

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

November 12, 2020  
1:30 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 LeMaile-Stovall  
Ira Schwartz, TEDCO Counsel

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2020**

The Board considered the minutes from the October 8, 2020 meeting and after a minor change, was unanimously approved.

**III. Chairman's Report**

TEDCO CEO T. LeMaile-Stovall summarized state budget activity and informed the Board that MII budget would remain unchanged for FY21.

**IV. Director's Report**

A. Santhanam discussed the budget and money remaining for the rest of the fiscal year.

A. Santhanam announced that she is working on two projects. She has been speaking with University Systems of Maryland about getting the comprehensive universities involved with MII. The second project is to engage the federal labs about technology partnerships and commercialization.

A.Santhanam announced that the MII RFA is being updated with the new investment terms.

A discussion ensued regarding the diversity in the Review Committee and ways to accomplish that. The Board also discussed if changes to the review process should be made.

### **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 2:41 p.m. to consider and vote on various grant applications. Eight of the sixteen applications from the September 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 eight applications above the recommended line.

The meeting reopened at 3.46 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.