



Executive Committee Meeting, Friday, June 20, 2025, 08:30 – 10:30 am
Children's Services Council of Martin County, 101 SE Central Pkwy, Stuart, FL 34994
Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 08:30 – 10:30 am
Witham Field, 2011 SE Airport Rd, Stuart, FL 34996

1. 8:30 am **Call to Order and Roll Call**
 - a. Susan Rabinowitz – President of the Board, BDBMC
2. 8:35 am **Comments**
 - a. Public
 - b. BDBMC Partners
 - I. Investor Presentations
 - c. Executive Director Report
 - I. William Corbin, BDBMC
3. 8:50 am **Approvals**
 - a. Meeting Minutes
 - I. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, May 23, 2025 pg 2
 - II. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, April 23, 2025 pg 4
 - III. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, May 28, 2025 pg 9
 - b. Financials
 - I. May 2025 pg 13
 - c. Other
 - I. Executive Director Review Process
4. 9:05 am **Reports & Presentations**
 - a. Employment Report – CareerSource Research Coast
 - b. Martin County IDA - TBD
 - c. Business Attraction Update – William Corbin, BDBMC
 - d. BRE Update – Troy McDonald, BDBMC pg 17
 - e. Programming Update – Inez van Ravenzwaaij, BDBMC
 - f. Budget Update – William Corbin, BDBMC
 - g. Paris Air Show – Troy McDonald, BDBMC
5. 09:50 am **Board Member Items & Discussions**
 - I. Award Selection Committee
6. 10:25 am **Comments**
 - a. Public
 - b. BDBMC Partners
7. 10:30 am **Adjournment**

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Martin County Industrial Development Authority | Friday, July 11, 2025, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Executive Committee Meeting | Friday, July 18, 2025, 8:30 – 10:30 am
Board of Directors Meeting | Wednesday, July 23, 2025, 8:30 – 10:30 am
2025 Martin County Business Awards | Monday, October 6, 2025, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 23, 2025

Children's Services Council of Martin County, 101 SE Central Pkwy, Stuart, FL 34994

Present: Susan Rabinowitz, Dan Romence, Eric Kiehn, Angela Browning, PhD, George Stokus, Ken Norman (Counsel)

Excused: Lauren Abbott

Staff: William Corbin (Executive Director), Inez van Ravenzwaaij (Director, Programs & Partnerships), Troy McDonald (Director, Existing Industries & Business Development), Brittany Truong (Office Administrator)

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call:** Susan Rabinowitz called the meeting to order at 8:29 AM. A quorum was established by roll call.

2. Comments

- a. **Public Comments:** None
- b. **Partner:** None
- c. **Executive Director Report:** William Corbin provided a brief overview. Discussion ensued among the Executive Committee.

3. Approvals

- a. Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2025: Eric Kiehn recommends approval of the March 26, 2025, minutes as presented and seconded by Dan Romence. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Financials – April 2025: William Corbin provided an overview of the financials for April.
- c. A motion to receive the January 2025 financials was made by Eric Kiehn and seconded by Angela Browning, PhD. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Reports & Presentations

- d. **Pulse Update:** Troy McDonald provided a brief overview of the Pulse Report. The Executive Committee requested clarification on where the metrics come from.
- g. **Investor Update:** Inez van Ravenzwaaij provided a brief overview of the investor report per the Executive Committee's request. Discussion ensued from the report.



- h. Legislative Round-Up:** Ike Crumpler provided a summary of what he will present to the Board of Director's meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

5. Board Member Items & Discussions:

- a. Meeting Dates:** The Executive Committee discussed adding a meeting in July and possibly forgoing the meeting in November or December.

6. Adjourn: 09:54 AM



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Children's Services Council of Martin County, 101 SE Central Pkwy, Stuart, FL 34994

Present: Susan Rabinowitz, Eric Kiehn, Dan Romence, Lauren Abbott, Brian Bauer, Patrick Gleason, Ransom "Reed" Hartman, Steve Hartz, David Powers, Ron Rose, William 'David' Snyder, Ed Weinberg, Commissioner Blake Capps, Mayor Carmine Dipaolo, Commissioner Laura Giobbi, Ken Norman (Counsel), George Stokus

Excused: Angela Browning, Marshall Critchfield, Tyson Water

Staff: William Corbin (Executive Director), Inez van Ravenzwaaij (Director, Programs & Partnerships), Troy McDonald (Director, Existing Industries & Business Development), Brittany Truong (Office Administrator)

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

a. Public Comments: Jill Marasa, Ashley Capital, provided updates on various projects and developments and thanked Commissioner Capps for the fire station vote.

b. Partner Comments:

I. Kevin Farrell, Martin County School District: Kevin Farrell spoke and provided updates about the Career & Technical Education and the Work Base Learning with Martin County School District. Discussion ensued from the Board after the presentation.

