

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARYLAND INNOVATION INITIATIVE (MII)
Thursday, January 10, 2013
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Participating Board Members:

David Baggett
Judy Britz (representing Christian Johansson)
Eugene Deloatch
Elizabeth Good Mazhari
Robert Hallenbeck, Chair
James Hughes
Greg Simmons

Participating TEDCO Staff

Stephen Auvil
Dan Gincel
Jennifer Hammaker
Linda Saffer
Ira Schwartz, TEDCO Counsel
John Wasilisin

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2012 Board Meeting

The Board considered the minutes from the December 13, 2012 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Chairman's Report

Mr. Hallenbeck reported that after January 11, 2013, he and Ms. Hammaker will have met with faculty, site miners, and administrators at each of the MII program universities.

IV. Manager's Report

Ms. Hammaker provided an update on MII activities since the December 13, 2012 Board meeting.

A. Press Release

A press release was issued in December 2012 which announced the first funded research projects through the MII program.

B. Application Review Meeting

- The application review meeting was held on January 3rd, 2013.
- The Review Committee modified the scoring procedures to allow all Committee members to score each application.
- The review time and number of meeting attendees was more extensive than the previous meeting. Ms. Hammaker will work on a productive and efficient solution for future meetings.
- The Review Committee provided funding recommendations for the Board to review and approve.

C. Phase-III Summary and Overview Revision

Ms. Hammaker reported that some sections of the current RFA need further clarification and will need to be updated for Phase-III funding.

D. January 2013 Applications

A total of 13 applications were submitted and 12 applications will be reviewed for funding. Application breakdown by category: 11 Phase-I, 2 Phase-III.

E. Site Miner Meetings

Ms. Hammaker reported that she has a meeting scheduled on January 18, 2013 in Baltimore County. The meeting agenda was released to the site miners. This meeting is intended to allow site miners to share information amongst each other which can potentially encourage collaborative opportunities.

F. Application Re-submission Process

In an effort to receive stronger application resubmissions, Ms. Hammaker proposed following the NIH guidelines and establishing a policy to limit application resubmissions to three times in one year, with resubmissions allowed 1 year from the third rejection date. Through discussion, the Board reached a consensus not to implement a new resubmission policy for now. The Board will revisit this issue, if necessary, at a future meeting.

V. Funding Slide Presentation

During the November 9, 2012 Board meeting, the Board requested clarity on how the MII program is differentiated from the other funding sources within TEDCO.

Mr. Wasilisin presented an overview of programs for Board Review.

VI. 2013 General Assembly Session

The 2013 General Assembly Session has begun. The budget hearing is scheduled for February 22, 2013 before the Senate Subcommittee, and February 28, 2013 before the House Subcommittee. TEDCO will be called to testify on the MII annual budget and for bills related to MII matters. All Board members are encouraged to attend. Letters of

recommendation and support are always welcome. Ms. Hammaker will provide ongoing electronic updates.

G. Other

Brookings Institute has expressed interest in the MII Discovery program and is planning to include the Discovery program model in a “Best Practices Packet” that will be distributed to Colorado as part of a larger report, and potentially posted on the Brookings’ website for heightened visibility. Release date is early February. Ms. Hammaker will update as appropriate.

VII. Statement for Closing the Meeting

A motion was made and seconded that the Board go into closed session. The motion included the following:

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION

State Government Article Sec.10-508(a)(5):

A public body may meet in closed session ... to consider the investment of public funds.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED: The MII board will discuss which pending grant applications to consider, given the rankings received and other relevant factors. The discussion might also relate to the characteristics of specific applications.

REASON FOR CLOSING: The MII board believes that confidentiality is essential to protect sensitive information about plans and processes that applicants divulge, to avoid a chilling effect on future submissions, and to enable candid discussion of how best to invest limited resources.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The Board went into a closed session at 2:20 p.m. to consider and vote on various grant applications.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.