



NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Minutes for Executive Steering Group (ESG) Meeting, 1st Quarter, February 6, 2018, DPI/Commerce Building, 301 N. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC (Commerce Board Room)

Members Present

Grier Martin, Chair
Frank Bottorff, Base Sustainability, Chair
Kirk Warner, Quality of Life Chair
Cresswell Elmore, Economic Development,
Acting Chair
Sally-Ann Gupta A/R Sen Brown,
Legislative Affairs Chair

Additional Attendees

Secretary Larry Hall, DMVA
Patricia Harris, NCMAC Member
Angella Dunston, DMVA
Wes Kyatt, DMVA
Cory Bryson, Advisor to Speaker Moore
Christopher Hailey, LA for Grier Martin
Kelly Jackson, DMVA

OPENING REMARKS: CHAIRMAN GRIER MARTIN

Chairman Grier Martin called the meeting to order at 10:34 am. Chairman Martin welcomed everyone to the Executive Steering Group (ESG) meeting. He apologized for the ESG starting late but Chairman Grier Martin and Vice Chairman Frank Bottorff just completed their presentation on behalf of the North Carolina Military Affairs Committee (NCMAC) to the Legislative General Government Oversight Committee. It was well received and Vice Chairman Bottorff did an outstanding job. We got some good questions on several issues that we brought up.

CONSENT MINUTES: CHAIRMAN GRIER MARTIN

Chairman Martin requested a motion to approve the minutes from the 4th quarter meeting of this Committee on Nov 7, 2017 and the Non-Regular teleconference on Jan 23, 2018. Mr. Kirk Warner made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cresswell Elmore and passed by unanimous vote with no further discussion

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS (DMVA) UPDATE: SECRETARY LARRY HALL

Secretary Hall thanked everyone for coming to the ESG meeting. He appreciates everyone's time and sacrifice they make to be part of the NCMAC. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) is preparing for the short session and for the budget concerns that are being expressed. We will be putting forward the same budget request that we had previously in our department supporting the military and veteran's affairs. The maintenance issues for cemeteries will continue to be an issue for us. We did receive a \$9 million grant to expand the cemeteries at Black Mountain and Fayetteville. Those plans are going forward and we have a request in for maintenance grants for the Fort Bragg and Jacksonville cemeteries. This is due to the soil composition and the high maintenance costs for keeping them in line with Department of Defense (DOD) and Veterans Administration (VA) specifications. We have those 2 grants in house and will be bidding those out. We also have a fire ant problem. There is an effort going on regarding the Army's Modernization Command. In conjunction with the Military

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Foundation, the Governor met with the Army Chief of Staff and engaged in discussion on that matter. Governor Cooper was the only governor at the Association United States Army (AUSA) this year and got special audience with the four top Commanding General's in the Army regarding this topic. A packet is being put together with support from our federal legislative delegation and support from the Department of Administration finding sites for the location. The preference is an area that has community and university support. They want to draw from a professional research and development community, as well as have the Army nearby and close to Washington. We meet those requirements so that is the ongoing thing that we can have the most impact on. The F-35 fighter jet location at Seymour Johnson and Havelock/Cherry Point seem to be on schedule to be funded. The maintenance facility is the big plum that we are still working for the F-35 fighter jet. Our Veterans Affairs staff have had significant progress in transiting military members coming off Active Duty (AD), particularly at Fort Bragg. We recently attended a meeting at the Career Resource Center on base with Duke Energy who are planning to locate there and plan to hire 13,000 people a year for the next 10 years. They are redoing the back-bone energy delivery system NC. We continue to work on the transition piece, 800 service members a month at Fort Bragg and 1,000 service members a month at Camp Lejeune coming off AD. We are actively working to keep them in NC with our partnership with NC companies.

QUALITY OF LIFE (QOL) COMMITTEE: KIRK WARNER

Chairman Martin informed the committee that Kirk Warner had rotated off the Commission at the end of his term in Dec 2017. He was reappointed to the NCMAC by Speaker Tim Moore. This is a testimony to the non-partisan/bi-partisanship nature of this Commission. He wants to thank Speaker Moore for working so quickly to get Kirk Warner re-appointed to the NCMAC. He thanked everyone for working so quickly to get this position filled.

