirement to have one Board Member take a 2hr. training for the Open Meeting Act. It was agreed that both the Chair and Vice Chair would do the training.

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 2:33 p.m. to consider and vote on various grant applications. Eight of the thirteen applications from the March 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 7 applications. One application was deferred to the next Board Meeting for approval contingent on changes to be made by the Principal Investigator.

The meeting reopened at 3:19pm

IV. Other Business

David Fink, site miner for UMBC, and Bob Storey, site miner for JHU, discussed the role of Site Miners and process to get an applicant ready for submission, and the university's pipeline.

Victor announced that on March 25, 2017 Governor Hogan signed a bill designating Morgan State University as the State's preeminent public urban research institution university.

Victor extended an invitation to all members to the Annual Open House at Morgan State University on June 23, 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.