

Howard County Economic Opportunity and Prosperity Task Force

Minutes (approved)

December 11, 2017

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

C. Vernon Gray Room

1st Floor, George Howard Building

3430 Court House Drive

Ellicott City, MD 21043

Members in attendance: Ali Abidi, Marianne Brackney, Anne Brinker, Jamie Brown, Paul Casey, Ana Cisneros, Kimberly Flowers, Maddy Halbach, Jason Jannati, Phyllis Madachy, Leonardo McClarty, Elizabeth Noble, Jaykant Parekh, Gopi Suri, and Lawrence Twele.

Staff in attendance: Jim Meyd, County Auditor's Office, Jeff Meyers, County Council office, and Jessie Keller, Council Member Weinstein's office.

Others in attendance: Michael B. Kelly, Executive Director, Baltimore Metropolitan Council, and Francine R. Trout, Administrator, Howard County Office of Workforce Development.

The audio recording of the meeting is available on the Task Force website<sup>1</sup>.

Chairperson Madachy called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Mr. Casey moved approval of the minutes from October 30, 2017. Ms. Noble seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The co-chairs led a discussion about the Task Force's 3 subcommittees, which will be formed soon. Each subcommittee will include several members of the Task Force and some members of the community with relevant expertise, interest, and availability. The co-chairs will meet with the Task Force members who will form the core of each subcommittee to review the subcommittee's areas of responsibility, timeline, and goals.

	Housing and Community Development	Economic Development	Education and Workforce
Abidi		X	
Brackney			X
Brinker	X		
Brown			X
Casey	X		

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<sup>1</sup> <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/EOPTaskForce>

	Housing and Community Development	Economic Development	Education and Workforce
Cisneros	X		
Flowers	X		
Halbach			X
Jannati			X
Noble			X
Parekh		X	
Suri		X	
Twele		X	

Each subcommittee will include a Task Force member who has completed Open Meetings Act training: Ms. Flowers, Ms. Halbach, and Mr. Parekh.

The full Task Force will meet monthly. Subcommittee meetings may precede or follow Task Force meetings or subcommittees may meet at other times. A meeting calendar will be posted on the Task Force website. Task Force meetings will occur on the following days in 2018: January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 15, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 17, October 9, November 19, and December 10.

Michael B. Kelly, Executive Director, Baltimore Metropolitan Council, briefed the Task Force about demographics and economic data. Mr. Kelly's PowerPoint is posted on the Task Force website<sup>2</sup>.

Francine R. Trout, Administrator, Howard County Office of Workforce Development, briefed the Task Force about her Office's activities, goals, and programs. Ms. Trout's PowerPoint is posted on the Task Force website<sup>3</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

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