

Central Florida Partnership
Called Special Board Meeting
11:45 a.m., to 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 15, 2016
Chamber of Commerce Building

Present: Leonard E. Arnold, Jr.; Ivan M. Aron; Thomas L. Baptiste; Loren J. Bender; Randolph E. Berridge; Sean DeMartino; Joseph Disanti; Charles Y. Freeman; Aaron J. Gorovitz; C.T. Hsu; Marva Brown Johnson; Jeffery Q. Jonasen; Christine S. Kefauver; Michelle L. Kendall; Stephen H. Mauldin; Michael D. Minton; Keith A. Norden; David Petr; Todd J. Pokrywa; Phil Rawlins; Robert T. Rosen; Jason W. Searl; Jacob V. Stuart; Rasesh Thakkar; Ed Timberlake; and Luke S. Widmer.

Absent: Mark Brewer; W. Christopher Browder; Marisa Carnevale-Henderson; Michelle M. Chandler; Antonio T. Coley; Mary L. Demetree; Charlie S. Dorr; Erik O. Etz; Andy Gardiner; Matt J. Gilbert; Debbie Harvey; John C. Hitt; Leila Jammal-Nodarse; James E. Jardon, II; Tony Jenkins; Adrian Jones; Brian Lamb; Wendy B. Libby; Yolanda Londoño; Jay Madara; Kevin R. McCarter; T. Dwayne McCay; Troy L. McNichols; Jonathan M. Perry; Ron Pizzuti; Martin Rubin; Joy Sabol; Tom Smith; Tracey Stockwell; Daryl Tol; and Lynda L. Weatherman.

Guests in Attendance: Shari Dingle Costantini; and Rob Panepinto.

Staff in Attendance: Mike Ketchum; Amanda O'Brien; April Richardson; Jim Thomas; and Kristine Vorpagel.

Stephen Mauldin, 2016 Chair, called meeting to order at 12:06 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance; and introductions of special guests.

Mr. Stuart gave an update on the meeting of the Central Florida Young Professionals Advisory Council (YPAC) which welcomed interns from various investor companies; followed by a discussion of the Pulse Nightclub tragic events of June 12, 2016; acknowledging it as the most horrific day in the history of the City of Orlando.

Phil Rawlins shared with those in attendance that the weekend Orlando City Soccer game will have a moment of silence and that 49 seats in Section 9 of the new stadium will have a rainbow in honor of those lives lost in the tragedy.

Mr. Mauldin updated those on the purpose of the Called Special Meeting; followed by a discussion of the proposed guidelines of the Memorandum of Understanding recommended by the Joint Alignment Committee and the structural framework.

The new organization will: serve as a catalyst; have a more unified voice; expand global reach; support enhanced education.

Mr. Stuart discussed comparison of the boards of directors, the difference in protocols/procedures, the Working Group of the Joint Alignment Committee, and the lease expirations of the Central Florida Partnership and the Orlando EDC.

Mr. Stuart notified board members in attendance that if the merger is approved he will not be leading the new organization and that a national search will be conducted to hire the new CEO.

Mr. Mauldin opened the floor for questions, comments, thoughts, suggestions or concerns.

Some comments were: Do not lose sight of Quality of Life with merger; new CEO has to have the same passion for our community as Mr. Stuart (does that person exist?); Tampa Bay Partnership (TBP) realigning their focus also and the Central Florida Partnership is working closely with the TBP (Super Region); is there a possibility to partner with the TBP; Rick Homans, President of the TBP is fully up to speed with what's going on; new organization has to have a strong leadership team and great leaders under new CEO because it can't rest on one person; will funding from counties continue; risk of individuals leaving before merger; need everyone to stay the course financially; discussion of blending boards together; thankful for communications with board and staff; thankful for transparency and inclusiveness.

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The need to be mindful that optics matter; new organization needs to be diverse; followed by a motion to add diversity to the document; representation from other chambers of commerce (Chamber Alliance); possibility of forming a regional chamber alliance; best interest for the Central Florida community; how to address possible issues; how the reorganization will impact partnerships with civic organizations (Quality of Life); how can the board help; can board members get FAQs (accurate information) to be able to articulate properly.

There was acknowledgement of the great job of David Fuller, Chair of the Orlando EDC and Steve Mauldin, Chair of the Central Florida Partnership and Joint Alignment Committee; effort and focus of the Joint Alignment Committee being thoughtful.

Mr. Mauldin reminded board members of the Listening Sessions scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 2016, and Friday, July 16, 2016; with the purpose of providing an opportunity to discuss the guidelines of the Memorandum of Understanding recommended to the Joint Alignment Committee.

The next meeting of the 2016 Central Florida Partnership Board of Directors will be a Called Special Board Meeting on Friday, July 22, 2016, from 11:45 a.m., to 1:30 p.m., at the Chamber of Commerce Building, in Downtown Orlando.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Mauldin at 1:28 p.m.

Attest:



April Richardson