

Maryland E-Nnovation Initiative Fund Authority
Tuesday, October 19, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

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The Maryland E-Nnovation Initiative Fund Authority (“MEIFA” or the “Authority”) convened a meeting via conference call at 9:00 a.m. on October 19, 2021. A quorum was present.

Members:

Robert Hallenbeck, Chair

Stephen Auvil, Executive Vice President, Operations & Programs, TEDCO

Troy LeMaile-Stovall, Executive Director/CEO, TEDCO

Sarah Sheppard, Designee of the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Commerce

Renee Winsky, President & CEO, Leadership Maryland, President & Founder, Bay One Group, LLC

Dr. Jay Perman, Chancellor, University System of Maryland

Jack Miner, Chief Investment Officer, TEDCO

Staff, Guests, and Representatives:

Barbara Kountz, Deputy Counsel to Maryland Department of Commerce,
Assistant Attorney General

Connie Page, Administrative Associate, Office of Strategic Industries & Entrepreneurship,
Maryland Department of Commerce

Lindsay Ryan, Interim Vice Chancellor, Economic Development, University System of Maryland

Call Meeting to Order:

Chair Robert Hallenbeck called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Introduction of Authority Members and Others in Attendance:

Chair Hallenbeck initiated a roll call for Members, staff and guests in attendance. Those in attendance: Chair Hallenbeck, Ms. Winsky, Ms. Sheppard, Mr. Auvil, Mr. Miner, Mr. Stovall, Dr. Perman, Ms. Kountz, Ms. Page, and Ms. Ryan.

Washington College – Chair in Sustainable Food Systems – Discussion on Vacancy Notice

Washington College sent a letter to the Authority informing them of the changes with their Maryland E-Nnovation Initiative Fund (MEIF) grant supporting the Chair in Sustainable Food systems at Washington College. The Chair, Dr. Schindler, made the difficult decision to leave

his faculty position at Washington College to pursue exactly what the MEIF grant was designed to do, establish a start-up enterprise that will positively impact the local economy. The College has every intention of rehiring the Director in Sustainable Food Systems position, with a greater emphasis on work being done at their River and Field Campus (RAFC) and the development and management of a student farm to acquire data that will help reshape the original endowed position into one that will oversee the Washington College student farm at RAFC. Also, Washington College has hired its 31st President, Dr. Michael Sosulski, and they must account for any curricular adjustments he might choose to make to this position. After meeting with Dr. Sosulski, they will be submitting to the Authority amendments to the original Endowment Research Plan.

MEIFA Discussion of Current Regulations

Ms. Sheppard and Ms. Kountz led a discussion on possible changes to the Maryland E-Innovation Initiative Program regulations. After discussion, it was agreed that there were several issues that needed further thought and discussion to be considered at a subsequent meeting to be scheduled. Ms. Kountz and Ms. Sheppard will draft proposed language for the Authority to review upon the resolution of those issues.

Date of Next MEIF Application Deadline: February 1, 2022

Date of Next MEIF Authority Meeting: February 28, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved at 10:45 am.

APPROVED:



Robert Hallenbeck,
Chairman

Date: March 2, 2022