



**York Business Improvement District Authority
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2021**

The meeting was held Wednesday, February 10, 2021 for the York Business Improvement District Authority ("YBIDA"), commencing at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was conducted remotely on Zoom with access for the public to hear. The meeting was also available by telephone. Notice of the Zoom link and telephone number were provided to the public in advance by notice required by law.

The following Board members were in attendance, representing a quorum:

Carlos Diaz	Aneury Perez
Kate Hynes	Julian Tolbert
John Klinedinst	Joanne Wilmore
Eric Menzer	Allison Witherow

York County Economic Alliance staff members were present: Katie Mahoney, Vice President Marketing & Communications; Elaine Bonneau, Director of Downtown Inc.; and Hannah Beard, Communications Coordinator.

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

Chair Julian Tolbert called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments. No members of the public present.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Julian Tolbert welcomed new Executive Committee members: Ms. Kate Hynes, Vice President, Ms. Joanne Wilmore, Secretary, and Mr. Aneury Perez, Treasurer; and new board members: Mr. Carlos Diaz and Ms. Allison Witherow.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Joanne Wilmore presented the December YBIDA minutes, which were shared prior to the meeting, before a motion was put forth for approval. Mr. Eric Menzer motioned to approve the minutes followed by a second from Mr. John Klinedinst before the motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Aneury Perez presented the financial report. The collection of assessments is at \$119,730.80 for current year, \$116,000 is from the 2020 BID assessment and \$2,946.00 from the prior year's collection. Ms. Elaine Bonneau confirmed that notices for the small amount of assessments that were outstanding, but no late fees will be charged.

COVID RECOVERY

Ms. Elaine Bonneau provided the following updates on COVID-19 recovery:

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- A \$145 million COVID relief bill was approved by Pennsylvania for the hospitality industry to be allocated by the DCD through the county. The grant opens March 15 and the York County Economic Alliance will provide administration.
- Downtown Inc has continued to have discussions with the Mayor and City Council on the topic of Open Container. On February 2nd, the City of York approved an extension of the 2020 Open Container resolution effective immediately through the end of September 2021. Downtown Inc will continue to provide restaurants with a bridge so they can utilize outdoor space, as well as provide proof of concept. Resolution information was communicated with downtown merchants and restaurants.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCUSION INITIATIVES

Ms. Elaine Bonneau reported that the Black and Minority Owned Business directory now hosts 200 businesses and that Downtown Inc is holding 'Community Conversations' for Black History Month. Chair Tolbert noted on the Welcoming Workplaces as a York County Economic Alliance led effort.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Tolbert provided an updated on the reconstituted Economic Development Committee with minutes from the first meeting provided to the YBIDA in the February board packet. The focus for this committee will be on York City and Downtown York real estate.

PRESENTATION – COLUMBIA GAS METER REPLACEMENT

Mr. Bryan Tate, an elected official of York City, presented as a York City resident/property owner with concerns regarding the Columbia Gas meter placement to ask for Downtown Inc's support in advocacy efforts. Mr. Eric Menzer submitted a motion that Downtown Inc and the York County Economic Alliance go on record opposing the installation of exterior gas meters at businesses and residences in Downtown York; consult with attorney Niles Benn to determine the best course of action to intervene on behalf of downtown property owners (both legislative and litigious), and bring a proposal back to the board at the next meeting. The YBIDA expressed support for Mr. Tate's opposition to Columbia's course of action; and requested Downtown Inc and the York County Economic Alliance to consider and propose options for legislation and/or litigation.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was reported.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Tolbert announced that Downtown Inc branded t-shirts and hats are now available, and an email for coordination will follow.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Tolbert adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.



Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Wilmore
Secretary

Prepared by: Hannah Beard
Community Engagement Manager



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