Mr. Kirk Warner presented an update on the Quality of Life (QOL) Committee. Kirk Warner wanted to thank George Breece for his service to the NCMAC. This reason that Kirk was re-appointed was that George Breece resigned his position and that is a tribute to George. The QOL committee has a meeting scheduled for Tues, Feb 13. The focus of the meeting will be follow up and status of the Child Crisis Stabilization Unit in Fayetteville. We have provided a letter of support after the last ESG meeting. The letter was given to Chairman George Breece to give to Senator Wesley Meredith. We hope to get some momentum with that letter of support and find funding for that project. There was a meeting scheduled in Jan with Superintendents of the top 10 military impacted school's districts about K-12 education issues. That was rescheduled until Wed, March 7. We wanted to have them give an update about this meeting at the Feb NCMAC but since the meeting is now in March we would like to request time on the NCMAC May agenda for a briefing with the takeaways from the Superintendent's meeting. The Legislative Affairs Committee has taken on the project of the Remote Enrollment Legislation. They have used the California legislation as a model. Once the Active Duty (AD) family has Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders, that is the trigger to enroll in school. Delay enrollment has been a big problem in NC. Kirk Warner requested an update from Stewart Ruffin of NC4ME for the NCMAC meeting. This request is coming from QOL and the Economic Development Committees. Both Chairmen from those committees felt this quarter would be a good time for the update with the new members on the NCMAC. Frank Bottorff commented that it would be good to review some of the efforts that the NCMAC had done in the past. Another presentation that is worthy for the NCMAC to hear is from the

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Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC). BG (R) Keith Martin has presented this program to the QOL. I recommend that we allow Keith Martin to brief on the MCEC and the comprehensive plan. Multiple states are starting to get involved in this. That completed Kirk Warner's QOL update. Sally-Ann Gupta asked what MCEC would be briefing to the NCMAC? What do they represent? Kirk Warner commented that they are an information provider as to what other states are doing and why K-12 Education is so important for force structure decisions. How North Carolina can work with MCEC to improve military Child education and the comprehensive support plan. Sally-Ann Gupta asked if they were non-profit? Kirk Warner commented that they are non-profit. They are working with Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Frank Bottorff asked if they will be asking for anything from the NCMAC? Kirk Warner responded that they are not asking for anything from the NCMAC. Frank Bottorff commented that MCEC has been supporting the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) from the beginning. They have been behind the Compact supporting the struggles of military families and K-12 education. Kirk Warner stated that this will be an informational briefing for the NCMAC. No further discussion.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: SALLY-ANN GUPTA

Ms. Sally-Ann Gupta commented she had only one legislative item that they discussed at their Jan 31st meeting. At the November NCMAC meeting there was an item for action that came out of the QOL committee to the Legislative Affairs committee to consider Remote Enrollment for military children. When an Active Duty (AD) service member received their Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders, the legislation as it stands or the structure in the state currently is such that their school age dependents can't enroll in school until they are physically present in this state. Senator Brown has drafted legislation and is optimistic to sponsor this into the short session. This legislation would allow the child of an AD service member or guardian, once they receive orders to PCS, to remotely enroll in any district in the state where they perceive they will be living. They don't need to wait until they are physically present in the state to enroll in school. This is modeled after California legislation which is broad. They can enroll anywhere in the state and they don't need to enroll in the district that is attached to the installation to which their parent has orders to PCS. We know that many families are not living on post, they may live in a different county than the military installation. This legislation would allow them to do that. They will need to prove residency prior to the child attending the school. This will put the child on equal footing with other students and enroll in the timely manner. There is optimism to get this done in the short session and we may be able to get a companion bill sponsored on the House side. This is a feel good, non-partisan piece of legislation. Frank Bottorff commented that this is a touch point for many military families. If you need someone to speak on this issue, the Commanding Officer's wife at Cherry Point had to deal with this same issue. Since then the Craven County School has worked on this issue and had adjusted to have Counselor at the schools during the summer to help with transitions. Craven County Schools has made adjustment locally that they can make. Kirk Warner commented that the School Liaison Officers (SLO) have spoken on this topic and very knowledgeable on this matter. Chairman Martin asked Sally-Ann Gupta if there was anything else legislative that the NCMAC needed to get behind. Sally-Ann Gupta replied that there was nothing on the House side and this was the only legislation on the Senate side. Chairman Martin commented that we need to have a plan for the NCMAC leading up to the long session. To make sure that the committees are feeding into the Legislative committee on our list of legislative ideas. Sally-Ann Gupta commented that normally comes up in the NCMAC priorities. Chairman Martin commented that the long session starts in Jan 2019.

