

**MINUTES OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
BOARD OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL TENNESSEE
FEBRUARY 27, 2023
REGULAR MEETING**

Board Members Present:

Raj Venkataraman – Chair
Jeff Jones – Secretary/Treasurer
Lynn Dougherty
Jason Booher
Nancy Cook
Wallace Elliott
Lea Powers – Council Representative (ex-officio)

Staff:

Tom Anderson - ED Department Director
Danielle Smith – City Attorney
Matt Garland – ED Staff
Hollie Verran - Finance

Also present:

Lynn Tully – TNECD
Allison Woodward - TNECD
Clay Walker – NETWORKS
April Eads - BTES
Deidre Pendley – BTCS
Heath Guinn – Sync.Space
Ryan Shipley – Sync.Space

Call to order: Chairman Raj Venkataraman opened the February 27, 2023 Industrial Development Board Regular Meeting at 12:02 p.m. Roll call was made and Chairman Venkataraman declared a quorum present.

Consent Agenda: January 23, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes and Financial Report – Chairman Venkataraman asked if there were any additions or deletions to the minutes or financial report. Hearing none, a motion to approve was made by Mr. Booher and seconded by Mr. Dougherty. Motion passed unanimously.

Sync.Space Presentation – Heath Guinn, Sync.Space: Mr. Guinn provided an overview of Sync.Space and reviewed ongoing projects within the region. Mr. Guinn also introduced Mr. Shipley as a member of the Sync.Space team. Mr. Guinn reviewed the Fund TN project and the upcoming announcement regarding the fund and Sync.Space's role in the program.


Local Partners Update: Lynn Tully, State of TN gave updates on the State's economic efforts, stating activity continues to increase with more site visits and business expansions. Ms. Tully also introduced Allison Woodward as a new member of the TNECD Regional Office. Clay Walker stated there are several projects moving forward in Bristol. Mr. Walker provided updates on other NETWORKS projects and reviewed the Day on the Hill event in Nashville, TN. April Eads reiterated being very busy with the positive project activity. Ms. Eads also provided updates on Teacher Industry Day,

Communiversy, and that work on a TVA InvestPrep Application is moving forward. Deidre Pendley provided an update on various grant opportunities, CTE programs, and new classes offered at THS.

Directors' Discussion: Mr. Anderson reviewed the upcoming Hiring Expo. Directors discussed downtown development and the development of five new shops in the Pinnacle Development. A "field trip" for IDB Directors was discussed. Dates and times will be provided to Directors soon.

Adjournment: There being no further business Chairman Venkataraman adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

Approved:


Raj Venkataraman, Chairman

Attest:


Jeff Jones, Secretary/Treasurer

Attachments:

1. Agenda

**THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF
THE CITY OF BRISTOL, TENNESSEE**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2023 – 12 PM

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome New Director – Ex Officio Council Liaison Lea Powers
3. Roll Call
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Minutes – January 23, 2023 Regular Meeting
 - b. Financial Reports – January 2023
5. Sync.Space Presentation – Heath Guinn
6. Updates by local partners:
 - State of TN – Lynn Tully
 - NETWORKS – Clay Walker
 - BTES – April Eads
 - BTCS – Deidre Pendley
7. Directors Discussion
8. Adjourn