

Minutes of Meeting

Monday January 10, 2022 5:00 PM

Members: Curtis Putnam (p) Valerie Palamountain (p) Ben Hudson(p)
Rovelle Brown (p) Rudy Garcia (p) Lois Mastro (p)
Lorretta Johnson-Morgan(p)
P – present, A- absent
Curtis Putnam arrived 5:32PM.

Guests: None

County Staff: Douglas Miles(a), Eric Dahl(p), Jennifer Schmack(p)

- I. **Chair Rudy Garcia convened the assembly of EDA members at 5:00 PM**
- II. **Minutes Approved – December 13, 2021, minutes Garcia/Johnson-Morgan (6-0)**
- III. **Treasure’s Report-** Ben Hudson reported a balance of \$675,576.95 as of 12/31/21 reflecting \$1.37 interest earned and deposit \$641967.00 for VATI grant. Motion of report approval Mastro/Johnson-Morgan (6-0)
- IV. **County Report -** Jennifer Schmack did 12 existing business visits, 15 partner agencies, six inquiries, and small business referrals. She informed us that Virginia Career Works will have a mobile specialist in Fluvanna County on Thursdays. Platinum PR consultants began interviewing individually BOS members, EDA directors, county staff, and a group zoom interview of stakeholders for the Economic Development Strategic Plan.
- V. **Chair’s Report-** Chair Garcia, representing the EDA, will write a letter of support for increased funding of the SBDC to the Board of Supervisors. Motion to approve Palamountain/Hudson (7-0).
- VI. **Public Comment – none**
- VII. **New Business – Economic Impact due January 31.**
- VIII. **Discussion by Lorretta Johnson-Morgan- The Minority Business Fair proposed date is April 9th.The sponsoring partners are the EDA, NAACP, and Fluvanna Leaders for Race Diversity. Retta Johnson -Morgan proposed further discussion at the next. Motion for EDA involvement passed 5-0. Rovelle Brown and Lorretta Johnson-Morgan abstained due to their involvement in the fair.**

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Authority, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:13 PM. Motion to adjourn Palamountain/Johnson-Morgan (7-0).

Minutes Recorded by Lois Mastro.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Mastro, Secretary