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When do we need to start feeding the Legislative Affairs committee? Sally-Ann Gupta commented that, that time would be early fall, so we have time to vet the issue, work with bill drafting on appropriate language and find a sponsor. The earlier to the Legislative committee the better. Chairman Martin reminded the other Committee chairman to shape their calendars to accomplish that. Frank Bottorff commented that the NCMAC has its Top 10 Priorities. There was a small group that was revising the format into a different style. I think we need energy the subcommittee to work on that and talk about it on Feb 20th. We need to focus on the next 3 months and have a draft, by the next meeting with an updated priority list from the committees. Secretary Hall commented that we have at least 4 legislators on the NCMAC committee and we have a hard time getting them to attend the meetings. I don't know if we need to reach out to them or change up legislators. Do we plan to have Senator Brown carry the weight of everything? We do have Senator Meredith, Representative Bell and Representative Cleveland. We can get any of them to sign off on legislation, but getting more support throughout the legislature if we have members that have personally attested to having attended the meetings. Chairman Martin commented that he will defer that to the Legislative Affairs Committee on how to do it. Frank Bottorff commented that he was surprised when Sally-Ann Gupta gave her brief after the last session, how many military related agenda items out of the legislature, very few of them came out of this body. That is not a bad thing, but we need to continue to look for those gems that we can support. Chairman Martin asked Sally-Ann Gupta to be thinking, before the Full NCMAC meeting about a rough time table that would help your committee meet its goal of having legislation ready for the long session. What you would need from the other committees. It may not need to be formally adopted but put out to the Chair of the committees for their planning. No further discussion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: CRESSWELL ELMORE

Mr. Cresswell Elmore stated that they had an Economic Development meeting on Jan 24, in Havelock NC. We had a briefing from Brad Helton, Economic Development Partnership for North Carolina (EDPNC). I recommend that we have a briefing at the Full NCMAC from EDPNC and Brad Helton or Christopher Chung. They are very engaged in the new command location search. This would be a good Economic Development 101 for the NCMAC members. Secretary Hall recommended that we also include Department of Commerce so we have the full picture. Frank Bottorff commented that he thought that we should have all three represented at the briefing (Chris Chung, Brad Helton and Commerce). They would brief on the different roles they all have. We also received a briefing on House Bill 904. Gary McKissock gave a briefing on Community Colleges and Course Credits. We have been working on this topic for a couple of years. Representative Cleveland is also involved in this topic. We would like a brief to the NCMAC on this topic to inform the members. This topic affects the Community Colleges and the UNC system. Sally-Ann Gupta commented that Representative Cleveland was expecting and update on this topic today. Another topic we discussed was the quality of jobs in the state for transiting military personnel. We have been working this issues with NC4ME. We would like to recommend an update from NC4ME to the Full NCMAC. We also received an update from North Carolina Military Business Center (NCMBC). It was a good update and they requested support from the NCMAC on their budget request to the General Assembly. Chairman Martin asked Sally-Ann Gupta the dates for the short session? Those dates could be the end of May – end of Jun. The next Full NCMAC is scheduled for May 15. The timing would be close. Frank Bottorff commented that the NCMAC would be giving a resolution of support to the NCMBC request for additional funding for Community College

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Business Center representation. They have satellite offices in the state but nothing in the Western part of the state. The additional funding that they will be requesting is for full-time and part-time personnel. Chairman Martin commented that we may need a briefing from NCMBC at the May 15, Full NCMAC to determine giving a resolution of support to the NCMBC request for additional funding. Cresswell Elmore commented that Scott Dorney does want to move the DefTech to the Raleigh area. Frank Bottorff commented that the Full NCMAC did support the DefTech initiative and has supported one year stand up money and that was a one-time deal. They are now supposed to go to the Legislature as part of the Community College funding for sustainment funds so they could keep the position. That did not get included in the last budget. We did not include it in our budget as sustainment funds. Scott Dorney, in his current budget has maintained the position. It sounds like the position has been reasonable successful. DefTech is a specific aspect of the broader work in the communities using the Community Colleges as a home base but they help NC business get into the federal contracting system. Chairman Martin asked if it is worth the NCMAC committees looking at this and giving it an evaluation? That would be both the Economic Development and Legislative Affairs committees? Sally-Ann Gupta commented that one strategy would be to let Scott Dorney (NCMBC) advocate on his own in the short session and see how successful that effort is. Then if the results leave something to be desired and the NCMAC is convinced that it is something that they want to adopt as a priority, then you have some lead time into the long session. Cresswell Elmore stated that he thought that was a good recommendation. Sally-Ann Gupta asked the question if this was also being supported by the Community Colleges System and I priority for them. Cresswell Elmore will get back with Scott Dorney (NCMBC) on the thoughts from the ESG, that NCMBC needs to advocate for themselves in the short session. No further discussion

Cresswell Elmore commented that he would be out of the Country on Feb 20th for the NCMAC meeting. He will ask Frank Bottorff to brief the Economic Development update at the meeting.

