

MEDA Fall Conference

September 14, 2021 – 9:02 AM to 9:10 AM

ONLINE – Zoom

The meeting was called to order by MEDA President Danny Thompson at 9:00 am. Danny welcomed everyone to the online Fall Conference via Zoom.

Minutes

Danny invited MEDA Secretary Denise Beaver to present the July 28, 2021 minutes for approval. Denise stated that the Summer Business Meeting minutes were posted on the MEDA web site and members received a link to those minutes. The minutes were also shared onscreen. Denise asked for a motion to approve the minutes in the chat; a motion to approve was entered by Laurie Boyer Babb, CECD and seconded by Allison Akers. The members entered approval of the minutes via a Poll and the minutes were approved.

Membership Report

Membership Co-Chair Renee Winsky presented 15 new members for MEDA membership. Rosa Cruz made a motion to accept the new members and Tammy Thomas seconded the motion. All new members were approved for membership bringing the new MEDA membership total to 465. Danny thanked and recognized the new MEDA members.

Program Committee

Danny thanked the program committee co-chairs Kelly Slagle and Tammy Thomas and the committee for the work on the fall conference. It was noted that the program committee is offering opportunities for future speakers through an RFP on the MEDA website. Danny also recognized and thanked the fall conference sponsors – Rockville Economic Development, Inc., Maryland Department of Commerce, and Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development.

Adjournment

Danny thanked the members for their participation and the official meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM. Danny announced the Fall Conference “Economic Recovery – Best Practices in Small Business & Workforce Trends Moving Forward” and introduced keynote speaker Anirban Basu, President of Sage Policy Group to deliver his presentation “Anirban Basu and the Chamber of Data”.