



Wednesday, June 19, 2019
Rye Street Market
13 Rye Street, Baltimore, MD 21230
9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
Meeting Minutes

I. 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

II. 9:35 a.m. Call to Order

Jay Perman, MD - Chair, LSAB
President, University of Maryland, Baltimore

Dr. Perman gave opening remarks. He introduced Commerce Secretary Kelly Schulz who was attending her first official LSAB meeting since her appointment and swearing-in in January 2019. He stated that the focus of this meeting is recap selected activities since November 2019 as well as set priorities for 2019 and early 2020.

III. 9:40 a.m. Message from the Secretary

Kelly Schulz - Secretary, Maryland Department of Commerce

Secretary Schulz provided an overview of her first six months in the office and shared her vision for the Department of Commerce. She acknowledged the importance of LSAB's efforts as life sciences are one of Maryland's most valuable industry sectors as well as a great source of economic power in the state.

The Secretary shared details from her statewide listening tour where she is visiting each county to meet with business leaders and economic development officials. She stated that Commerce is creating a position that will serve as a resource for the thousands of small businesses across the state and help connect them with programs and tools at Commerce and elsewhere. She also said that Commerce is undertaking efforts to streamline the state government and allow its agencies to serve the business community better. For example, regional business development representatives across the state and representatives from different agencies have been grouped into several regions and assigned a team leader. They will be in regular contact to discuss projects and opportunities in each area to align skills and the resources of the appropriate agency.

Secretary Schulz discussed her vision for the Department of Commerce and economic development in general. The main goal is to increase prosperity across Maryland with a purpose of having a meaningful positive impact on families and communities. The life sciences community in the state has a momentum that needs to continue to be built on with the help of the LSAB.

IV. 9:45 a.m. Review and Acceptance of November 30, 2018 Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and approved, as motioned by Dr. Perman.

V. 9:50 a.m. Welcome and Overview - Port Covington

Scooter Monroe - Weller Development

Representatives from Weller Development gave an overview and update on the Port Covington development, which include plans for life science and cyber hubs.

VI. 10:10 a.m. Industry Updates - LSAB Selected Highlights

Bret Schreiber - Senior Director, Office of BioHealth and Life Sciences

Bret Schreiber provided updates on selected key initiatives in the life science ecosystem in Maryland achieved through the LSAB and Commerce efforts:

- UK Midlands MOU
- Baxter International Partnerships
- Kite Pharmaceuticals Announcement
- LifeBridge/Carefirst Innovation Partnership
- Maryland Delegation Updates from BIO 2019 International Conference

Ernesto Chanona provided updates on the Office of BioHealth and Life Sciences Industry Evaluation.

VII. 10:25 a.m. NIST - Maryland Department of Commerce Collaboration

Phil Singerman - Associate Director for Innovation and Industry Services, National Institute of Standards and Technology

Phil Singerman provided LSAB members an update on NIST's "Return on Investment" (ROI) effort to enhance technology transfer in federal labs. He also shared that NIST Director Walter Copen has directed his team to partner with the Department of Commerce to help initiate the ROI effort as well as other targeted innovation ecosystem support efforts.

VIII. 10:40 a.m. Next Steps - LSAB 2019 Initiatives

Bret Schreiber

Bret Schreiber stated that after careful deliberation, and taking into account current staffing levels, the Department of Commerce is recommending a deliberate course of action that identified three top priorities for 2019:

1. FDA Test Bed
2. NIST/Commerce Collaborations and Technology Transfer Deliverable
3. Legislative Study - SBIR/STTR and Federal Collaborations

These efforts have multiple components and fully adhere to the original April 2017 report, “BioHealth Acceleration Initiative - Recommendations for Accelerating the Growth of the Biohealth Industry in Maryland.” Additionally, the Legislative Study is an opportunity to submit policy recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature that seek to effectuate the goals of the LSAB.

IX. 11:00 a.m. Open Discussion

The LSAB discussed the proposed efforts for 2019 and endorsed them.

X. 11:30 a.m. Adjournment (11:30 a.m.)

Next LSAB Meeting Date: TBD