BASE SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: FRANK BOTTORFF

Mr. Frank Bottorff commented that the Base Sustainability and Community Affairs meeting was held on Jan 22 in Goldsboro. I have already talked about the priorities at this meeting, we talked about them at our meeting but not extensively. We need to get back to the priorities. We had a lengthy discussion at our meeting about the Sentinel Landscape partnership. Robert Hosford brought us some information that they are at the point where we have been successful getting federal funds in winning the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) challenge, and getting an inflow of federal dollars. They have private donations and some appropriations from the General Assembly. They are coming forward with a large ask, and I think it is a short session issue. It is around \$12 million which is matching funds for REPI. As the federal government puts in money, it is one to one match. You can use other federal funds, state funds and private funds to use as match dollars. This is a North Carolina Department of Agriculture (NCDA) request for the NC Agriculture Development & Farmland Preservation Trust Fund (ADFPTF). We have been very successful with the REPI challenge and received \$10 million and \$7 million from US Department of Agriculture (USDA). They are looking for matching funds from the state. Sally-Ann Gupta asked if they had spent down the federal funds? Frank Bottorff commented that you can't spend the federal funds without match funds. If you don't get the match funds you will lose the federal funds? Sally-Ann Gupta commented so we were awarded the funds and can't use them without equal match funds. Frank Bottorff commented that is correct. All REPI funds are 50/50 match funds. The match funds don't all have to be state funds, they can be private funds and other

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funds. The request is for \$12 million. We can get Robert Hosford to brief at the Full NCMAC and what the ramifications are if we don't get the matching funds. They want support from the NCMAC for this \$12 million request. This is one of our highest priorities for the NCMAC. I don't know if they will get everything they are requesting but what they are asking of the NCMAC is to support the request. One way is a resolution from the NCMAC and second a letter from the NCMAC Chairman to the Commissioner of Agriculture. Chairman Martin asked the members about their thoughts? Sally-Ann Gupta commented that the Legislative Liaison for North Carolina Department of Agriculture (NCDA) needs to advance this and make the request of the General Assembly. The NCMAC does not need to solely bare the burden of this, if this is a priority of the NCDA. Chairman Martin asked Sally-Ann Gupta if she thought it was appropriate for the NCMAC to weigh in on this matter? Frank Bottorff commented that we support the Sentinel Landscape Partnership with administrative funds, so we help the organization succeed. It takes a lot of time and effort to execute an encroachment management program. You need the administration part and talking to land owners to see if they will participate. The NCMAC gives \$150,000 a year to help with administrative costs and this will be the second year. They are asking us for a resolution of support. Secretary Hall commented that there is a history of the ask and the partnership that was put together to make the competition and win the grant. My understanding, and I was at the press conference when they announced this. The commitment was made by the legislature to provide that matching grant. Everyone knew what the amount was that they were competing for. It was requested in the last budget, so this is not a new ask or without history. They are coming back again, saying you agreed to give it to us last time, we were awarded the federal dollars, you came up short last time, so we are coming back again. Sally-Ann Gupta commented that she thinks the response before was the money is there but in a couple of different pots. NCDA is free to dip into these pots for the additional funding. Additional funds were put into the Clean Water Trust Fund. It was not an outright appropriation for matching. The funding was put into several different places for NCDA to piece together. Secretary Hall commented that his understanding is that the actual new funding to match the REPI challenge was never given but since we have appropriated money in other places who can go get the previously appropriated money for other purposes and cobble together the matching funds. Which is different from saying we want a new budget item that we agreed to. Sally-Ann Gupta commented that the sentiment was also let's make sure that the federal funds that were granted were spent down first so we can ensure that any state money give to match is what is needed after the federal money is spent. That is why I am surprised to hear that administratively the federal money can't even be touched. Frank Bottorff commented that those are his words not Robert Hosford's word. That is a point we need clarified. Sally-Ann Gupta commented that they wanted to see how far the federal funds go before we see how much state funds are needed, which makes sense. Frank Bottorff commented that there are other matching funds than the state funds. The other matching funds will not cover all the matching funds needed. We can have the NCDA brief at the Full NCMAC and get all these questions answered. Chairman Martin commented that he is concerned about our process or system as an NCMAC with our subordinate committees for properly vetting ideas like this one. I don't think the correct way is to have a presentation to the Full NCMAC and then expecting the Full NCMAC to act on it. There could be exceptions to that. What I would like to see is an issue like this work its way through our committees and get good consideration and affirmative support of the committee. Then if it is going to go to the General Assembly, have it worked up through separately in sequence or simultaneously with the Legislative Affairs committee. Frank Bottorff commented that he agrees with

