

Minutes of the January 15, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting for the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority dba South Baltimore Gateway Partnership (“SBGP”)

The hybrid meeting was held at City Garage, 101 W. Dickman Street, Suite 1000, Baltimore, MD 21230 and by Zoom.

Board members in attendance: Themar Long, Chair; Rich Badmington; Brittany Banks; Councilman Zac Blanchard; Veronica Crosby; Jill Donaldson; Diante Edwards; Quinn Fowler; Javon Harris; Robert Idlett, proxy for Councilwoman Phylicia Porter; Jazmin Kimble; Nancy Mead; Bill Reuter, proxy for Quincy Goldsmith; and Noah Smock. SBGP staff members in attendance: Brad Rogers, Ethan Abbott, Acacia Asbell, Liz Cornish, Ashley Davis, Colline Emmanuelle, Neal Friedlander, Jim Longenecker, Lauren McDade McLaughlin, Erica Pitkow (recording minutes), Samantha Rose, and Liam Walsh. Other attendees: Robert Baity; Nick Chupein, proxy for Jazmin Kimble, who was also in attendance; and Brandy Savarese, Chief of Staff, Councilman Zac Blanchard.

Mr. Long called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and presided. A quorum was present.

#### Welcome and Overview

Mr. Long highlighted the meeting agenda. Board members introduced themselves.

#### Minutes of the December 11, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting

The minutes of the December 11, 2024, Board of Directors meeting were presented and unanimously approved by the Board.

#### Executive Director and Staff Reports

Mr. Rogers shared that two new staff members started last week, and SBGP staff members introduced themselves.

Mr. Rogers presented background and overview of SBGP, including the establishment of SBGP in 2016 to help implement the South Baltimore Gateway Master Plan with funding provided by the Local Impact Grants generated by video lottery terminals. He reviewed the SBGP Strategic Plan, which aims to improve the vitality of the District’s communities by focusing on three crucial elements of the Master Plan: Community Development and Revitalization, Environmental Sustainability, and Health and Wellness. To achieve the agenda laid out in the Strategic Plan, SBGP has established three interrelated program areas: Community Grants, Enhanced Services, and Transformational Projects.

Ms. Emmanuelle conducted training on SBGP’s Crisis Communications Plan and procedures. She also provided communications updates, including information about the current Community Grants application cycle and support session, upcoming Keys to Capacity workshops, ice-skating in Middle Branch Park, and the upcoming kick-off meeting for the website project.

Ms. Pitkow and Mr. Walsh reviewed ethics and other Board requirements and outstanding compliance.

Ms. Asbell conducted the annual Unconscious Bias training.

Mr. Walsh conducted the annual Open Meetings Act training.

## Committee and Officer Reports

### Governance and Nominating Committee

Ms. Pitkow reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting. She presented an overview of SBGP's Board committees, confirmed the membership of each committee, and invited members to join them:

- Executive: Themar Long, Chair; Jasmine Esteve; Nancy Mead; and Councilwoman Phylicia Porter.
- Communications: Rich Badmington, Chair; Diante Edwards; and Noah Smock.
- Finance: Nancy Mead, Chair; Brittany Banks; Jasmine Esteve; Quinn Fowler; Karin Lundquist; Themar Long; and Jacob Witmer.
- Governance and Nominating: Councilwoman Phylicia Porter, Chair; Veronica Crosby; Jasmine Esteve; Themar Long; and Nancy Mead.
- Program: Noah Smock, Chair; Veronica Crosby; Javon Harris; Nancy Mead; and Kelly Quinn.
- Strategic Planning: Quincy Goldsmith, Chair; Brittany Banks; Jill Donaldson; Chris Firehock; Quinn Fowler; Jazmin Kimble; Karin Lundquist; Nancy Mead; Councilwoman Phylicia Porter; and Kelly Quinn.

In accordance with the SBGP bylaws, membership of each committee is determined by the Board. However, committee meetings will continue to be open to all Board members regardless of formal committee membership and committee membership may change throughout the year.

Board members were asked to inform Ms. Pitkow by May 1, 2025, if they do not plan to continue to serve on the Board in calendar year 2026 so that SBGP has plenty of time to fill any open Board seats.

### Communications Committee

Mr. Badmington reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting. He noted updates on the website redevelopment project.

### Finance Committee

Ms. Mead reported on the January 8, 2025, committee meeting. Mr. Rogers shared an update on the proposed tax increase on certain casino expenditures and the potential impacts of economic development around the casino and iGaming. Ms. Pitkow reported that SBGP is soliciting bids for its upcoming audit engagement, and she reviewed the November 2024 financial statements and reports.

### Program Committee

Mr. Smock and Ms. Asbell reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting. Mr. Smock reported on the current grant cycle and grant review dates. Board members were reminded that each Board member is expected to help with grant reviews at least once per year.

### Strategic Planning Committee

Mr. Rogers reported on the January 7, 2025, committee meeting. He provided updates on new MD DHCD funding awards, the potential 501(c)3 strategy, the green jobs pipeline initiative, and Mt. Clare Mansion.

### Public Comments

There were no comments or questions from members of the public or other meeting attendees.

### Other Business

Mr. Long reviewed the schedule of upcoming meetings.

### Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.