



Economic Development Committee
October 26, 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 October 26, 2016.

Attendees

Attendees included:

- Jimmy Stewart (committee chair)
- Gary McKissock (on committee)
- Joy Thrash (on committee)
- Steven Ratti (on committee)
- Representative Whitmore (NCGA)
- Will Best NC (Dept of Commerce designee)
- Sheila Pierce-Knight (Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development) [on phone]
- Sebastian Montague (NC DOT)
- Scott Dorney (NCMBC)
- Denny Lewis (NCMBC)
- Jamie Norbert (ACT)
- Ron Massey (City of Jacksonville) [on phone]
- Assistant Secretary Joe Kelly (NC DMVA)
- Lacy Pate (NC DMVA)
- Jeremy Schmidt (NC DMVA)

Members not in attendance

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- Dan McNeill (on committee)

Approval of minutes

Chair called meeting to order at 9:30am. Minutes from second and third quarters were voted on and approved.

Announcements

Chair Transition: Jimmy Stewart has assumed responsibility as the Chair for the Economic Development committee.

Reports

Topic: AUSA Back Brief

Discussion: Opening ceremony by Secretary of the Army spoke about innovation through the Rapid Capabilities office. Mr. Stewart met with and thanked businesses who produce goods/services in our state on behalf of the NC ED Committee.

Mr. Dorney provided background on NC businesses having booths and the expense incurred by them to go to events like AUSA. He also provided the ED Committee with the

“Big Picture” on how AUSA provides companies and state and local government organizations an opportunity to interact with Army and other DoD organizations.

Ms. Thrash also attended AUSA. She mentioned that there was no “Carolina” event this year and hopes there will be one next year.

Mr. Dorney cautioned that any company/group going to and buying booth space at AUSA should have a strategic plan to make it worthwhile.

Action Items: Committee will continue to engage with NC businesses and the NCMBC. Suggestion was made that the EDPNC position should attend AUSA next year.

Resolution: NCMAC will continue to participate in AUSA.

Topic: FRC East Update

Discussion: Gov. McCrory sent a letter to the Department of the Navy and the Marine Corps about the proposed Cherry Point F-35 lift fan facility. Letter was helped significantly. Major roadblock at this point is a funding issue between the Navy and Marine Corps.

Action Items: Continue engagement with POCs at Cherry Point to ensure Navy and Marine Corps understand the state’s willingness to help offset costs associated with the building of the lift fan facility.

Resolution: Pending.

Topic: Tech Transition Brief

Discussion: : Mr. Dorney thanked everyone for the DIUX position funding. DMVA and NCMBC are working to get the money transferred. In the last 12 months, DIUX worked 12 contracts worth \$33.6 million. Since summer, there have been 16 NC companies actively working contracts. Mr. Dorney received feedback that 3 did not get an award and 4 were submitted and are still pending. DIUX made 17 visits and trips to include Maryland DIUX.

Action Items: SOA and MOU are with NCMBC for review.

Resolution: Pending.

Topic: Top Priorities

Discussion: Mr. McKissock gave update on NC4ME; Chair recommended Kimberly Williams give an update at the first quarter, 2017 NCMAC meeting.

Asst Sec Kelly gave an update on DMVA matters. DMVA briefed the budget proposal presented to the Governor’s office.

Action Items: Liaise with Kimberly Williams for an update.

Resolution: Priorities submitted to ESG.

Unfinished business

Not applicable

New business

Not applicable

Open Discussion

Not applicable

Announcements

Mr. Dorney announced the date/time for FEDCON and invited everyone from the ED Committee to attend. 650 people have registered to attend.

Adjournment

Adjourn at 1:50pm