

GFDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday

February 6, 2020

8:00 – 9:30 AM

University Center, University of Providence

Board Members: Len Watkins, Joe Briggs, Heidi Hockett, Alex Huffield, Ted Lewis, Tim Peterson, John Faulkner, Harley Huestis, Becky Fink, Trista Besich, Andreas Geranios, Sherrie Arey, Steve King, Glenn Bliss, Mark Cappis, Ron Nelson, Mark Macek

Staff: Sarah Weaver, Jill Kuntz Kohles, Lillian Sunwall, Tyler Menzales, Jolene Schalper, Soren Chargois, Brett Doney, Nathan Reiff, Teresa Schreiner

Guests: Keenan Schnider, Gaby Hawat, Alanna Ballard

Times are approximate and agenda items may be taken out of order. Any Director with a potential conflict of interest on the agenda should state the conflict at the start of the meeting.

8:00 1. Introductions – Len Watkins

8:05 2. Consent Agenda – Len Watkins

- 1) Accept excused absences: Lew Card, Randy Williams, Dwight Holman, Dianne Meinhardt, Forrest Ehlinger, Nate Weisenburger, Susan Wolff, Travis Neil, Earl Salley, Collette Hansen, Dan Rearden, Rebecca Engum, Shane Etwiler, Mike Waldenburg, Casey Schreiner, Errol Rice. **ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve excused absences of 2/6/2020. Seconded. Motion carries.**
- 2) Approve minutes of 1/2/20 Board meeting. **ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve minutes of the 1/2/2020 Board meeting. Seconded. Motion carries.**

8:10 3. Meet an Investor – None.

8:15 4. Reports – Len Watkins

Do any Directors have questions about reports that were emailed out?

8:20 5. 2020 Business Development Plan – Jolene Schalper

Review and approve/disapprove 2020 Business Development Plan as recommended by Executive Committee. **ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve the 2020 Business Development Plan as recommended by the Executive Committee. Seconded. Motion carries.**

8:30 6. Great Falls Public Schools Levy

Decide whether to take a position regarding the elementary school operating levy for Great Falls Public Schools, and if so, what that position should be. **ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve supporting the elementary school operating levy for Great Falls Public Schools.**

8:40 7. Discussion with University of Providence – Len Watkins, Gaby Hawat

Discussion about how the University can serve the economic development community and needs for workforce development in the future.

9:20 8. CEO Report – Brett Doney

9:25 9. Board Sharing – Len Watkins

Updates from Board members on issues affecting GFDA's mission and organization.

9:30 10. Public Comment – Len Watkins

Opportunity for public comment.