

MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2025

The regular meeting of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority convened at 1:00 p.m. via teleconference only at 470-869-2200/meeting ID 428-245-6027.

The following were in attendance at this meeting:

Authority Members	MMG Staff
Les Hall	Anthony Williams
Chuck Martin	Randy Croxton
Sharon Pinder	Asu Suka
Mara Sierocinski	Mark Harrison
	Taber Small
	Robin Harris

Attorney General's Office
Roop Vijayan, Assistant Attorney General

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REPORT

Stacato, LLC

EXTENSIONS

Aidar Health, Inc.
BingeNow, LLC
Stacato, LLC

MODIFICATIONS

Compost Crew, Inc.
Fearless DSI, LLC

NEW REQUESTS

AG Healthcare, Inc. – Withdrawn from the agenda.
Addison Laundromat, LLC
Josefina Baltimore, LLC
The Magruder Group, LLC

The closed session of the March 27, 2025, meeting was summarized. The Authority Board meeting was attended by Les Hall, Chuck Martin, Mara Sierocinski, and Sharon Pinder. The meeting was closed to comply with requirements of the Maryland Public Information Act so that there would not be disclosure of confidential, commercial, and financial information associated with the applicants. The meeting was closed to discuss the new requests of Anegada Delights LLC, Keep Company, Inc.-SSBCI, Omega 3 Nutrition, Inc.-SSBCI, and The Magruder Project, Inc.; and a modification request of The Magruder Project, Inc. The new requests for Anegada Delights LLC, Keep Company, Inc.-SSBCI, and Omega 3 Nutrition, Inc.-SSBCI were approved. The Magruder Project, Inc. modification request was approved.

1. Anegada Delights, LLC – (New Deal) Approved \$80,000 for EPIP Term Loan for 5 years at 6%, 1 year contract, and 9 renewals.
2. Keep Company, Inc. – (New Deal) Approved \$250,000 SSBCI SAFE Investment.
3. The Magruder Project Inc. dba Pet Connect – Extension original convertible note for 4 years.
4. Omega 3 Nutrition, Inc. – (New Deal) Approved \$800,000 SSBCI SAFE Investment.

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

EXTENSION

Presenter: Mark Harrison

Applicant: Aidar Health, Inc.

Loan Amount: \$1,000,000 EPIP Series Seed Preferred Stock

Original Approval Date: November 26, 2024

Comments: An approval extension to May 22, 2025, was requested to allow more time for the second tranche of the approved loan to close.

Discussion: There was limited discussion regarding the requirements for each tranche.

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

EXTENSION

Presenter: Mark Harrison

Applicant: BingeNow, LLC

Loan Amount: \$150,000 EPIP InvestMD Convertible Note

Original Approval Date: April 12, 2018

Comments: An approval extension to June 26, 2025, was requested to allow more time for the restructuring approval to close.

Discussion: There was limited discussion regarding the owner's status of resuming his work duties.

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

EXTENSION/REPORT

Presenter: Mark Harrison

Applicant: Stacato, LLC

Loan Amount: \$1,000,000 EPIP SSBCI Series B Preferred Units

Original Approval Date: September 26, 2024

Comments: An extension of the approval date to May 22, 2025, was requested to allow more time for the financing to close. A report regarding the reasons for the delay in closing the financing and a modification previously approved by COMMERCE on behalf of the Board was also discussed.

Discussion: There was limited discussion regarding the request and the report.

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

The Open Meeting then closed at 1:25 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
Celester A. Hall (Jun 18, 2025 16:15 EDT)

Celester A. Hall, Chairman

DATE:

18/06/25

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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: 3/28/2025

Time: 1 pm – 2:35 pm

Location: Meridian Management Group, Inc., 826 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21202/Held by conference call at 267.930.4000/684 358 366

Motion to close meeting made by: Mara Sierocinski; Seconded by Sharon Pinder

Vote to Close Session:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Celester Hall, Chair, Designee Secretary of Commerce	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Ben Seigel, designee of Comptroller	[]	[]	[]	[]
Charles Martin	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Kehinde Oreagba	[]	[]	[]	[]
Sharon Pinder	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Gina Ramsey	[]	[]	[]	[]
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;
- ☒ (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;
- ☒ (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