

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

September 10, 2020  
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Participating Board Members:**

Bob Hallenbeck, Chair  
Wendy Martin  
Mary Morris  
Renee Winsky, Vice Chair  
Patrick Ho  
Mary Beth Tung  
Willie May  
Kenneth Porter

**Participating TEDCO Staff**

Stephen Auvil  
Silvia Goncalves  
Arti Santhanam  
Griffin St. Louis  
Tammi Thomas  
Troy Stovall  
Terry Rauh  
Jody Sprinkle  
Ira Schwartz, TEDCO Counsel

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Approval of Minutes of July 9, 2020**

The Board considered the minutes from the July 9, 2020 meeting and unanimously approved.

**III. Chairman's Report**

S. Auvil gave an overview of new opportunities for TEDCO that are currently being discussed.

**IV. Director's Report**

A discussion ensued regarding new ideas for expansion of the MII program.

Ira Schwartz explained the MII Statute limitations.

Board discussed using the program as it is currently configured and see if we could better Federal Labs by working with the 5 universities. Board members Ken Porter and Willie May offered to work with staff to explore further possibilities.

### **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**

##### **General Provisions Article of the MD Code, Section 3-305(b)(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 2:05 p.m. to consider and vote on various grant applications. Five of the twelve applications from the July 2020 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 **five** applications above the recommended line.

##### **State Government Article §10-508(a)(1)(ii):**

A public body may adjourn an open session to discuss “any . . . personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals”.

**TOPIC TO BE DISCUSSED:** The MII board will discuss matters underlying the recent departure of a specific program employee.

**REASON FOR CLOSING:** The MII Board believes that confidentiality is essential to protect sensitive information about the departed employee.

The meeting went into Executive Session followed by the vote and adjourned at 3:33pm.