



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ADVISORS MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022 AT 5:00 PM  
SMART Building, Room 2303  
USMSM, TELECONFERENCE

**In Attendance:** Joe Anderson, Denise Barnes, Betsy Beise, Christine Bergmark, Anthony Foster, John Greely, Bonnie Green, George Hurlburt, Jack Keane, Gary Kessler, Chris Kaselemis, Bob Kavetsky, Elena Langrill (for Becca Salisbury), Phillip Melton, Maureen Murphy (*Ex Officio*), Kelly Robertson-Slagle (*Ex Officio*), Jason Szklany, J. Scott Smith (*Ex Officio*), Johnnie Taylor, Ellen Herbst (*Ex Officio*), Mike Harper, Jo Anne Boughman (*Ex Officio*), Eileen Abel (*Ex Officio*), and Matt Scassero

**Not in Attendance:** Maria Icaza, Glen Ives, Bernard Jackson, Tuajuanda Jordan (*Ex Officio*), Kathryn Maney (*Ex Officio*), Andrae Townsel, and Mike Schroeder (*Ex Officio*),

**Call to Order:** The Board was called to order at 5:07 pm by Joe Anderson.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the April 19, 2022 meeting were distributed for approval. *A motion was made by Jack Keane to approve the minutes with the amended changes and seconded by Gary Kessler. The motion carried.*

**Presentation of the Proposed FDR Housing Development:**

Mark Higgs, President of Signet Contracting, Inc., presented Chesapeake FDR Housing Development (First Colony) in California, MD. Mark stated this is a PUD (**Planned Urban Development**), a sustainable city that practices responsible growth for which they continually strive for a vibrant community. The potential development will have podium apartments and luxury townhomes. Their target is the workforce market to entice 25-35-year-olds. Jean will email Mark's contact information.

**Approval of Bylaw Changes:**

Jack Keane discussed language modifications to the Executive Committee section to accommodate the position of the chair elect. These changes were discussed at April's BoA Meeting. *A motion was made by Bonnie Green to approve the proposed changes to the Bylaws and seconded by Maureen Murphy. The motion carried.*

### **Nominating Committee:**

Jack discussed the 2023 milestones and BoA membership attributes. The Nominating Committee selects nominations based on their attributes.

Jack stated every even year there will be an approval for the chair elect. Three nominations have been received for the Chair-Elect: Jack Keane. *With no other nominations on the floor, a motion was made by Gary Kessler to approve Jack Keane as the chair-elect and seconded by Mike Harper. The motion carried.*

Jack announced we are looking for 6 new members for 2023. If you have member recommendations, please email Jack a one-page description about the individual, and list 5 attributes that fit that individual.

Jack announced Johnnie Taylor has agreed to join the Nominating Committee.

### **Executive Director's Report:**

Eileen discussed USM's Vision. USMSM corresponds with USM's priorities. Eileen pointed out USMSM is the only Regional Center with a research component. Eileen shared Shady Grove's remodeled Strategic Plan, which included 4 strategic imperatives. They are changing their focus primarily around students and reorganizing the board around pathway clusters. Shady Grove is also rethinking their financial model that supports growth, innovation, and collaboration with a focus on a return investment for students and other stakeholders. Eileen shared the "not one thing on this list can be done without your help." Eileen proposed changes to the ED reporting method to a monthly newsletter. Quarterly BoA meeting discussions will change focus to the shared list; who can do the work and what opportunities can you provide?

### **Director of Research, Innovation, and Outreach:**

- UAS Test Site Director was hired, John Slaughter. John will begin on August 1st.
- Two new hires; Lab Manager, Joe Copenhagen and Communications Coordinator, Lauren Bacon
- UAS Student Competition was successful the competition will continue here
- Approximately 47 Tours (year to date)

Matt asked the BoA to please make him aware of other possible research relationships. Matt stressed that the research component of the Matrix Lab is what makes us different from USMSM. Matt is responsible for the Lab, and Eileen is responsible for USMSM. The new Executive Director, Rezo Ghodssi, was hired for Research and Innovation for the A. James Clark School at USMSM,

**Board of Advisors Member Updates:**

On November 10th and 11th, The Board of Regents Meeting (BoR) will take place in SMART, Grand Hall. There will be a reception/dinner Thursday evening, and the actual BoR meeting will be Friday at 8:00 am. Details will be forwarded to all members.

**Next Meeting:** The next BOA Meeting will be on October 18th.

**Adjournment:** There being no other business, *Jack Keane moved a motion to adjourn, and J. Scott Smith seconded. The motion carried. meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.*