



**MINUTES OF
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuesday, December 6th 2016, 10:00 AM
Tampa International Airport HCAA Boardroom

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Lisa Monnet- 10:03AM

WELCOME OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS / GUESTS –

ROLL CALL – Mr. Jim Sampey

PRESIDING – Lisa Monnet

ATTENDEES

<u>Officers Present</u> Gen Chip Diehl Lisa Monnet Jim Sampey	<u>BOD & Advisors Present</u> Tina Fischer Rich McClain John Tiliacos Walter McCracken Joe Lopano
<u>Ambassador's Present</u> Darcy Foster Jim Philpitt	<u>Guests Present</u> Steven Angotti Valerie Ellis Scott Talcott Mark Roberts

➤ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. **The minutes to the September 9th, 2016 BOD meeting were ratified at 10:09AM**

Action Items:

Finalize Business Plan

Discussion of strategic plan and 2017 initiatives

Discussion of new organizational policy for Board of Directors onboarding

➤ **Golf Tournament Check Presentation**

Chip Diehl gave an update on the outcome of the Tampa Bay Community Golf Tournament remembering 9/11. Gen Diehl and Secretary Jim Sampey presented the check to Tinker K-8 at MacDill's annual Veteran's Day Festivities. The funds raised will go to the 4th grade class at Tinker to buy the students laptop computers. Superintendent of Hillsborough Schools Jeff Eakins was present as were all of the students, their families, and the faculty. It was a pleasure and a privilege for the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance to donate the funds to Tinker School.

➤ **Airlift Tanker Association (AT/A) Conference**

Lisa Monnet gave an overview of the visit to the Airlift/Tanker Association Annual conference held this year in Nashville, TN. The highlight for the TBDA was the 2nd annual presentation of the Tampa Bay Trophy. This year, the trophy itself was unveiled at the ceremony and is a tremendous representation of the Tampa Bay area. This year's recipient is Dr. Joe Leverett from Oklahoma. The entire story can be seen on our website. The trophy was given a great viewing location right as you entered the convention center and was seen by all who attended the conference, which was about 4300 individuals. The trophy presentation was a part of the opening ceremony, which is the most attended single event at the conference. We are so very proud to be the creator and distributor of the Tampa Bay Trophy. We will be display the trophy at prominent locations around the Tampa Bay area.

➤ **FDA and FDSTF Meetings in Tampa 11/16-17th 2016**

The Florida Defense Alliance and the Florida Defense Support Task Force held meetings in Tampa Bay in November. The FDA meeting was held on Wednesday November 16th. The meeting focused on how Florida can support our defense communities and our military installations which includes Congressional Constituent involvement as well as community involvement. The meeting was followed by a networking event and dinner. The TBDA has long been considered a frontrunner in our ability to advocate for MacDill and the surrounding communities. The Florida Defense Support Task Force also met here in Tampa to further investigate specific initiatives that can be worked to ensure our installations remain relevant in the years to come. Lisa Monnet and Gen Chip Diehl are both heavily involved in these two organizations and continue to be a strong voice for the TBDA.

➤ **FDSTF Application for Grant funds for FY 2017**

The TBDA applied for grant funding through the Florida Defense Support Task Force for the Fiscal year of 2017. We have moved through the initial stages of the process and leaders from the TBDA will travel to Tallahassee in May to present a plan of action to the committee for consideration.

➤ **TBDA New Initiative**

The TBDA is working on an initiative to call its own, which will help create a curriculum to benefit Veterans transitioning from active duty to the civilian workforce. We are actively seeking funding for this project through grant applications. Although this concept is early in its existence, it is a top priority for 2017.

ADMINISTRATION MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS

a. Contracts / Grants Administration

- 1) 16-02- Expiration date 02/28/2017- Amount of Grant \$175,000- balance remaining = \$97,126
- 2) Grant Pathways is currently working on 7 grants with a total of between \$45-60,000 to assist with MacDill AFB, operating costs, and new initiatives.

b. Action Item: Create Operational Budget and Strategic Plan – being developed by Lisa Monnet

➤ CALENDAR / UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual TBDA BOD meeting January 2017 at the Pinellas County EDC

- The TBDA will hold its annual meeting in January 2017 to discuss the accomplishments of 2016 and the important initiatives of the 2017 year.
- **Mission United Tampa - Jim Sampey** - Jim Sampey continues to meet with leaders at USAA to discuss a partnership to bring Mission United to the Tampa Bay community. This has been very successful in Broward County and is a program designed to specifically assist veterans in transitioning into civilian life. We currently have close to 400,000 Veterans residing in the Tampa Bay area and this program is desperately needed. Jim has indicated that this will begin in Hillsborough County in the near future and spread to surrounding counties from there.

➤ OLD BUSINESS

- **MacDill 2025** - Continue our mission with the MacDill 2025 Plan. Focus on a strategic campaign championing MacDill AFB: reaffirming its capacity, readiness, and capability while highlighting its value to our national security. The goal is to change perceptions, generate respect, and to recommit our Defense leaders to the importance that MacDill serves geographically, operationally, and logistically to our nation.
- **Business Plan** – Rich McClain and John Tiliacos are actively working on a Business Plan.
- **Strategic Plan** – Lisa Monnet is actively working on a Strategic Plan

➤ BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

➤ NEXT BOD MEETING DATE

The Next BOD meeting will be held at the Pinellas County EDC at a yet to be determined date and time. It is located at 13805 58th Street North Suite 1-200 Clearwater Florida, 33760

➤ ADJOURNED 10:54AM



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