II. Investor Presentations: Inez van Ravenzwaaij thanked Evergreen Private Care and Manpower for their investment.

c. Executive Director Report:

• BDB Budget Presentation to BOCC

- I presented to the Board of County Commissioners at their April 22 meeting. Letters of support were submitted by Enrico Mattiazzi of IM Group and Stephanie Miele of Scuba Diving International; Nelson Levy of Grind Hard Ammo and Debbie Pease of Daher Aerospace gave their testimony via public comment; and public comment was also delivered by the following BDB board members: Susan Rabinowitz, Dan Romence, David Snyder, Steve Hartz, and Carmine DiPaolo. I'm

happy to report that we have the support of a majority of the commissioners towards our budget ask. However, we confirmed that the increased budget amount necessitates a contract amendment, so that the new amount is codified. Because we are opening up the contract, I recommend that, in order to avoid similar budget requests, we go ahead and negotiate an automatic inflationary increase of up to 3% annually, with a corresponding floor of 0%. Additionally, I recommend that, as part of the amendment, we extend the contract length to an additional 5 years.

- **IDA Project Due Diligence**

- The Martin County Industrial Development Authority board members desire to spur construction and economic activity, and are proactively seeking out and evaluating development opportunities where they could potentially facilitate the issuance of tax-exempt bond financing. BDB staff has been assisting the IDA by targeting and reaching out to companies or organizations that are planning an expansion or likely to plan an expansion via re-investment in their business operations. The IDA learned that refinancing of debt is also an opportunity that the IDA could play a role in facilitating. Examples of targeted companies include businesses like assisted living facilities; solid waste-related companies (e.g. Sedron or Green Carbon Solutions in Indiantown); and educational institutions (e.g. k-12 private schools or institutions like the Chapman School of Seamanship, which has a need to repair and redevelop the seawalls alongside the property where it's located).

- **CMMC Loan Fund**

- The BDB hosted a Cybersecurity Certification workshop last month, in partnership with Florida Makes, South Florida Manufacturers Association, and Cyber Florida. One of the major conclusions of that workshop was that certification (Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification, or CMMC) – and maintenance of the certification – is very costly. Many of our medium and smaller manufacturers are having challenges affording to pay for, and remain, compliant with the CMMC federal regulation. As a reminder, companies must remain certified in order to keep their contracts with the Federal Department of Defense. The BDB is working with FloridaMakes and SFMA to collaborate and



potentially partner with a CDFI lender to make funds available to Martin County manufacturers. The working group is in the due diligence phase right now, and we hope to be able to launch the loan program and offer it to Martin County manufacturers by the end of summer. Additional details, including eligibility and loan terms will be shared once the program is confirmed.

- **Solar Energy Loan Fund (SELF)**

- Inez, Troy and I met with the Solar Energy Loan Fund (SELF) to learn more about their organization and how they may be able to assist Martin County businesses. SELF is headquartered in Fort Pierce and has a presence in 17 states. They've issued about \$10 million of loans in St. Lucie County and \$3 million in Martin County. The organization specializes in Green Banking (e.g. energy efficiency...solar installation and storm resilience – impact windows, updating roofs, etc.). They've been working mostly in the residential space, offering “green home loans”, which helps homeowners access low-cost financing for energy efficiency home improvements (Martin County has partnered with SELF to offer low-cost financing to homeowners for completion of septic-to-sewer conversion. The loans can be secured on ability to pay, rather than solely on credit scores. BDB staff is exploring commercial-focused opportunities with SELF, whereby existing business owners could retrofit their properties and benefit from a SELF-issued loan. We are also hoping to have a representative from SELF be a participant at our upcoming May 29th Resilience Workshop.

- **TCMA Board Meeting**

- Troy and I attended the April Treasure Coast Manufacturer's Association meeting at the invitation of TCMA Treasurer Mike England (owner of Express Employment Professionals, which is a BDB investor). The full board meets bi-monthly, and was established for the purpose of organizing and managing a local and regional manufacturers' trade association. We intend to remain involved and look forward to working with TCMA to continue improving the manufacturing landscape for Martin County and Treasure Coast companies in the industry.