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that but in this case I think a lot of that has already occurred. We have been dealing with Sentinel Landscape for so long we did not get into the minutia because we know that this ask was coming as Secretary Hall stated. We knew that they have been working on the REPI challenge, good news when we won and expected the ask. The committee did support it and there are a few unknowns and this is not an informational briefing. This is probably one of the most important projects that we have supported in the past. This has a large impact on military sustainability. Chairman Martin commented that this issue is relevant and something we need to address. I want us as a body to have an appropriate and deliberate mechanism to fully vet and discuss issues. We have limited political capital and the General Assembly is only going to listen to us so much. I want us to send forward issues that are a priority for this Commission and I know that this one would be. I do think that this issue has merit. So, this is like the NCMBC request, is this something from a time table perspective that we think the Commission can give the appropriate and through vetting that it needs to, to be able to decide on any action that it might or might not take? I think that this needs a clear sign off from the Base Sustainability and Community Affairs Committee after your committees have discussed the specifics and cleared up some of the questions in coordination or before handing off to the Legislative Affairs Committee. Perhaps this process makes sense since this is a Short Session issue. The committees looking that this issue could identify any concerns that the committees have and the Commission might have concerns, that might inform any subsequent action we took. Then if you all direct the Chairman to write a letter in support or a resolution from the NCMAC this could preserve our credibility. Sally-Ann Gupta commented that you raised the issue of expending political capital. I fully agree that the NCMAC wants to be prudent about where they speak because there is always an expenditure of that political capital. One question that one might have for the NCDCA is how fervently are they pursuing this on their agenda going into the short session? If this is one of their top priorities, then we may feel more confident in writing that letter. If this is low on their list and they want to shuffle the responsibility of advocating for this on to the NCMAC then we must wonder. Chairman Martin commented, does it make sense for the 2 committees to start looking that those issues, and we don't need to do that here. To get answers to these questions from the NCDCA. Sally-Ann Gupta commented that this is just a candid observation that this is something we need to know. Chairman Martin commented that there are a lot of things that we need to know about any proposal and I am focused on a consistent process to vet these issues. Another item that I have heard from Commission members is that they don't feel included in some of the decision making. Frank Bottorff commented that most of the members attend the committee meetings and are engaged. At times in the past there were more issues that were handled without going through the sub-committees which could be why members have concerns. Chairman Martin commented that recommending \$12 million is significant and we need to make sure we are doing the right things. I propose that we have a presentation from the NCDCA at the next Full NCMAC. This presentation will be informative and we will not ask the Commission for any action. This issues is very important. I request that the two Chairman of the Base Sustainability and Community Affairs and Legislative Affairs to get together to come up with a recommendation if we should further consider addressing this issue in the short session. Should the NCMAC consider supporting this in some way in the short session. Kirk Warner commented that assisting state agencies and installations with efforts to preserve land and prevent encroachment near military installations and training area is our priority. Frank Bottorff commented that he would contact NCDCA to coordinate a detailed presentation from them. Then we can go from there and I will work with Sally-Ann Gupta on any questions. Chairman

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Martin commented that this will leave the Commission time if they want to move forward with a letter of support or resolution. Sally-Ann Gupta commented is there any type of sunset on these REPI Challenge funds that we have been granted? Is there a time table to use the funds? Frank Bottorff commented that one of the tasks for the Host Communities volunteered to make a video for marketing. That work is still a work in progress. We may want to have a quick update on the Census and the impact on military communities during the open comment part of the meeting. I think this is important to have an update at every meeting to keep it on our radar. Sally-Ann Gupta asked if the videos we saw at the last NCMAC meeting, is that in circulation? Frank Bottorff commented that one of the videos is on the Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow (ACT) website and the other video done by the Host Communities is on several government channels throughout the state. It is available to different communities. The video that they are making is going to be based off the Community video, making it more of a state-wide flavor. No further discussion.

