

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING
MARYLAND INNOVATION INITIATIVE (MII)**

Thursday, February 14, 2013

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Participating Board Members:

David Baggett
Judy Britz (representing Dominick Murray)
Eugene Deloatch
Elizabeth Good Mazhari
Patrick O'Shea, Vice Chair
James Hughes
Greg Simmons

Participating TEDCO Staff

Stephen Auvil
Jennifer Hammaker
Ira Schwartz, TEDCO Counsel
John Wasilisin

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2013 Board Meeting

The Board considered the minutes from the January 10, 2013 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Vice Chairman's Report

Mr. O'Shea reported that he, Ms. Hammaker, and Mr. Hughes met with faculty, site miners, and administrators on February 6, 2013 at University of Maryland College Park.

IV. Manager's Report

Ms. Hammaker provided an update on MII activities since the January 10, 2013 Board meeting.

A. Brookings Institute update

As reported during the January 10, 2013 Board meeting, the Brookings Institute published an industry report, including "Best Practices," that highlighted the MII Discovery program model. A printed copy was provided for Board review.

B. Site Miner Meetings

Ms. Hammaker and Mr. Auvil are scheduled to meet with site miners at Johns Hopkins on February 15, 2013. During this meeting, they will present and discuss the funding slide, the Maryland Entrepreneur Resource List (MERL), TEDCO's funding programs, and share information on other support resources and opportunities available within Maryland.

C. February 2013 Applications

A total of 9 applications were submitted. Out of the 9 applications, there were 3 resubmissions. All 9 applications will be reviewed for funding. Application breakdown by category: 8 Phase-I, 1 Phase-III, and 1 joint application.

D. 2013 General Assembly

2013 General Assembly Session has begun. Mr. Wasilisin indicated that the proposed State Budget submission for FY2014 does not reflect a recommended budget cut for the MII program. 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.

V. Phase III Funding Policy Discussion

The Board revisited the Phase III eligibility criteria.

During discussion, several Board members indicated that the six month time period for start-up companies to apply for MII funding and the eligibility criteria for mature company participation were problematic. Through further discussion, there was a consensus that the intent of the MII program is not to support mature companies with developing technologies, but to foster the transition of technologies from participating universities into the commercial sector. The Board will revisit the option to create a MII incentive program for mature company participation, if necessary, at a future meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to extend the time period an additional 6 months, to allow University Start-ups that have licensed technologies from a qualifying University **twelve (12)** months to apply for MII funding. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. 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 2:28 p.m. to consider and vote on various grant applications.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.