

## MEETING MINUTES - BDC Board of Directors Bimonthly Meeting

**Date:** 6/20/2024  
**Time:** 7:30 AM  
**Location:** City of Baltimore Development Corporation,  
36 S Charles St, Suite 2100, Baltimore, MD 21201

### Board Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Chair-</b> Augie Chiasera           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Elda Devarie</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carim Khouzami  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Paul Taylor</i>     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Chair Emeritus-</b> Arnold Williams | <input type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey Fraley                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Moiseyev           | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Walton                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Vice Chair-</b> Jeffrey Hargrave    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Miriam Fuchs        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelonda Stokes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angela Wells-Sims      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>President-</b> Colin Tarbert        | <input type="checkbox"/> Alice Kennedy                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mohan Suntha               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Justin Williams</i> |

### BDC Senior Staff Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kimberly Clark                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Pillas      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chavel Dixon                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larysa Salamacha |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Carlson, Esq.<br><i>(Corporate Council)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Taylor               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brennan Murray                                   |                                                      |

### BDC Other Staff Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gabirel Linder                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Will Cawthern |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amber Simon                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Whelley   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Je'Mira Spriggs<br><i>(Recording Secretary)</i> |                                                   |

### Other Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Gina Richmond</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Gunts, Baltimore Fishbowl |
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### Note:

Justin Williams joined the meeting virtually and transitioned to in-person attendance at 8:21 am. Please note that attendees' names that are *italicized* indicate that the person attended the meeting virtually.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Augie Chiasera, at 7:31 am.

- I. **BDC Board Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2024**
  - Approved as written
- II. **Chairman's Comments**
  - Francis Scott Key Bridge update.
  - Congratulations to Elda Devarie for being honored by the Baltimore Museum of Industry in 2024 for Redefining Industry.
  - Congratulations to Arnold Williams for being honored as Baltimore Sun's 2024 Business & Civic Hall of Fame.

### **III. Presidents Report**

- BDC accepted the 2024 MEDA Award for Economic Development Projects in collaboration with our private-sector partner Oak View Group.
- Participated in panel discussion at the Bisnow State of the Market annual event to discuss Baltimore's current real estate market.
- 2023 Baltimore Development Corporation Annual Report release.
- Economic Dashboard- New section added to BDC's website in partnership with Bloomberg Associates. It will help businesses make decisions about locating or investing in Baltimore City.
- Art After Dark- Mural project on Howard & Lexington by Whitney Frazier.
- Stokes Comment- Thanks to Brennan's leadership with the opening of the BOOST Boutique at Harborplace officially opened on 6/19/2024.

### **IV. Staff Presentations:**

- Will Cawthern Presentation: FSK Bridge Response- Update
  - June 10: Full restoration of the 700' wide, 50' deep channel.
  - State assistance programs have sunset or will be sunset by June 28.
  - Consequences of FSK Bridge Collapse.
  - Port of Baltimore Performance- 2023
  - Purpose of U.S. Foreign-Trade Zones
  - FTZ & Baltimore-Based Trade Challenges and Opportunities
- Gabriel Linder Presentation: Downtown Data Update
  - CFG Bank Arena data points regarding visits/unique visits per quarter.
  - Lexington Market data points regarding visits/unique visits per quarter.
  - General Trend Q1: Retail vacancy and multi-family vacancy.
- Colin Tarbert Presentation: Baltimore Together
  - Finalized summit date (November 12, 2024). No venue yet. Still need sponsors.
  - Spring update
- Equity and Inclusion Update by Brennan Murray, Assistant Director
  - BDC Equity at Work: Initiative, Programs, Projects, and BDC Culture & Policy.
  - Equity Brain Trust- Phase II Scope

### **V. New Business:**

- No new business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 am.