BYLAWS TASK FORCE (TF): KIRK WARNER

Mr. Kirk Warner updated the members. He plans to set up another meeting of his task force. He has a clean copy of the last legal review addition. I have an understanding that we have an opinion on whether a funding vote limitation, allowing anyone not appointed by the General Assembly. Chairman Martin commented that there is a legislative staff attorney that has said that the law is not clear and that the Constitution is certainly not clear. They expressed an educated guess on what the laws says. What I think is clear from court ruling on the Constitution is that there is a concern with legislators that serve on Commission that expend appropriated money. There is a problem with them voting and making further decisions on expenditures of the money. It is not all that specific and in addition to that there is a statue that is also clear but not clear on status of people like me, a member of the legislature but not appointed by the legislature. This one lawyer said that it is probably ok but did not say conclusively that I had permission to do so. There is room for thinking on what the best way forward is and then separate what is in the statue. If it already violates the statue and the Constitution, then does it need to be in the by-laws. That is an ongoing discussion with Sally-Ann Gupta and a few others folks. Kirk Warner commented that it is in Article 2, section 8. We have it broadly written that "The House and Senate Members appointed to the Commission shall not vote on matters that expend funds appropriated by the General Assembly." The statue is clear on the General Assembly appointees but no such provision on Governor appointees. Whether we need to add should or not applies to only General Assembly members is one issue. This could be an issue for quorum matters. Another outstanding issue is Open Meeting type issues regarding working groups or task forces. What is the appropriate language? We need to continue to work on that. The final issue is who is entitled to travel expenses. Does that include Ex-officio and others? Sally-Ann Gupta commented that the feedback was there is no distinction between Ex-officios or Members. Frank Bottorff talked to the school of Government. They recommended that the Chairman can appoint someone from the Commission to work on an issue and then that person will select a couple of other members to work with him/her to complete the task. The Chairman does not have the authority to make a sub-committee. The issue is not what we call the group, it is how the group is formed and what the intent of the group is. Chairman Martin commented that he wanted to have an Open Meeting briefing and Ethics briefing at the May 15 Full NCMAC meeting. Angella Dunston commented that the Secretary of States' office can give the NCMAC a

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live session of the Ethics briefing and we also need to complete the Statement of Economic Interest. No further discussion.

FINANCE AND BUDGET TASK FORCE: FRANK BOTTORFF

Mr. Frank Bottorff commented that the NCMAC did approve a budget at the last meeting. We must do a budget amendment. The last 3 Matrix bills have been received but not paid. We just need to do a quick amendment to include the funds brought forward as revenue and the expense as an approved expense. Then the bills can be paid. I am working with the DMVA Budget staff so there could be some other items. The 2 Community Grants (\$200 K) have not been paid out so we could also include that as revenue because it is in the account but it was not in our budget. Then put it as an encumbered amount. It is all little items but it will be an update. We will work on those items that we have approved and the process will work. That process will include NC4ME, EDPNC, OEA Grant and Sentinel Landscapes. Secretary Hall commented that there was a grants process in place, then the groups were informed that they qualified to be awarded the grants. Then the process stopped. The administration part was never drawn up for the DMVA to administer the Grants. So, the funds could not be paid out. The DMVA has drawn up a process and sent the information out to the Grant Recipients. We have not received anything back from either of the Grant Recipients. We are waiting for the contracts to be returned from Allies of Cherry Point's Tomorrow (ACT) and the City of Jacksonville. Frank Bottorff has reached out to both groups. Secretary Hall commented that when you have grant funds that are going to be administered, that there needs to be criteria in place before they award the Grants. Sometimes the organization is not capable of executing the Grant funds under the State procedures. No further discussion.

AGENDA FOR FULL NCMAC:

DC Update	James McCleskey	Chairman Martin
NC4ME	Stewart Ruffin	QOL and Economic Develop
Sentinel Landscape Update	Robert Hosford	BS&CA
EDPNC/Commerce	Chris Chung/Commerce	Economic Development
MCEC	BG (R) Keith Martin	QOL
Community College Update	Rep Cleveland/Gary McKissock	Economic Development

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Martin asked for a motion to adjourn. Frank Bottorff motioned to adjourn and Cresswell Elmore seconded the motion. Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 12:20 pm.