- **Speaking Engagement (MC Realtors Association)**

- I had the opportunity to present to the Martin County Realtors Association of the Treasure Coast on April 3rd. I provided a refresher and overview of the BDB, and I spoke about the necessity for the business community to continue stepping up to the plate in a more proactive and engaged manner, with the goal of supporting Martin County economic development organizations like the BDB, the Economic Council, and our local chambers, as we collectively try to implement our respective visions and missions. The message was one of importance – and one that was well-received, thankfully – especially given that the BDB is in the process of going before the Board of County Commissioners to secure funding for its FY 2026 operating budget.

- **Speaking Engagement (Truist)**

- Last Wednesday, April 17th, I had the pleasure of speaking to the Truist Bank commercial real estate team that is responsible for servicing their six-county southeastern market that spans Miam-Dade to Indian River. The goal was to highlight all of the exciting commercial development and financing opportunities across the treasure coast, and particularly in Martin County.

- **Speaking Engagement (Seacoast)**

- Ted Astolfi and I conducted a joint presentation to Seacoast Bank's Community Board. The presentation focused on highlighting differences between the Business Development Board and the Economic Council, and how both organizations work together towards a common goal.

- **Speaking Engagement (Seacoast)**

- Inez and I had the pleasure of attending the Airport Administration Building ribbon cutting ceremony. The event was held on April 11th and featured commentary from county elected officials and airport management.

3. Executive Committee Meeting April 18th, 2025 Recap (No Quorum): Susan Rabinowitz provided the summary of the Executive Committee Meeting.

4. Approvals



- a. **Minutes - Board of Directors Meeting—Mar 26, 2025:** Steven Hartz moved to approve the Board of Directors Meeting minutes for February 21, 2025, which was seconded by Eric Kiehn. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Financials:** William Corbin, Executive Director, presented and summarized the financials. Lauren Abbott moved to approve of the Financials Reports and it was seconded by Eric Kiehn. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Executive Committee Open Position – Angela Browning, PhD.:** Eric Kiehn made a motion to accept Angela Browning, PhD, for the roll of secretary on the Executive Committee, and was seconded by Ransom ‘Reed’ Hartman. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Reports & Presentations

- a. **Employment Report** – Christina Coble, CareerSource, briefed the BDBMC Board on employment covering Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River Counties.
- b. **BRE Update** – Troy McDonald, Director of Existing Industry and Business Development, provided an update.
- c. **Programming Update** – Inez van Ravenzwaaij, Director of Programs and Partnerships, provided an update and went over the new category.

- 6. Board Member Items & Discussions** – The Board discussed the new manufacturing program at IRSC. Ransom “Reed” Hartman asked for a follow-up on the industrial property conversation from the last meeting. Ransom “Reed” Hartman made a motion for the Executive Director to write a letter to the economic ombudsman to update the county industrial land analysis, by business type and specific uses; also, update chapter 15 of the comp plan regarding economic element. The motion was seconded by Lauren Abbott and the motion passed unanimously. The Board also discussed two of the Ashley Capital projects and what will happen now with them.

7. Adjourn: 10:17 AM



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Children's Services Council of Martin County, 101 SE Central Pkwy, Stuart, FL 34994

Present: Susan Rabinowitz, Dan Romence, Eric Kiehn, Angela Browning, Patrick Gleason, Ransom "Reed" Hartman, Steve Hartz, David Powers, Ron Rose, William 'David' Snyder, Tyson Waters, Ed Weinberg, Mayor Carmine Dipaolo, Commissioner Laura Giobbi, Ken Norman (Counsel), George Stokus

Excused: Lauren Abbott, Brian Bauer, Commissioner Blake Capps

Absent: Marshall Critchfield

Staff: William Corbin (Executive Director), Inez van Ravenzwaaij (Director, Programs & Partnerships), Troy McDonald (Director, Business Retention and Expansion), Brittany Truong (Office Administrator)

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call: Susan Rabinowitz called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM. A quorum was established by roll call.

