



The **Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting** of the Regional Community Institute of Northeast Florida, Inc. (RCI) was held on March 27, 2017. The meeting took place at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, Community Room, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida, 32202.

The following RCI board members were present representing a quorum: Ms. Teresa Bishop (call-in), Mr. Bob Page, Mr. Bob Rhodes, Mr. Gilbert Colon, Ms. Valerie Jenkins, Mr. Thad Crowe, Mr. Jon Netts, Mr. Patrick Juliano, Mr. Benjie Bates (call-in) Ms. Mary Alice Phelan, Ms. Sarah Gledhill (call-in).

The following staff was present: Ms. Margo Moehring.

Chair Netts called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm and roll call was completed. Chair Netts extended an invitation for any public comment. No public comment was made. The minutes of the January 23, 2017 Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting were approved by unanimous vote under a motion by Mr. Colon and 2nd by Ms. Gledhill.

Update on Policy Work:

- 2015/2016: Implementing the First Coast Vision and the Strategic Regional Policy Plan: Ms. Moehring noted that there is still no information as to the approach to be taken here on the statewide project considering a transportation link between Tampa and Jacksonville. Mr. Teeple will keep the Board posted.
- 2016/2017: Water: Ms. Moehring provided an update. The Committee meets the second Wednesday of the month at 2pm. The first meeting in Georgia was earlier in March and was well attended and informative. Committee work is on track and there has been extensive stakeholder participation. The Committee is posting its materials at <http://www.rcinef.org/Water-Committee.html>.

Ms. Moehring talked about the Regional Leadership Academy and the results of their discussions related to what Northeast Florida should do to address the challenges of Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE) residents. One group recommended that education be provided with a trade focus for skills that are needed in our area. Another group suggested that provision of child care by the private sector would lessen the burden on families and increase the potential for wealth-building. Finally, a group of RLA candidates identified affordable housing as the area with the most potential for impact, and suggested that all development of housing should have an affordable component. There was discussion of NEFRC legislative priorities, and there remained consensus to include this as a standing agenda item, so that staff can gather member's suggestions of priorities and provide them to NEFRC when that issue is considered each year. It was also noted that RCI will need to consider what issues to suggest to the NEFRC Board for consideration at the June RCI Board meeting, and members were asked to begin to think of their suggestions. The June 26 meeting was rescheduled to June 19 to accommodate P2R2.

General Discussion – None

General Public Comment – Chair Netts once again invited public comment. None was received.

Next meeting dates are June 19, and September 25, 2017 (11am RLA Graduation).

The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm under a motion by Mr. Rhodes and consensus of the Board.