

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

April 24, 2024
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Participating Board Members:

Renee Winsky, Chair
Christina DeMur
Wendy Martin
Mary Morris
Wayne Swann
Ken Porter

Participating TEDCO Staff

Silvia Goncalves
Griffin St. Louis
Valery Gutierrez
Troy LeMaile-Stovall, TEDCO CEO
Stephen Auvil, TEDCO
Alex Choi, TEDCO
Mindy Lehman, TEDCO
Ira Schwartz, TEDCO Counsel

Participating Other/Guests

Joseph Naft, MIPS

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m.

II. Baltimore Innovation Initiative (BII)

R. Winsky gave an overview of the agenda followed by a brief explanation of the Baltimore Tech Hub and how the BII bill relates. R. Winsky referenced a two-page summary of the BII created by A. Choi and emailed to the Board in advance of this meeting by S. Goncalves. Up to twenty eligible institutions listed and following the “pay-to-play” model that MII currently uses.

S. Auvil and M. Lehman gave clarification to the program details and offered suggestions. R. Winsky describes that this pilot program will require a new staff member to travel to these eligible institutions and work closely with the appropriate representatives to educate them on this program and bring awareness to them available funding opportunity. I. Schwartz noted that the legislation may have required that MII promulgate regulations for the program.

A discussion ensued on the details and timing of the Tech Hub award.

R. Winsky shared that she spoke with Joseph Naft previously. J. Naft notes that the MIPS program and the BII are similar, and that MIPS could potentially provide administrative support to BII if needed.

A discussion ensued on whether or not MII is responsible for developing criteria or promulgating regulations. M. Lehman and A. Choi will get clarification on this.

The Board creates a Work Group that will work to establish criteria / basic regs for this program, if necessary. Board volunteers for this work group: Mary Morris, Christina DeMur, Wendy Martin, and led by Wayne Swann.

III. UM-BILD Collaboration / NIH REACH Grant

At 12:09pm, R. Winsky gave an overview of the UM-BILD/NIH REACH grant and detailed the funding amounts and requirements. R. Winsky shared that she and M. Morris spoke with University of Baltimore staff Alastair MacKay and Linda Petrillo regarding their input. The goal is to leverage this NIH funding opportunity to benefit the PI applicants at University of Maryland Baltimore, Morgan State University, and University of Baltimore County. These are primary partners but can be expanded to include more institutions.

M. Morris shared a website link for the UM-BILD.

W. Martin disclosed that she is a co-PI representing UMBC and a part of the review process for this UM-BILD program. W. Martin gave an overview how the process creating this program went. Each UM-BILD grant would be a max of up to \$75k. A discussion ensued on how MII will incorporate the UM-BILD.

M. Morris will ask Dr. Jason Rose and Alastair MacKay to call an informational meeting on the UM-BILD and invite all parties to provide clarification.

IV. Closed Session – Executive Director Search Discussion

General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(1):

A public body may adjourn an open session to discuss personnel matters that affect one or more specific individuals.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED: The discussion will concern the qualifications of one or more specific candidates for MII Executive Director.

REASON FOR CLOSING: The Board believes that confidentiality is necessary to enable candid discussion pertaining to the qualifications of the aforementioned individual(s).

The motion made by Mary Morris, seconded by Wendy Martin, and passed unanimously. The Board went into a closed session at 12:41 p.m.

MII staff were excused, and the Board went into an executive closed session in order to discuss progress on the search for the new Executive Director.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by R. Winsky at 1:15 p.m.