



The **Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting** of the Regional Community Institute of Northeast Florida, Inc. (RCI) was held on June 24, 2019. The meeting took place at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida, 32202.

Chair Nazzaro called the meeting to order at noon. The following RCI board members were present: Mr. Bob Page, Mr. Gilbert Colon, Mr. Ed Perez, Mr. Brad Thoburn, Dr. Quinton White, Ms. Teresa Bishop (on the phone) and Vice Chair Valerie Jenkins (on the phone). The following members were excused: Mr. Richardson, Mr. Conkey, Mr. Crowe, Ms. Phelan, Mr. Rhodes, Ms. Bevan, and Commissioner Waldron. It was determined that there was a quorum.

The following staff was present: Ms. Beth Payne, Ms. Margo Moehring

The Chair extended an invitation for public comment. No public comment was made. The minutes of the March 25, 2019 meeting were approved, under a motion by Mr. Perez and a second by Mr. Page. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Moehring provided an update on the status of the action items related to the regional action plans "Water Beyond Borders" and Regional Tourism. Progress is steady but would be enhanced by more staffing at NEFRC. Ms. Moehring also provided an update on RLA. Chair Nazzaro announced that she would be resigning from the Board after completing her term in September. She recommended that RLA Candidate for the Class of 2019 Taco Pope and/or Adrienne Burke, RLA Class of 2017 be considered for the Board. The Board discussed recruiting for RLA and Board positions concurrently. Ms. Moehring was asked to reach out for Board nominations and RLA candidate nominations before the September meeting, and to do multiple e-mail reminders to RCI Board members.

Ms. Payne provided an update on the legislature, noting it will not be long until we are into the next session. She noted that RCI Board Members would always be welcome at the meetings of the NEFRC Legislative Policy Committee. The issue of corridors/surface freight/Interstate parallel routes was discussed, as it was requested to be placed on this agenda at the March meeting. Mr. Thoburn provided an overview of what was approved at this legislative session regarding corridors, noting that funding was not approved for Northeast Florida. There was discussion as to whether those approved were toll feasible. There was also discussion as to whether corridors in Northeast Florida had champions. The Board decided to leave the issue on the potential policy issues list.

The policy topic for next year was discussed, and there was general consensus that the time was right to revisit First Coast Vision and to think about its implementation. This aligned with the RLA Class recommendation to determine how much of the vision is embodied in local plans and also to consider the leadership needed for implementation, and how to find it. It was agreed that Ms. Payne and Ms. Moehring would remind the planning directors about First Coast Vision at the upcoming July 12 regional meeting, and would try to gather information as to extent of implementation. It was also agreed to meet with current members of the legislature who are also RCI members to ask for their thoughts on vision implementation. Senator Rob Bradley, Representative Travis Cummings and Representative Cindy Stevenson meet this criteria, and all were either on the Steering Committee or were participants at Reality Check. Ms. Moehring will work with Board Members to provide background materials and to assist with reaching out.

There was no general discussion or general public comment. The Board agreed by consensus that the next meeting would be September 30, and to adjourn the meeting at 1:30pm.