

# Baltimore Metropolitan Council



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## BMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2018

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Honorable Steven R. Schuh, Anne Arundel County Executive  
Chair, Baltimore Metropolitan Council  
Honorable Allan Kittleman, Howard County Executive  
Maryland State Senator William C. Ferguson, District 46, Baltimore City  
Maryland State Delegate Stephen Lafferty, District 42A, Baltimore County  
Tom Sadowski, Gubernatorial Appointee, Vice Chancellor for Economic Development, University System of Maryland  
Honorable James T. Moran, Queen Anne County Commissioner

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Honorable Barry Glassman, Harford County Executive  
Honorable Catherine Pugh, Mayor, Baltimore City  
Honorable Kevin Kamenez, Baltimore County Executive  
Honorable Stephen Wantz, Carroll County Commissioner

### OTHERS PRESENT

Michelle Pourciau, Baltimore City Dept. of Transportation  
Sam Moxley, Baltimore County Government  
Greg Carski, Baltimore County Government  
Steve Cohoon, Dept. of Public Works, Queen Anne's County Government  
Phil Nichols, Howard County Government

### KEY BMC STAFF PRESENT

Michael B. Kelly, Executive Director  
Brian Shepter, Director of External Relations  
Todd Lang, Director of Transportation  
Tamiko Knight, Office Manager/ HR Generalist  
Other BMC Staff

Former BMC Chair, Honorable Allan Kittleman called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of the October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Meeting Minutes**  
Former BMC Chair, County Executive Kittleman asked for approval of the meeting minutes. Commissioner Moran motioned to approve the minutes and Mr. Sam Moxley seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the minutes from the October 26, 2017 meeting.
2. **Approval of incoming Vice-Chair – Catherine Pugh – Mayor of Baltimore City**  
Former BMC Chair, Howard County Executive Allan Kittleman asked for approval to appoint Mayor Catherine Pugh as BMC's new Vice-Chair. County Executive Schuh motioned to approve and Commissioner Moran seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the vote to appoint the Mayor to the Vice-Chair position.
3. **Approval of incoming Chair – Steve Schuh – Anne Arundel County Executive**  
Former BMC Chair, Howard County Executive Allan Kittleman asked for approval to appoint County Executive Schuh to Chair BMC's board of directors for calendar year 2018. Delegate Lafferty motioned to approve and Senator Ferguson seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the vote to appoint County Executive Schuh to Chair the board.

Before turning the meeting over to CE Schuh, CE Kittleman thanked the board for providing him the opportunity serve as the board's Chair for calendar year 2017. He also commended Mike Kelly, Brian Shepter and the BMC staff for their hard work in coordinating the successful Chesapeake Connect Delegation trip to Cleveland, OH.

As BMC's new incoming Chair, County Executive Schuh offered words of praise to CE Kittleman for his successful year as the Board's Chair. CE Schuh thanked the board for his new appointment as Chair. He noted Amazon's decision against a new Baltimore headquarter site, but

Mr. Kelly followed suit and presented CE Kittleman with a plaque of appreciation for his time served at Chair.

## UPDATES

### Chesapeake Connect 2017 Recap

Mr. Michael Kelly briefed the board on the overwhelmingly positive survey responses from the delegation participants. Many expressed an interest in attending the 2018 delegation trip. He also informed the board of the continued success of one of the trips destinations, EDWIN's; a restaurant that only employs ex-offenders. The restaurant provides housing, culinary training and ultimately employment to ex-offenders. BMC is in the process of coordinating a screening in Baltimore for a documentary on the restaurant that recently earned an Oscar nomination.

### BMC/GBC State of the Region Report

Mr. Michael Kelly briefed the board on the collaborative efforts of BMC and GBC on the new 2018 State of the Region report. The report will compare the Baltimore region to its 10 larger and 10 smaller peers along a variety of demographic, economic and quality of life indicators. The report will highlight the strength and weaknesses of the region today as well as over the past 20 years. The proposed date of its release is May 2018.

## ACTION ITEM

1. **Designation of Board Member to be Trained in Open Meetings Act Requirements**  
In 2017, Governor Hogan signed The Open Meetings Act into legislation. The Act requires public boards to assign a member to be trained in the Open Meetings Act. During the last BMC board meeting, it was suggested to add Mr. Kelly, BMC's Executive Director as a non-voting board member. County Executive Schuh suggested BMC see legal guidance on the matter. The Anne Arundel County office of law, upon reviewing BMC's governing statute, advised the board select an existing board member to be trained in the Open Meetings Act. Senator Ferguson was nominated to be trained. Delegate Lafferty motioned to approve the nomination and Mr.

Sadowski seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved Senator Ferguson to be trained in the Open Meetings Act.

**CLOSING REMARKS**


Mr. Tom Sadowski commended BMC on the 2017 Chesapeake Connect Delegation trip and asked BMC to consider highlighting business community engagement in the 2018 trip.

Commissioner Moran expressed gratitude in joining the BMC as a representative of Queen Anne's County and looks forward to working with the jurisdictional partners in further promoting the growth of the region.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further, business, County Executive Schuh, entertained the motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Moran and was seconded by Senator Ferguson. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael B. Kelly  
Executive Director  
Baltimore Metropolitan Council