

21ST CENTURY PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION, INC

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 9, 2021, 11:00AM, BEST WESTERN PLUS EXECUTIVE,

ROBINS CONFERENCE ROOM, WARNER ROBINS, GA

PRESENT: Dan Slagle, Ivan Allen, Charlie Cantrell, Brad Fink, Gary Garrard, Todd Giddens, Robert Hatcher, Lester Miller, Jeremy Nelms, Marlan Nichols, Christina O'Brien, Randy Toms, Bob Walker, Eddie Wiggins, John Kubinec, Dan Rhoades, Jamie Cook, Debra Cox, and Lori Freeman

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Rob Brooks, Roy Fickling, George Greer, Chris Sheridan

ABSENT: Andi Mitchell, Malcolm Burgess, Mark Byrd, Kirby Godsey, Todd Kinnebrew, Emily Myers, Trish Ross, Dan Speight, Tommy Stalnaker, Bob Walker

GUEST: Bob Herrmann, Ashley Campbell, Phillip Rowan

Meeting was called to order by Dan Slagle at 11:40 AM, and he led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dan Slagle opened the meeting with introductions around the room. He also recognized those in attendance via ZOOM.

John Kubinec briefed the board on the State of the Air Force.

Mr Bob Herrmann, 402nd SWEG Director shared information on the 402nd Software Engineering Group (SWEG). They are posturing themselves with local education institutions and software innovation centers like Blue Sky. They are also providing high school graduate internships and working on the future workforce for Robins AFB by pulling from twelve colleges across the southeast of the USA. The 402nd SWEG software supports Robins AFB, the Air Force and Department of Defense needs.

John Kubinec shared the 2021 Year in Review. He spoke to Robins AFB new mission support, the 21st Century Partnership hosting of the Ga Joint Defense Commission in July and supporting our military families through education and spouse licensure.

Dan Rhoades gave an update on the Middle Georgia Innovation Project with its focus on software and Industry 4.0. He also spoke to the Robins Air Force Base/ Middle Georgia Sustainability Plan. The initial draft study areas should be available by February of 2022.

Jamie Cook gave an update on STEM, an investment for future workforce. He was featured in a Macon-Bibb Co. Industrial Authority video. He has added a new robotics team and participated

in the statewide Robotics event at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter. A State Championship in robotics will be Macon, Ga. in April with support from Mercer.

John Kubinec shared the 2022 Plan of Work to the board. Included was information on the upcoming website with an option to donate online, and logo change. The 3-year plan will be reviewed and presented in time for the 30th anniversary of 21st Century Partnership. The decision for a lobbyist will be reviewed over the next 6 months but was placed on hold for now.

John Kubinec gave an update on the FY 2022 Budget and Fundraising. John Kubinec recognized our new sponsors for 2021.

Dan Slagle requested a vote on the June 22, 2021, minutes. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Charlie Cantrell followed by a second from Bob Hatcher and was approved unanimously.

Dan Slagle asked for a motion on the approval of the FY 2022 Budget. The motion to approve the FY 2022 Budget was made by Bob Hatcher followed by a second from Randy Toms and was approved unanimously.

Three new board members were asked to join the 21st Century Partnership board, they are as follows: Dr. Mark Scott, Randy Meade, and Dwight Jones. Three board members terms were extended until December 2024, they are as follows: R. Kirby Godsey, Malcolm Burgess, and Chris Sheridan and was approved unanimously.

Dan Slagle asked for a motion on new and existing board member terms of service. The motion to approve the terms of service for the new and existing board members was made by Charlie Cantrell and a second by Bob Hatcher and was approved unanimously.

Dan Slagle announced outgoing board members as follows: Patricia “Trish” Ross, who was appointed Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, approved by Governor Kemp, Deon Tucker who moved to Atlanta with a new job with Georgia Power, Dan Speight, and Randy Toms. Dan Slagle recognized the contribution of Randy Toms on behalf of the Partnership and for his work with the city of Warner Robins and thanked all outgoing board members for their service.

Randy Toms told the board that it was an honor to work with this board, “we are in a great place and are doing great work.”

Dan Slagle adjourned the meeting at 12:50pm.