

MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2023

The regular meeting of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority convened at 1:00 p.m. via teleconference only at 267-930-4000/meeting ID 204072937.

The following were in attendance at this meeting:

Authority Members	MMG Staff
Les Hall	Randy Croxton
Chuck Martin	Anthony Williams
Mara Sierocinski	Michael Howard
Clem Kaikis	Robin Harris
Gina Ramsey	

**Attorney General's Office
Barbara Kountz, Deputy Counsel**

MINUTES

April 13, 2023

EXTENSIONS

**MainStreet Technologies, Inc.
Point of Excellence Beauty Academy, LLC**

MODIFICATION

Orcana Biotech LLC

NEW REQUEST

Fearless DSI, LLC

There was no closed session of the April 13, 2023, meeting.

MINUTES

April 13, 2023

Action Taken: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

EXTENSION

Presenter: Randy Croxton

Applicant: MainStreet Technologies, Inc.

Loan Amount: \$500,000 Contract Financing Line of Credit

Original Approval Date: March 31, 2016

Request: Approval was requested for a 60-day maturity date extension of the line of credit through June 22, 2023, to allow more time for the renewal to close.

Discussion: There was limited discussion regarding the need for an extension and the length of the extension.

Action Taken: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Authority unanimously approved the request as presented.

EXTENSION

Presenter: Randy Croxton

Applicant: Point of Excellence Beauty Academy, LLC

Loan Amount: \$250,000 Surety Bond Direct

Comments: Approval was requested for a 60-day maturity date extension of the line of credit through June 22, 2023, to allow more time for the renewal to close.

Discussion: There was limited discussion regarding the request.

Action Taken: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Authority unanimously approved the request as presented.

NOTE:

There are a few time sensitive SSBCI requests and modifications which may require an earlier scheduled special meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 1 p.m. in lieu of the regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2023. MMG will confirm the proposed meeting schedule change.

The Open Meeting then closed at 1:20 p.m. upon motion made and seconded, and approved by all voting members, the meeting was closed pursuant to General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b) (13), “to comply with a specific... statutory... requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter”, that is, the Maryland Public Information Act prohibits disclosure of trade secrets, confidential commercial and confidential financial information. Chairman Les Hall signed the Presiding Officer's Written Statement for Closing a Meeting under the Open Meetings Act, which is attached to these minutes as an exhibit.

APPROVED:

Celester A. Hall - COMMERCE
Celester A. Hall - COMMERCE - (May 15, 2023 12:03 EDT)

Celester A. Hall
Chairman

DATE:

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PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING

UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT

(General Provisions Article § 3-305)

1. Recorded vote to close the meeting:

Date: April 27, 2023

Time: 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm

Location: Held by conference call at 267.930.4000/684 358 366

Motion to close meeting made by Clemis Kaikis Seconded by Gina Ramsey

Vote to Close Session:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Celester Hall, Chair, Designee Secretary of Commerce	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Clemis Kaikis, designee of Comptroller	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Charles Martin	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Kehinde Oreagba	[]	[]	[]	[x]
Sharon Pinder	[]	[]	[]	[x]
Gina Ramsey	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Mara Sierocinski	[x]	[]	[]	[]

2. Citation of statutory authority to close session (check all that apply): This meeting is being closed under General Provisions Article § 3-305(b), only:

___ (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals;

___ (2) To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business;

___ (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;

___ (4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State;

___ (5) To consider the investment of public funds;

___ (6) To consider the marketing of public securities;

X (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter;

___ (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;

___ (9) To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations;

___ (10) To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans;

___ (11) To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;

___ (12) To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;

X (13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter;

___ (14) Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

3. Disclosure of the topics to be discussed, for each citation checked above:

§3-305(b)(13) topics: Discussion and evaluation of the applications received from potential borrowers for financial assistance under programs of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority, which applications include the disclosure of financial information of private individuals and confidential commercial and financial information.

§3-305(b)(7) topics: Legal advice from counsel to the Authority with respect to the applications.

4. For each topic listed in #2, disclosure of the reason for discussing it in closed session rather than in open session:

§3-305(b)(13): Financial information of private individuals is protected from disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act (§4-336) and confidential commercial and financial information is protected from disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act (§4-335).

§3-305(b)(7): Protection of the attorney-client privilege.

This statement is made by Celester Hall, Chair of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority, Presiding Officer.



Celester Hall
Chair