

MEDA Winter Conference - Business Meeting

January 13, 2022 – 9:30 AM to 9:45 AM

ONLINE – Zoom

The MEDA Business meeting was called to order by President Danny Thompson at 9:30 am. Earlier President Thompson welcomed everyone to the winter conference and introduced the Anne Arundel County and City of Annapolis officials who also provided a welcome to the conference attendees. Danny also recognized and thanked the winter conference sponsors – Maryland Department of Commerce, Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development, Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation, and the City of Annapolis Economic Development.

Minutes

Danny invited MEDA Secretary Denise Beaver to present the September 14, 2021 minutes for approval. Denise stated that the Fall Business Meeting minutes were posted on the MEDA web site and members received a link to those minutes. Denise asked for a motion to approve the minutes in the chat; a motion to approve was entered by Renee Winsky and seconded by Tammi Thomas. The members entered approval of the minutes via a Poll and the minutes were approved.

Membership Report

Membership Co-Chairs Ebony Stocks and Renee Winsky presented 29 new members for MEDA membership. Tammi Thomas made a motion to accept the new members and Rosa Cruz seconded the motion. All new members were approved for membership bringing the new MEDA membership total to 475. Danny welcomed the new and returning MEDA members.

Public Policy Awareness Committee

Danny recognized the Public Policy Committee co-chairs Andrea Mansfield and Lori Valentine for their work with BEACON at Salisbury University on the Economic Development Awareness Report. Mr. John Hickman provided a report update and shared some examples of the statewide and jurisdiction level statistics and infographics which will be available once completed along with case studies that demonstrate the economic development impact that is made to enrich communities and advance opportunities throughout Maryland.

Adjournment

Danny thanked the members for their participation and the official meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM. Danny announced the continuation of the Winter conference with the Maryland Business Leadership panel moderated by Shelonda Stokes, President of the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore.