



## **MEDA – Winter Conference - Business Meeting Minutes**

2021 Legislative Outlook for Economic Development

January 14, 2021 – 8:45 AM

Online via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by MEDA Board President Heather Gramm at 8:45 AM. Heather thanked everyone for attending the MEDA Winter Conference – 2021 Legislative Outlook for Economic Development virtually. She also thanked the event sponsors which allowed this conference to happen – Maryland Department of Commerce, Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development, Anne Arundel Economic Development Corp., City of Annapolis and Regional Manufacturing Institute of Maryland. Thanked the program committee members who assisted in preparing the event agenda and panelist. Heather reminded everyone that the Winter Conference will be done a little different this year, with the second panel with elected officials will take place on February 22, 2021.

Throughout this pandemic, Heather reminded everyone that MEDA has continued to provide value programming, young leaders events, Members only tours, and the MEDA Awards tribute to our award winners.

Heather reminded everyone to keep checking MEDA’s website for upcoming events.

### **Minutes:**

Heather invited MEDA Secretary Richard Griffin to present the minutes of the September 21, 2020 business meeting for approval. Richard presented the minutes and asked for approval from the members. There was a motion by Sean Looney and second by Renee Winsky, and the minutes were unanimously approved using the online poll. There was an additional vote that took place regarding a by-law change - *The MEDA Executive Committee will move for approval of a minor change to Article V of the MEDA ByLaws for consideration by the MEDA membership at its January 14, 2021 Business Meeting. The purpose of the change is to clarify that officer terms commence at the MEDA Annual Meeting which is typically held in April, not the Annual Conference which will not occur until September, 2021. This necessary revision became apparent to the MEDA executive committee as a result of the COVID pandemic which has caused the MEDA Annual meeting and the Annual Conference to occur at different times of the year as allowed. Bylaws changes must be approved by ¾ of the MEDA members present when the motion is made. Article V. “The Officers shall be elected annually by the members at its annual meeting. The Officers may be elected to two consecutive - one (1) year terms*

*commencing per election at the Annual ~~Conference~~ Meeting, and shall serve until their successors are elected.* There was a motion to approve by Sean Looney and second by Renee Winsky, by-law change was unanimously approved by using the online poll. Steve McHenry and Keasha Haythe, both voted verbally. Richard thanked the attendees for their approval.

**Membership:**

Membership co-chair Ebony Stocks submitted 20 names of new and returning members for consideration for membership in MEDA. With those new members, MEDA is now at 474 members Ebony asked for approval from the members. A motion was made by Renee Thomas and a second was made by Jamie Williams. All new members were approved unanimously using the online poll. Renee thanked the attendees for the approval and welcomed the new members.

The business meeting was adjourned at 9:00AM