



Economic Development Committee
April 28, 2016

Call to order

A meeting of the Economic Development Committee was held at the NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, 413 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC as well as via teleconference on April 28, 2016.

Attendees

Attendees included:

- Gary McKissock (committee chair)
- Creswell Elmore (on committee)
- Jimmy Stewart (on committee)
- Will Best NC (Dept of Commerce designee)
- John Loyack (Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina)
- Chris Chung (Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina)
- Stuart Ruffin (NC Military Foundation)
- Tom Bowlin (NC National Guard)
- Sheila Pierce-Knight (Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development)
- Sebastian Montague (NC DOT)
- Scott Dorney (NCMBC)
- Denny Lewis (NCMBC)
- Ron Massey (City of Jacksonville)
- Chuck Gross (UNC System)
- Kim Sepich (UNC System)
- Paul Friday (MCI-East)
- Secretary Cornell Wilson (NC DMVA)
- Jeremy Schmidt (NC DMVA)

Members not in attendance

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- Dan McNeill (on committee)
- Joy Thrash (on committee)
- Steven Ratti (on committee)

Approval of minutes

Chair called meeting to order at 9:38am and minutes were approved.

Reports

Topic: EDPNC Defense Industry business development

Discussion: Mr. Chung presented the mission of the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC). Mission is to work with local Economic Development departments around the state

and create public/private organizations. EDPNC assists with tourism, trade, and business recruitment. EDPNC wants to focus on military support industry and establish partnerships.

Action Items: Committee discussed how someone in business development who would be focused on attracting new and supporting existing military businesses.

Resolution: Committee proposed further discussion and presentation to the full commission.

Topic: Brief on potential role of Defense Innovation Unit Experimental (DIUX)

Discussion: Mr. Lewis gave presentation about enabling technology transition in North Carolina. Explained the solutions NC can provide DoD.

Action Items: Mr. Lewis will provide additional documentation to the Committee.

Resolution: Committee proposed further discussion and presentation to the full commission.

Topic: Update and grant request by NC4ME

Discussion: Mr. Ruffin presented the year-to-date metrics for the program. Explained the phases of the program and the status /transition. Requested bridge funding and long-term funding courses of action.

Action Items: NC4ME will continue its current strategy.

Resolution: Committee proposed further discussion and presentation to the full commission.

Unfinished business

Not applicable

New business

Not applicable

Open Discussion

Not applicable

Announcements

Topic: Brief history of State Government's role in DoD business development

Discussion: Mr. Friday explained the background from 12 years ago for various DoD connected industries. Senators Rand, Kerr, and Thomas sponsored the 2005 Military Support Act which acknowledged the military as a vital NC industry in order to interface with the DoD. Provided successes and opportunities forward.

Topic: Sentinel Landscapes

Discussion: Mr. Gross and Dr. Sepich gave a presentation on how the UNC and Joint Schools and Training can combine resources to offer Veterans the ability to earn college credits from the training they have received while on active duty.

Adjournment

Adjourn at 12:40pm