



## **Executive Committee**

# **Emergency Electronic Minutes**

Monday, March 14, 2022

Electronic Voting via ZOOM and Emails

### **Yea**

Councilwoman Marikay Abuzuaiter, City of Greensboro (via email)  
Commissioner Kevin Austin, Yadkin County (Z)  
Alderwoman Renee Bryant, City of Randleman (via email)  
Council Member Jane Cole, City of King (Z)  
Mayor Rick Cross, Town of Bermuda Run (Z)  
Mayor Pro Tem Monta Davis-Oliver, Town of Yadkinville (via email)  
Commissioner Benita Finney, Davie County (via email)  
Commissioner Fleming El-Amin, Forsyth County (Z)  
Mayor Alvin Foster, Town of Yanceyville (Z)  
Chairman Darrell Frye, Randolph County (via email)  
Councilman Victor Jones, City of High Point (via email)  
Councilman John Larson, City of Winston-Salem (via email)  
Alderwoman Yvonne Maizland, Town of Gibsonville (Z)  
Commissioner Scott Needham, Town of Pilot Mountain (Z)  
Commissioner Damon Prince, Town of Troy (Z)  
Commissioner Mark Richardson, Rockingham County (via phone)  
Mayor Emily Sharpe, Town of Elon (via email)  
Commissioner Don Truell, Davidson County (via email)  
Mayor Larry Ward, Town of Denton (via email)  
*(Z) Denotes attendance via ZOOM*

### **Nays**

**Chairman Alvin Foster thanked everyone for attending the Emergency Electronic meeting to discuss match funding for a portion of the Build Back Better Challenge. This application is due tomorrow so we are unable to hold this item for our next regular business meeting. He called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m. The meeting was held electronically in accordance with our bylaws which state that electronic voting may be held when “when an important issue must be discussed and decided upon prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Board. This form of voting may only be called by the Chair. A clear description of the item at hand and sufficient reason that it cannot be handled at a regular Board of Delegates meeting shall be provided by the Executive Director. Email or telephone voting is only suitable for straightforward motions. The vote shall be decided by a simple majority of those responding to the email or telephone vote within the time period set.”**

**1) Action Item: EDA Build Back Better Regional Challenge – Match funding for SITE Next-Gen Coalition Mr. Matthew Dolge, Executive Director**

- a) Mr. Dolge thanked everyone for their attendance on such short notice. As you remember, PTRC’s SITE Next-Gen Coalition was named by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) as a finalist in the \$1 billion Build Back Better Regional Challenge. The coalition has advanced to Phase 2 and is competing for up to \$100 million in American Rescue Plan funding to develop and scale the Next Generation Manufacturing industry in the Triad. SITE Next-Gen Coalition is a diverse group of regional stakeholders from government, business, nonprofits, and academia. As a finalist, the coalition was awarded \$500,000 to develop a plan to spark equitable innovation to invigorate Next-Generation Manufacturing in the Triad, increasing the number of high-paying manufacturing jobs across all demographics and geographies. The strategy, implemented through seven interwoven component projects, focuses on the prototyping, simulation, initial product development, and testing required for the region to elevate its position among the nation's leading manufacturing hubs.
- b) We have now submitted five of the seven projects. The two PTRC component projects Talent Development and Entrepreneurial Ecosystem have overarching connections to all other projects within the cluster strategy. EDA requires an 80/20 non-federal fund match. The total need is \$1,052,258.01 with \$802,258.01 for Talent Development and \$250,000.00 for Entrepreneurialism. We have worked diligently to find this for all projects with the exception of these last two. We have met with the Governor and also with House and Senate leadership and they have all expressed interest in supporting this project. However since we are not in a budget cycle with the state the money cannot be officially appropriated yet. That does not work for EDA so we are asking for approval for us to submit out match letter from our fund balance.
- c) We anticipate receiving funding from the state prior to needing the funds in September or October. We do not envision using any of PTRC’s fund balance to actually fund the

activities in the grant. Furthermore, if we aren't able to secure a match, we will most likely pull those projects.

- d) US EDA's Build Back Better Regional Challenge grant will enable us to connect and strengthen our advanced manufacturing assets and resources to achieve transformational success in the global competition for jobs and economic growth.
- e) After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Kevin Austin and seconded by Mr. Fleming El-Amin.
- f) Roll call and electronic vote- Ayes: Councilwoman Marikay Abuzuaiter, Commissioner Kevin Austin, Alderwoman Renee Bryant, Council Member Jane Cole, Mayor Rick Cross, Mayor Pro Tem Monta Davis-Oliver, Commissioner Benita Finney, Commissioner Fleming El-Amin, Mayor Alvin Foster, Chairman Darrell Frye, Councilman Victor Jones, Councilman John Larson, Alderwoman Yvonne Maizland, Commissioner Scott Needham, Commissioner Damon Prince, Commissioner Mark Richardson, Mayor Emily Sharpe, Commissioner Don Truell, Mayor Larry Ward.
- g) Nays: none
- h) Request for approval of the Match funding for SITE Next-Gen Coalition for the EDA Build Back Better Regional Challenge was approved.

**There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned with general consensus at 5:05p.m.**

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**Alvin Foster, PTRC Chair**

**Katie Mitchell, Clerk to the Board**