



## Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation

Board of Directors Meeting  
December 12, 2023  
Soltesz  
2 Research PI Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20850  
Rockville, MD 20850

### Meeting Minutes

The following Directors were present:

- Kevin Beverly (Chair)
- Elana Fine, VWG Wealth Management (Vice Chair)
- Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Akan Biosciences (Secretary)
- Jennifer Hsin, Clark Enterprises (Treasurer)
- Cherlyn Freeman-Watkins, Results One, LLC
- Dr. Anne Khademian, Universities at Shady Grove
- Alberto Lacaze, Robotic Research
- Matthew Lee, FASTech, Inc.
- Gracelyn McDermott, Kaiser Permanente
- Ken Mills, REGENXBIO
- Silvana Nani, Korabi Consulting
- Devang Shah, Law Office of Shah and Kishore
- Jim Soltesz, Soltesz
- Kevin Anderson, Maryland Department of Commerce (Ex-officio)
- Councilmember Marilyn Balcombe, Montgomery County (Ex-officio)
- Anthony Featherstone, WorkSource Montgomery (Ex-officio)
- Jake Weissmann, Montgomery County (Ex-officio)

Other members of the public were present, consistent with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act and in accordance with the Corporation's Bylaws. A full list of participants is enclosed.

Board Chair Beverly called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. A quorum of the Directors was present. Ms. Magwood was designated to take the minutes.

MCEDC hosted Secretary Anderson at Soltesz Corporation, where Board members, county representatives, business leaders, and community members engaged in discussions on economic development in Maryland and priorities for the new year.

### Host Welcome

Board member, Mr. Soltesz, extended a warm welcome to the group at his office and provided insightful information about his company.

### Introduction of Maryland Commerce Secretary

Mr. Tompkins introduced Maryland Commerce Secretary, Kevin Anderson.

Secretary Anderson addressed economic development priorities from the state's perspective, and the challenge of addressing the needs of all 24 Maryland jurisdictions equitably. He shared plans to collaborate with Governor Moore in outlining strategies for economic development with the January budget submission. Additionally, he mentioned responding to recommendations being prepared by the Maryland Economic Council.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

**Board Meeting Attendees  
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	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
1	Kevin	Anderson	Maryland Dept of Commerce
2	Samantha	Foley	Maryland Dept of Commerce
3	Carla	Merritt	Maryland Dept of Commerce
4	Jerel	Registre	Maryland Dept of Commerce
5	Frankie	Clogston	MCEDC
6	Romola	Ghulamali	MCEDC
7	Stacey	Hardy	MCEDC
8	Sandra	Magwood	MCEDC
9	Michael	Mitchell	MCEDC
10	Brad	Stewart	MCEDC
11	Bill	Tompkins	MCEDC
12	Bim	Tumala	MCEDC
13	Bob	Buchanan	Buchanan Partners'
14	Judy	Costello	Montgomery County Government
15	David	Dise	Department of General Services
16	Kelly	Groff	Visit Montgomery
17	Karen	Hood	Maryland Dept of Commerce
18	Richard	Madaleno	Office of the County Executive
19	Caroline	McCarthy	Montgomery Planning
20	Keith	Miller	Revenue Authority
21	Stuart	Miller	Lerner
22	Charles	Nulsen, III	Washington Property Company
23	Cindy	Rivarde	REDI
24	Dusty	Rood	Rogers Consulting, Inc
25	Avinash	Shetty	Offie of Procurement