

**The Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission**

**March 22, 2022**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Angelia Allen  
Amira Bethea  
Arnette McSwain  
Bracey Parr

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Brian Donahue – Secretary  
Pam Croom – Assistant Secretary  
Jeff Miller – Deputy City Attorney  
Kelsey Swieringa – Assistant City Attorney  
Angel Jones – City Manager  
William Moody- Councilman  
Patrick Dorris – City Assessor

**ABSENT:**

Andre Williams  
Eugene Swinson  
Sarah Rogers Garner

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**Welcome & Call to Order**

- The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

**Roll Call**

- Mr. Donahue called roll. A quorum was present.

**Minutes**

- The minutes from the February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting were reviewed.

**Action:** On a motion by Mr. Parr and seconded by Ms. Bethea, the Commissioners approved the minutes from the February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ms. Allen-yes; Ms. Bethea- yes; Ms. McSwain-yes; Mr. Parr- yes; Ms. Rogers Garner-absent; Mr. Williams- absent; Mr. Swinson- absent.

**Financials**

- *Financial Report*

Ms. Berisha reviewed the Financial Statement for February 2022. It was agreed to file the February 2022 Financial Statement for audit.

**Old Business**

- Report from the Port of Virginia deferred to April Meeting
- PPIC Incentive Program Ad Hoc Committee Update – Mr. Donahue informed the board that the incentive forms and programs would be finalized for review in April/May time frame. Mr. Donahue recommended to modify the incentive to citywide.
- Ms. Allen announced that the Board retreat will be held on March 28, 2022. It will be held from 9 am to 1 pm.

**New Business** – None

**Closed Meeting**- None

**Open Meeting**

**Items submitted by Commissioners**

- Mr. Parr asked about attending the State of the Port and the State of the City.

**Report Backs**

- Mr. Donahue advised that a bill to increase the Port Host Communities Revitalization Fund from \$1.5 million per year to \$2.5 million per year is still being considered as part of the budget negotiation process.
- Mr. Donahue reviewed historical awards through the Virginia Enterprise Program. Since 2016, there have been 14 Portsmouth awards under the Real Property Investment Grant totaling just over \$1 million. Since 2016, there have been 9 Portsmouth awards under the Job Creation Grant totaling \$216,000.
- Mr. Donahue announced to the board that a Business Incentive Workshop will be held March 31, 2022

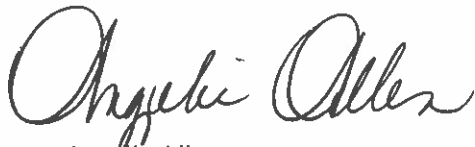
**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Donahue  
Secretary



Angelia Allen  
Chair