



The **Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting** of the Regional Community Institute of Northeast Florida, Inc. (RCI) was held on September 30, 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 11:57am. The following RCI board members were present: Mr. David Richardson, Mr. Bob Page, Ms. Mary Alice Phelan (on the phone), Mr. Bob Rhodes, Ms. Denise Bevan, Ms. Tracy Nazzaro, Commissioner Paul Waldron, Mr. Gilbert Colon, Mr. Bill Garrison, Ms. Valerie Jenkins, and Mr. Ed Perez. The following members were excused: Mr. Conkey, Ms. Bishop, and Dr. White. It was determined that there was a quorum.

The following staff was present: Ms. Margo Moehring, Ms. Kate Haigh

The Chair extended an invitation for public comment. No public comment was made. The minutes of the June 24, 2019 meeting were approved, under a motion by Mr. Rhodes and a second by Ms. Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rhodes gave the Nominating Report. Ms. Nazzaro reminded the group that she is stepping down from the Board. The group agreed by consensus that the Chair should send her a letter of thanks. Mr. Rhodes nominated Ms. Jenkins as Chair. Ms. Bevan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Ms. Jenkins ran the meeting from this point. Mr. Rhodes nominated Mr. Perez as Vice Chair, with a second from Ms. Jenkins. The nomination was unanimously approved.

Ms. Moehring referred to the update on the update on the status of the action items provided at the Annual meeting. Ms. Haigh was introduced as the NEFRC Communication Specialist, and she was asked to attend the next meeting with some suggestions for marketing RCI and encouraging involvement and interaction among members. It was suggested that a survey be created to ask RCI members what activities and methods of outreach would be of interest. It was noted that Council legislative priorities have not yet been fully assembled due to delays caused by Hurricane Dorian. It was suggested that post-disaster recovery be considered as a legislative priority. It was noted that the annual regional leadership awards might be an opportunity to highlight not only the awards and award winners but also RLA and RCI. Gatehouse Media, as it has three newspapers with significant circulation in Northeast Florida, should be considered as a way to get the word out.

There was no general discussion. Ms. Jenkins asked for public comment but there was none. Mr. Garrison moved the meeting dates for the next year: January 13, March 30, June 29 and September 28, 2020. Mr. Rhodes seconded and they were unanimously approved.

Ms. Moehring provided an update on the CEDS plan and the ongoing update to the SRPP. The policy topic for next year was discussed, and there was general consensus that the time was right to consider implementation of First Coast Vision. This aligned with the RLA Class recommendation and the NEFRC Board recommendation. It was noted that outreach to State elected officials had been done, but no meetings have yet been scheduled on vision implementation. Mr. Garrison volunteered to Chair the committee on this topic. Ms. Moehring was asked to share the results of asking planning directors in the region the extent to which First Coast Vision has been or is being implemented in their jurisdictions, and to share the link to First Coast Vision so that Board members can refresh their memories on its contents. Mr. Page moved approval of the following motion:

Conduct policy work to determine:

- What gaps exist in Northeast Florida's ability to implement a vision; and

- Whether the gaps are in leadership or in implementation, and what doable actions would address those gaps.

Report recommendations in the Fall of 2020.

Mr. Richardson provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Moehring then updated the group on the City of Jacksonville's recent action to eliminate the dues usually paid to NEFRC from the budget. She was asked to share an overview of what the NEFRC does with the City, and the results of the vote to withdraw funding. Board members were asked to reach out to Councilmembers if they felt comfortable doing so.

The Board agreed by consensus to adjourn the meeting at 12:35pm.

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