



**BMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**April 27, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Honorable Steven R. Schuh, Anne Arundel County Executive  
Chair, Baltimore Metropolitan Council  
Honorable William C. Ferguson, Maryland State Senator, Baltimore City, District 46  
Honorable Stephen Lafferty, Maryland State Delegate, Baltimore County, District 42A  
Honorable Barry Glassman, Harford County Executive  
Honorable Stephen Wantz, Carroll County Commissioner  
Honorable James T. Moran, Queen Anne County Commissioner  
Tom Sadowski, Gubernatorial Appointee, Vice Chancellor for Economic Development, University System of Maryland

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Honorable Allan Kittleman, Howard County Executive  
Honorable Catherine Pugh, Mayor, Baltimore City, BMC Vice-Chair  
Honorable Kevin Kamenetz, Baltimore County Executive

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Michelle Pourciau, Baltimore City Dept. of Transportation  
Nicholas Blendy, Baltimore County Government  
Steve Cohoon, Dept. of Public Works, Queen Anne's County Government  
Phil Nichols, Howard County Government  
Bernie Marczyk, Anne Arundel County  
Roberta Windham, Carroll County

**KEY BMC STAFF PRESENT**

Michael B. Kelly, Executive Director  
Brian Shepter, Director of External Relations  
Todd Lang, Director of Transportation  
Regina Aris, Assistant Director of Transportation  
Tamiko Knight, Office Manager/ HR Generalist  
Other BMC Staff

BMC Chair, Honorable Steve Schuh called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

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## ACTION ITEMS

### **1. Approval of the January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

BMC Chair, AA County Executive Schuh asked for approval of the meeting minutes. Commissioner Moran motioned to approve the minutes and Senator Ferguson seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the minutes from the January 26, 2018 meeting.

### **2. Approval of BMC FY 19 Budget**

Mr. Kelly, BMC Executive Director, briefed the board on the changes in the FY19 budget. The budget is slightly lower than FY18 due to a decrease in Transportation funds. The decrease was a result of the decreased “carry over” funds from the local jurisdictions. Other small change in the budget were the removal of funds for the BMC library shared with Pratt library. Because of the online access to research data, the library’s foot traffic has been significantly reduced. All data research requests will be directed to the Pratt Library. The funds for the library will be redirected to BMC’s Workforce study initiatives.

BMC Chair, AA County Executive Schuh asked for approval of BMC’s FY 19 budget. Commissioner Moran motioned to approve the budget and Senator Ferguson seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved BMC’s FY 19 budget.

### **3. Approval of BMC’s Office Lease Extension**

Mr. Kelly, BMC’s Executive Director, briefed the board on the recent negotiations with the property owner of BMC’s current premises. With the assistance of a commercial real estate broker, BMC viewed several relocation sites in the Baltimore area, but ultimately opted for a 13-year lease extension. Some minor renovations have also been negotiated with the property owner.

BMC Chair, AA County Executive Steve Schuh asked for approval of a renegotiated lease for BMC’s current office space. Commissioner Moran motioned to approve the budget and County Executive Glassman seconded the motion the board unanimously approved the office lease extension.

## UPDATES

### Chesapeake Connect 2018

County Executive Schuh announced New Orleans, LA as the location for BMC’s next Chesapeake Connect Mission trip. This year’s trip will highlight discussions around economic development, police reform initiatives, and school reform. Nominations for trip attendees will be due from the board members by June 1, 2018.

### BMC/GBC State of the Region Report

Mr. Michael Kelly briefed the board on BMC’s 2018 State of the Region report. The report is a collaborative effort of BMC and GBC.

The report will compare the Baltimore region to its 10 larger and 10 smaller peers along a variety of demographic, economic and quality of life indicators. The report will highlight the strength and weaknesses of the region today as well as over the past 20 years. Highlights of the report are:

- Demographics – Total population has grown by 330,000 since 1998 and have become much more diverse



- Economy – Median household income has the third highest growth rate compared to peer regions & the per capital income has the second highest growth rate in the country
- Employment – Baltimore region has remained at the top of list in Government, Education and Health from 1998-2017
- Education & Workforce– Increase in residents with college degrees / slight decrease in residence with less than a high school education
- Quality of life / Cost of Living – In 1998, the Baltimore region had the second lowest cost of living. In 2017, Baltimore region had the sixth highest cost of living.

Senator Ferguson inquired about the index drivers for the cost of living analysis. Per Mr. Kelly, the index tracked 6 major categories. A more detailed report could be generated to provide a more in depth look at the index drivers.

Delegate Lafferty questioned if there were any analysis of the correlation of investments in the region compared to increased incomes, job growth, and cost of living. Per Mr. Kelly, the new report utilized the same metrics as the original report, which did not track capital investments in the region.

The anticipated release date for the report is May 2018.

### **Workforce Development – Family Supporting Jobs Report**

Mr. Kelly, BMC’s Executive Director, briefed the board of a new BMC Report, Family Supporting Jobs Report. The report broadens the research done on workforce development in BMC’s Opportunity Collaborative project several years ago by expanding the definition of “Mid-skills jobs”. The report focuses on wage rather than education attainment.

Per Mr. Kelly, the report will serve as a valuable resource for the local jurisdictions, colleges and universities and other community stakeholders.

### **2020 Census Overview**

Mr. Fernando Armstrong, Regional Director of the U.S. Census Bureau, briefed the board on the major procedural changes for the 2020 Census. The major changes include:

- Maximizing outreach by using both traditional and new media
- Offering & encouraging everyone to use the secure online response option
- Providing fieldworkers with handheld devices for collecting data
- Utilizing automated system for recruiting, training and payroll

Because the 2020 Census campaign will include fewer regional and local offices, the Census Bureau is seeking assistance from the local jurisdictions. The bureau plans to work collaboratively with the jurisdictions by creating “Municipal Complete Count Committees”. The committees will include influential community leaders, heads of faith based organizations, colleges & Universities, business associations and state and local governments and will be tasked with creating an awareness campaign to help encourage public participation.



### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Queen Anne County Commissioner Moran informed the board of the recent approval of the Delaware General Assembly to privatize the Delaware port. The port is anticipating a 75% increase in non-container shipment and a 100% increase in container shipment. Commission Moran expressed concerns about the impact of the Delaware's port activity on the Queen Anne County region. He asked if BMC had any insight on this matter.

Todd Lang, BMC's Director of Transportation, informed Commissioner Moran this was a topic of discussion for BMC's Freight Movement Task Force Committee. There is no detailed analysis available at this time.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further, business, County Executive Schuh, entertained the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:28 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael B. Kelly  
Executive Director  
Baltimore Metropolitan Council