

21ST CENTURY PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION, INC

MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 22, 2021, 10:00AM, CENTRAL GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE,

ROY H. "SONNY" WATSON HEALTH AND SCIENCE BUILDING, WARNER ROBINS,

PRESENT: Dan Slagle, Mark Byrd, Charlie Cantrell, Roy Fickling, Brad Fink, Gary Garrard, George Greer, Robert Hatcher, Andi Mitchell, Christina O'Brien, Trish Ross, Randy Toms, Deon Tucker, Eddie Wiggins, John Kubinec, Dan Rhoades, Jamie Cook, Debra Cox, and Lori Freeman

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Rob Brooks, Todd Giddens, Marlan Nichols

ABSENT: Ivan Allen, Malcolm Burgess, Kirby Godsey, Todd Kinnebrew, Lester Miller, Emily Myers, Jeremy Nelms, Chris Sheridan, Dan Speight, Tommy Stalnaker, Bob Walker

Meeting was called to order by Dan Slagle at 10:05 AM, Randy Toms provided the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dan Slagle opened the meeting with introductions of our newest board members, George Greer, Todd Kinnebrew, Deon Tucker and Gary Garrard and then asked all the attendees to do a brief introduction. He also recognized our 5 past chairmen that were in attendance today, both in person and on zoom.

John Kubinec introduced our newest staff members, Lori Freeman and Debra Cox. He also thanked the board members for their service to the partnership.

John Kubinec briefed the board on President Biden's budget and what it means for Robins Air Force Base and the surrounding communities. Four new missions were announced for Robins, and these were discussed. It was noted that these are good first steps. John Kubinec also stated that the base and community has done a good job making Robins "Home of ABMS" and positioning themselves with efforts in software and electromagnetic spectrum work both academia and industry. The board had concerns and would like the Partnership to be proactive with representation in Washington.

John Kubinec shared how the partnership is supporting the GA Joint Defense Commission, a commission to advise Georgia leadership on statewide and national military issues.

Dan Rhoades gave a brief overview of the Middle Georgia Innovation Project that is midway through its' execution phase; and the Robins Air Force Base Sustainability Plan that has just kicked off. Both programs complement each other.

Jamie Cook spoke to STEM/Robotics – Focus remains on STEM workforce supply chain and there is now a formal agreement with the base. He is also working with several Middle and High School Competitive Robotics Events.

John Kubinec briefed the board on the current budget and acknowledged our newest sponsors. He thanked the board for their support and generosity. He stated there would be a focused push this fall on fundraising.

Dan Slagle asked the board to consider Gary Garrard as the new treasure to fill the vacancy left with the passing of Mr. Wayne Lowe. A motion was made by Andi Mitchell and seconded by Roy Fickling. The motion was passed unanimously.

Dan Slagle thanked the board for attending, for giving of their time and for their engagement. He said that today's meeting reinforced to him, that we made a great choice in John Kubinec as President and CEO of the 21st Century Partnership.

Dan Slagle adjourned the meeting at 11:17AM.