2. Comments

- a. Public Comments:** Parker Smith, Smith Marine Service and 2024 Youth Entrepreneur of the Year, and his mother Sharon spoke about his new business endeavor.
- b. Partner Comments:** None
 - I. Investor Presentation:** Inez van Ravenzwaaij thanked Truist Bank for their investment.
- c. Executive Director Report:** William Corbin went over the Executive Director Report. The Board talked in depth about the Paris Air Show and the Proposed Budget and Contract Amendment.
 - GrowFL Event Partnership**
 - On May 21 the BDB partnered with GrowFL to conduct an event geared towards local small businesses. GrowFL is an organization that supports second-stage businesses and their executive leadership in their efforts to grow and scale. The event featured a speakers panel of entrepreneurs (including one with a successful past appearance on Shark Tank) – who detailed their respective journeys toward success. The BDB coordinated with several other



sponsors to make the event happen, including Acquisition Experts, the St. Lucie EDC, South Florida Manufacturer's Association, Foundry Commercial, and The Research Park at FAU. More than 50 people from various local small businesses and entrepreneurs in the area attended.

- **Indiantown Chamber Industry Bus Tour Event**

- The BDB partnered with the Indiantown Chamber as a sponsor to host an Industry Appreciation Day on May 9th. This event was designed to celebrate and recognize the businesses that contribute to the growth and vibrancy of Indiantown. The event featured a bus tour where local businesses had the opportunity to showcase their facilities to fellow business owners, community leaders, commercial real estate professionals, and potential customers. The tour also featured stops at properties that still had available space or land to develop.

- **May Industrial Development Authority Meeting**

- The IDA conducted its regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting on May 9. The board continues to accomplish a significant amount of business and tasks, as they have refocused and re-aligned around new strategies to identify development opportunities to partner with, from the angle of bond financing issuance. The IDA board would like to present an update to the BDB board at the June 25 BDB board meeting.

- **FEDC Annual Conference**

- BDB Vice Chair Dan Romence joined Executive Director William Corbin and Director of Business Retention & Expansion Troy McDonald, at the Florida Economic Development Council's Annual Conference from May 14-16 in Port Charlotte. The conference, held was an opportunity for continuing education as well as peer-to-peer connections and relationship-building within the economic development ecosystem. Highlights included sessions on best practice strategies for site selection and workforce/talent development as well as new trends in technology and economic development marketing.

- **Speaking Engagement (Bank of America Treasure Coast)**



- On May 1st I had the pleasure of speaking to Bank of America commercial and wealth management associates at the Treasure Coast Market virtual town hall meeting. I gave a summary and overview of the BDB's vision, mission, goals and activity, and discussed how Bank of America and their staff can play a role in local economic development.
- **Paris Air Show**
 - Past conversations with Daher Aerospace revealed that they would benefit from having more of their suppliers and other related corporate partners closer to their Stuart-based operation, and they are amenable to having the BDB as their guest at the Paris Air Show in June. The show, held bi-annually at Le Bourget Airport in the northeast suburbs of Paris, is the premier conference for the aviation and aerospace industry, and represents an excellent opportunity for the BDB to identify potential companies to attract and recruit to Martin County. Most importantly, Daher is willing to assist the BDB with making warm introductions to companies that it does business with, with the intention of recruiting them to expand and invest in the local aviation sector in Martin County. The floor of the trade show/exhibit hall will be open from June 16-June 19. BDB Director of Business Retention & Expansion Troy McDonald will be representing the BDB at the conference.
- **BDB Proposed Budget & Contract Amendment**
 - BDB staff continues to speak with individual Commissioners from the BOCC about the political feasibility of its FY 2026 budget request and proposed contract amendment (escalator clause). These conversations will inform the viability of a path forward, from a policy perspective. Staff will have a clearer idea on where things stand by week's end.

3. Executive Committee Meeting May 23, 2025, Recap: Susan Rabinowitz provided the recap of the Executive Committee Meeting on Friday May 23, 2025.

