



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Headstart Perkins Indiantown, 16868 Palm Beach Street, Indiantown, FL 34956

Present:

Susan Rabinowitz, Dan Romence, Eric Kiehn, Lauren Abbott, Angela Browning, PhD., Brian Bauer, Patrick Gleason, Steven Hartz, David Powers, Ron Rose, William “David” Snyder, Ed Weinberg, Commissioner Blake Capps, Mayor Carmine Dipaolo

Excused: Ransom “Reed” Hartman, Commissioner Laura Giobbi, Tyson Waters

Staff: William Corbin (Executive Director), Troy McDonald (Director, Business Retention and Expansion), Ken Norman (Counsel), George Stokus, Ike Crumpler

- 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call:** Susan Rabinowitz called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. A quorum was established by roll call.

2. Comments

- I. Public Comments:** None
- II. Partner Comments:**

Taryn Kryzda, Manager of the Village of Indiantown reported on the Board on both Non-Residential and Residential developments that have been approved or are going through the approval process. She also updated the board on the Villages efforts to upgrade their Water Plant and Waist Water Plant. She invited the Board and those in attendance to a Groundbreaking for the new waist water plant that was immediately following the board meeting.

Ted Astolfi gave a brief update on the Charlene Hoag award. He said the committee met on Monday to select his years winner (The winner’s name will be announce at the annual awards event). He told the board the committee had a lively discussion and decided to request the Board create an additional award and be ready to present it at this years event. The new award would be a legacy award. After a brief discussion by the Board Steve Hartz made a motion to approve the new award. Dan Romance seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Executive Director Report: William Corbin went over the Executive Director Report.

Aviation Luncheon

The BDB was one of the main sponsors and partners of the Stuart/Martin County Chamber's August 13 aviation-focused lunch event, "*Little Airport, Big Impact: Aviation in Martin County*".

C&W Technologies, which is led by BDB Past President Eric Kiehn, was a co-sponsor of the event. Kiehn delivered sponsor remarks on behalf of both the BDB as well as C&W Technologies. He highlighted the importance of the BDB's vision/mission as it relates to the overall local economy, especially the aviation industry.

Assistant County Administrator George Stokus moderated a panel discussion that featured Airport Director Andrew McBean and EJ Ghobar, FloridaCommerce Manager of BRE & MRO Recruitment.

NAIOP South Florida Treasure Coast Bus Tour

The BDB is participating as a sponsor for the upcoming September 25 Treasure Coast Bus Tour, led by NAIOP's South Florida Chapter (National Association of Industrial & Office Professionals).

The event will feature stops at several Martin County industrial parks, with the tour lasting from 8am to noon, followed by a real commercial real estate market update from 12:30-2:30pm.

The pickup/dropoff location will be at IRSC's Martin County campus. Additional information can be found at www.naiopsfl.org/events.

Small Biz Loan Fund

BDB staff is meeting regularly with its respective partners for the Martin County Small Business Loan Fund. A tentative launch date is set for Thursday, November 6.

The fund is intended to provide an alternative financing option for local small businesses and entrepreneurs that is easier to access than options at many of the bigger, more traditional banking institutions.



InclusiFI is the local CDFI, or Community Development Financial Institution, that will be helping with execution of the fund.

The program will include additional support for participants, including 1-on-1 counseling via local “on-the-ground” staff that can help applicants and walk them through the loan process.

Loan amounts will likely be from as low as \$5,000 up to \$500,000.

Seacoast Bank HQ

Seacoast Bank has a proposal before the City of Stuart to redevelop and build a new 50,000-square foot new headquarters facility on its property at the corner of US-1/Federal Highway and Colorado Avenue in downtown Stuart.

The proposal will be on the September 15 Community Redevelopment Board agenda as well as the September 22 City of Stuart commission meeting.

BDB board members and stakeholders are asked to please attend and support the proposal at the September 22 commission meeting.

3. Approvals

I. Minutes

- I. Board of Directors Meeting—July 23, 2025:** Eric Kiehn moved to approve the Board of Directors Meeting minutes for July 23, 2025, which was seconded by Steve Hartz. The motion passed unanimously.
- II. Financials:** William Corbin, Executive Director, presented and summarized the financials. Treasure Lauren Abbott had a question about the financials. Executive Director Corbin will get back to the Board regarding the question. No action was taken on the financials.

4. Reports & Presentations

- a. Employment Report** – CareerSource Research Coast (Report provided in package)
- b. BRE Update** – Troy McDonald, Director of Business Retention and Expansion, provided an update. (Report Provided in Package)



- c. **Business Attraction Update** – William Corbin, Executive Director (Report Provided in Package)
- d. **Annual Awards Event Update** – William Corbin, Executive Director provided a report on the status of the Annual Awards Event.
- e. **November BOD Meeting Date** – William Corbin, Executive Director

5. Board Member Items & Discussions

I. None

6. Comments

- a. **Public:** None
- b. **BDBMC Partners:** None

7. Adjourn: 9:00 am

Approved by:

Susan Rabinowitz, President

Date

Prepared by:

Troy McDonald, Director of BRE

Date

Minutes Approved on _____