

DDD COMMISSION MEETING, MINUTES

May 11, 2022 2:00 PM

Downtown Development District, 247 Florida Street

Board Members in Attendance: Ms. Melanie Montanaro-Chairwoman, Mr. Eric Dexter-Vice Chairman, Mr. Prescott Bailey-Secretary, Mr. Jude Melville-Treasurer, Mr. Patrick Michaels, Mr. Scott Hensgens, Ms. Erin Monroe-Wesley

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Mary Jane Marcantel, Tim Boone, James Curtis, Morgan Udoh, Jazz Bandito, Julia-Claire Evens, Chris Nichols, Pam Bordelon, Casey Tate, Ute Cress

1. Ms. Melanie Montanaro called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.

2. Discussion of Candidates: Ms. Melanie Montanaro asked if anyone had any discussion or comments they'd like to make. Mr. Eric Dexter stated there many good candidates in the initial group and would like to thank Mr. James Slaughter for traveling here, presenting to the board, and going around the community meeting people. Mr. Dexter stated he thought Mr. Slaughter was a solid candidate. His background in working with the business community and getting real dollars into the community was an asset, and the DDD could benefit from having someone with his skillset eventually on staff.

Mr. Jude Melville congratulated Ms. Montanaro and Emergent Method for handling the process of search for the Executive Director.

3. Recommendation Decision by DDD Board: Mr. Eric Dexter made a motion to accept the recommendation by the search committee to nominate Whitney Hoffman Sayal as the new Executive Director of the Downtown Development District. All board members were in agreement and the motion passed.

Ms. Montanaro stated this recommendation will need to be presented on the agenda to the Metro Council for their approval. The item will need to be introduced first in two weeks and then will be presented to the council on June 8 for their approval.

1. Meeting Adjourned – Ms. Montanaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting, there were no objections, and the meeting was adjourned.