4. Approvals



- a. **Minutes - Board of Directors Meeting—March 26, 2025:** Steven Hartz moved to approve the Board of Directors Meeting minutes for March 25, 2025, which was seconded by Tyson Waters. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Financials:** William Corbin, Executive Director, presented and summarized the financials. Eric Kiehn moved to approve of the Financials, and it was seconded by Angela Browning, PhD. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Reports & Presentations

- b. **Business Attraction Update** – William Corbin, Executive Director, provided an update on attraction projects and leads for Martin County.
- c. **BRE Update** – Troy McDonald, Director of Business Retention and Expansion, provided an update.
- d. **Pulse Update** – Troy McDonald, Director of Business Retention and Expansion, provided an update. Critiques and discussion occurred among the Board.
- e. **Programming Update** – Inez van Ravenzwaaij, Director of Programs and Partnerships, provided an update.
- f. **Marketing Update** – Inez van Ravenzwaaij, Director of Programs and Partnerships, provided an update.
- g. **Investor Update** – Inez van Ravenzwaaij, Director of Programs and Partnerships, provided an update. The Board thanked Inez for progress with investors.
- h. **Legislative Round-Up** – Ike Crumpler, Consultant, provided a summary of the recent Florida session.

- 6. **Board Member Items & Discussions** – Steve Hartz stated that staff reach out more to smaller businesses, as they are the ones that have more obstacles. Those small businesses do not know about the BDBMC and how they help businesses. Eric Kiehn agreed and suggested that the BDBMC tells their story and what they have to offer more online and through social media. Dan Romence thanked staff for the opportunity to attend the FEDC conference earlier in the month.

7. Adjourn: 09:51 AM



To: Board of Directors
From: William Corbin, Executive Director
Subject: Financial Reports for Month Ended May 31, 2025
Date: Executive Committee Meeting – June 20, 2025
Board of Directors Meeting – June 25, 2025

SUMMARY: This memo presents and reviews the monthly financial reports.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Motion to receive the reports.

Discussion & Review

1. Balance Sheet

- a. As a reminder, please note that the Net Income amount on the balance sheet will fluctuate from positive to negative, depending on that particular month's income and expenses (e.g. the Net Income in April 2025 was \$16,340 compared with a loss of \$39,353 this month).

It is important to note that the balance sheet represents a snapshot in time of the organization. For example, although net income shows at a loss this month, the BDB is expecting additional investor renewals to be collected, as well as additional contractually obligated payments from the county.

2. Statement of Activities (Quarterly)

- a. *Notable Income –*
 - i. There was a significant increase in Investor Income for the 3rd quarter of FY 2025. This \$20,750 of Investor Income includes Truist, a new investor at the \$2,500 level, as well as six additional investor renewals, ranging from the Economic Champion \$1,000 level to the Leadership Council \$10,000 level.
- b. *Notable Expenses –*
 - i. The \$4,430 of expenditures in the *Business Development Marketing* row is split between travel and lodging costs relating to attending the Paris Air Show and sponsorship listing in the Stuart/Martin County Chamber's annual Welcome Guide.

[Reports follow]

Business Development Board of Martin County

Balance Sheet

As of May 31, 2025

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BDB CHECKING ACCOUNT *0501 (0501)	123,335
SEACOAST BUSINESS MONEY MARKET *8461 (8461)	144,237
Total Bank Accounts	\$267,572
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	1,000
Total Other Current Assets	\$1,000
Total Current Assets	\$268,572
Fixed Assets	
Accumulated Depreciation	(25,731)
Equipment	16,055
Furniture & Fixtures	9,675
Total Fixed Assets	\$0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$268,572
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	3,025
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$3,025
Total Current Liabilities	\$3,025
Total Liabilities	\$3,025
Equity	
Contract Reserve	166,713
Net Assets	138,187
Net Income	(39,353)
Total Equity	\$265,547
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$268,572

Business Development Board of Martin County

Quarterly Statement of Activities (P&L)

