



**BMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES  
January 17, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Honorable Catherine Pugh, Baltimore City Mayor  
Chair, Baltimore Metropolitan Council  
Honorable Johnny Olszewski, Baltimore County Executive  
Vice Chair, Baltimore Metropolitan Council  
Honorable Calvin Ball, Howard County Executive  
Honorable James J. Moran, Queen Anne County Commissioner  
Tom Sadowski, Gubernatorial Appointee, Vice Chancellor for Economic Development, University System of Maryland

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

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 Steuart Pittman, Anne Arundel County Executive

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ben Birge, Chief Administrative Officer, Anne Arundel 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



BMC Chair, Honorable Mayor Pugh called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Approval of the April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting Minutes**  
Mayor Pugh asked for approval of the meeting minutes. Commissioner Moran motioned to approve the minutes and County Executive Ball seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the minutes from the April 27, 2018 meeting.
- 2. Approval of Incoming Vice Chair**  
BMC Board Chair, Mayor Pugh asked for approval of the Vice Chair nominee, County Executive Johnny Olszewski. County Executive Ball motioned to approve the nomination and Commissioner Moran seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the nomination of County Executive Johnny Olszewski as the board's Vice Chair.
- 3. Approval of Incoming Chair**  
Newly elected Vice Chair, Johnny Olszewski, requested approval of board chair nominee, Mayor Catherine Pugh. Commissioner Moran motioned to approve the nomination and County Executive Olszewski seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the nomination of Mayor Catherine Pugh as the board's Chair.
- 4. Approval of FY2018 BMC Audit Letter to Governance**  
Mr. Kelly, BMC's Executive Director, informed the board of the FY2018 financial audit results. SB & Company performed the audit and reported no deficiencies within BMC's internal control practices, rendering a clean audit. Mayor Pugh requested approval for the audit letter to governance. Mr. Tom Sadowski motioned to approve the letter and Commissioner Moran seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the audit letter to governance.
- 5. Approval of DLLR Data Sharing Agreement**  
Brian Shepter, BMC's Director of External Affairs briefed the board of BMC's agreement with the Maryland Department of Labor and Licensing for the ES-202 data. The ES-202 data is employment and wage data derived from reports filed by all Maryland employers, BMC uses for travel demand modeling. The new agreement runs from January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. Mayor Pugh requested approval for the agreement. Vice-Chair Olszewski motioned to approve the agreement and Commissioner Moran seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the data sharing agreement.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Junior Achievement Data Partnership**



BMC Board member Tom Sadowski, also chair of the board for the Junior Achievement of Central Maryland encouraged other members to take a serious look at the work of JA believing it would be a great benefit to all jurisdictions in the region. The organization serves more than 50K children per year focusing on financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and career readiness

Kim Fabian, senior vice president of the organization informed the board of the collaborative efforts with BMC to launch the career exploration platform; a unique platform designed to allow students the opportunity to research job demand for the Baltimore region and training support data to obtain the job. BMC provided the workforce data for the platform.

Per Kim, the program debuted in October 2018 and saw significant results. Over 2K students and over 50 employers utilized the platform during the grand viewing.

### **BRCPC Energy Board Cost Avoidance**

Mr. Noel Chesser, Enel X's Principal Energy Advisor, provided an overview of the governance, structure and management of the BRCPC Energy Board. He explained the management and procurement strategy of the Energy Board, which includes 23 central Maryland local government entities, but is run by a seven voting member board. The Energy Board, the largest purchaser of electricity in the state, established a wholesale account with PJM, the regional grid operator and makes electricity purchases at cost. Mr. Chesser informed the Board the various strategies used to minimize costs for the local jurisdictions and other local members have saved \$153 million dollars since the program's inception in 2007.

### **2019 Transportation Program**

Todd Lang, BMC's Director of Transportation, briefed the board on the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) transportation planning efforts in CY2019. Mr. Lang discussed the governance, structure, committees and many work activities of the BRTB. Particular attention was given to the Maximize2045 Long Range Plan, as this is the largest project of the BRTB. Mr. Lang discussed the federal regulations regarding the region's long plan and the process in which major transportation projects could get included in the plan. Mr. Sadowski inquired about data with regard to commuting pattern studies. Mr. Kelly promised to provide the requested data.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **Chesapeake Connect 2018 Recap**

Mike Kelly provided a recap of BMC's second Chesapeake Connect delegation trip to New Orleans. He explained the trips purpose, which is to provide the Baltimore region's top thought leaders the opportunity to travel to a peer region to meet with others to learn about new, innovative and different approaches to similar policy challenges faced in the Baltimore region. A group of 60 individuals traveled to New Orleans and engaged in dialogue with the city's leaders on public education reform, cultural economy and police reform.

The survey responses were overwhelmingly positive and BMC plans to continue with this new initiative. Commissioner Moran commended Mr. Kelly for the success of the trip.



### **BMC Office Redesign/Construction**

Mr. Kelly informed the board of BMC's new office space lease with a 15 year term; a requirement of BMC's newly acquired capital grant from the state of Maryland. BMC plans to upgrade staff furniture and redesign the conference room/meeting spaces to better accommodate its regional stakeholders. A full budget and test fit will be provided at the next meeting.

### **BMC Website Redesign**

Mr. Kelly informed the board of the hacking of BMC's website, which totally disabled the site. BMC has since hired a consultant to redesign the site. The focus has been to modernize the aesthetic, enhance user experience and improve security. The site will launch in February 2019.

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Mayor Pugh thanked all board members for their attendance and commended all presenters. There were no further remarks.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, Mayor Pugh, entertained the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:56 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael B. Kelly  
Executive Director  
Baltimore Metropolitan Council