October 2024 - May 2025

	OCT - DEC, 2024	JAN - MAR, 2025	APR - MAY, 2025	TOTAL
Income				
County Income	112,500	116,250	116,250	\$345,000
Event - Sponsorship Income	20,500	5,500	1,000	\$27,000
Interest Earned	1,395	1,166	660	\$3,221
Investor Income	15,310	7,250	20,750	\$43,310
Total Income	\$149,705	\$130,166	\$138,660	\$418,531
GROSS PROFIT	\$149,705	\$130,166	\$138,660	\$418,531
Expenses				
Bank Charges & Fees	186	232	118	\$536
Business Development Marketing	18,939	897	4,430	\$24,266
Computer Equipment - Software	834	1,164	396	\$2,393
Economic Development Programs/Services	232	950	861	\$2,043
Manufacturing		699		\$699
Pulse		885	1,052	\$1,937
Workforce		1,180	85	\$1,265
Total Economic Development Programs/Services	232	3,713	1,997	\$5,943
Events/Forums	1,474	182	50	\$1,706
Awards Luncheon	27,578	7,540	1,976	\$37,094
Board	110	326	322	\$759
Total Events/Forums	29,162	8,048	2,349	\$39,559
Insurance	427	3,841		\$4,269
Memberships	3,245	1,269	750	\$5,264
Member Events		876	1,310	\$2,186
Total Memberships	3,245	2,145	2,060	\$7,450
Occupancy	8,975	8,523	6,014	\$23,512
Office Equipment		309	123	\$432
Office/General Expenses	2,511	1,993	2,654	\$7,158
Outside Services	45,673	38,810	10,960	\$95,443
Payroll Expenses				\$0
Employee Benefits	9,079	9,617	5,058	\$23,755
Payroll Taxes	5,135	5,643	4,995	\$15,773
Payroll Wages	63,285	68,431	62,692	\$194,409
Total Payroll Expenses	77,499	83,691	72,745	\$233,936
Postage and Postal Services	73	75		\$148
Professional Development-Training	215	1,657		\$1,872
QuickBooks Payments Fees	251	73	60	\$384
Subscriptions	378	561	112	\$1,051
Technology Communications	2,931	7,955	3,050	\$13,936
Travel & Entertainment	150	1,211	1,235	\$2,597
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense	(7,000)	0	0	\$ (7,000)
Total Expenses	\$184,681	\$164,899	\$108,304	\$457,884
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ (34,976)	\$ (34,734)	\$30,356	\$ (39,353)
NET INCOME	\$ (34,976)	\$ (34,734)	\$30,356	\$ (39,353)



To: President & Members, Executive Committee, Board of Directors
From: Troy McDonald – Director of Existing Industry and Business Development
Subject: Business Retention and Expansion (BRE)
Date: Executive Committee – June 20, 2025
Board of Directors – June 25, 2025

Executive Summary

This report provides an update on the Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) activities undertaken by the Business Development Board of Martin County (BDBMC). The BRE program continues to focus on strengthening relationships with existing businesses, identifying opportunities for expansion, and resolving challenges that may impact local industry.

Recent activities included conducting several Pulse Visits throughout Martin County and completing follow-up actions to support businesses based on those visits. I met with the team from the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to explore ways to expand their support to more Martin County businesses. I also attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Treasure Coast Manufacturers Association, where I provided an update on manufacturing in Martin County.

Additionally, I have been preparing for the BDBMC's participation in the Paris Air Show (a separate report will detail this effort) and continued working closely with Executive Director William Corbin on several business attraction projects.

The BRE program is designed to:

- Strengthen relationships with existing businesses and industries.
- Identify challenges and opportunities for local businesses.
- Provide resources and solutions to support business stability and growth.
- Enhance economic sustainability through strategic partnerships and community engagement.
- Foster an environment where businesses can thrive and expand within Martin County.

Business Retention & Expansion (BRE) Update

Recent Activities:

- Conducted several Pulse Visits with local businesses.
- Completed follow-up actions from Pulse Visits.

- Met with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to identify collaboration opportunities.
- Attended Treasure Coast Manufacturers Association bi-monthly meeting and presented an update on Martin County manufacturing.
- Prepared for the Paris Air Show (details in a separate report).
- Worked with Executive Director William Corbin on several business attraction projects.

CRE Forum Update

- The CRE Forum is scheduled for July 17th, 2025.
- It will be held at the Martin County Realtors of the Treasure Coast Office in partnership with MCRTC.
- This year, the event has been rebranded as:
Horizons – What's Next: Real Estate, The Economy, and Martin County.
- We are currently soliciting sponsorships for the event.
- Confirmed Speakers Include:
 - William Corbin, BDBMC
 - Tom Lanahan, TCRPC
 - Jill Marasa, Ashley Capital
 - Ken Krasnow, Cushman & Wakefield
 - Andrew McBean, Martin County Airport
 - Ricardo Vazquez, Martin MPO
 - Bob Thornton, O'Donnell Impact Windows

Moving Forward

The BRE program remains a critical component of economic development in Martin County. Through direct engagement, resource facilitation, and strategic partnerships, we continue to support local businesses in their growth and retention efforts. Moving forward, the focus will be on expanding outreach, strengthening collaborations, and proactively addressing the needs of businesses to foster long-term economic sustainability in the region.

RECOMMENDATION: Update only, no action required.