

Minutes of the January 21, 2026, 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; Jill Donaldson; Rich Badmington; Danielle Battle; Councilman Zac Blanchard; Diante Edwards; Chris Firehock; Quinn Fowler; Javon Harris; Robert Idlett; Jazmin Kimble; Karin Lundquist; Kelly Quinn; Darnell Williams, proxy for James Genail; Hope Williams; and Katie Wunderlich. Staff members in attendance: Brad Rogers, Colline Emmanuelle, Khadeen Grant, Jim Longenecker, Lauren McDade McLaughlin, Faith Ohai, and Erica Pitkow (recording minutes). Other attendee: Megan Murray, proxy for Diante Edwards, who was also in attendance.

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 and staff members introduced themselves.

Minutes of the December 10, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting

The minutes of the December 10, 2025, Board of Directors meeting were presented and unanimously approved by the Board.

Executive Director and Staff Reports

Mr. Rogers presented annual Board training, including 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. Mr. Rogers reviewed ethics and other Board requirements and outstanding compliance. He also conducted training on Unconscious Bias, SBGP’s Crisis Communications Plan and procedures, and the Maryland Open Meetings Act.

Committee and Officer Reports

Governance and Nominating Committee

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

- Executive: Themar Long, Chair; Jill Donaldson; Jasmine Esteve; and Nancy Mead.
- Communications: Rich Badmington, Chair; Danielle Battle; Diante Edwards; Themar Long; and Hope Williams.

- Finance: Nancy Mead, Chair; Brittany Banks; Jill Donaldson; Jasmine Esteve; Quinn Fowler; James Genail; Themar Long; and Karin Lundquist.
- Governance and Nominating: Jill Donaldson, Chair; Jasmine Esteve; Themar Long; and Nancy Mead.
- Program: Diante Edwards, Chair; Javon Harris; Robert Idlett; Nancy Mead; Kelly Quinn; and Katie Wunderlich.
- Strategic Planning: Quinn Fowler, Chair; Brittany Banks; Jill Donaldson; Chris Firehock; Jazmin Kimble; Themar Long; Karin Lundquist; Nancy Mead; Kelly Quinn; and Hope Williams.

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, 2026, if they do not plan to continue to serve on the Board in calendar year 2027 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 and an upcoming committee meeting.

Finance Committee

Ms. Pitkow reported on the January 14, 2026, committee meeting and reviewed the November 2025 financial statements and reports.

Program Committee

Mr. Edwards reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting. He reported on the current grant cycle and grant review dates.

Strategic Planning Committee

Ms. Fowler reported on the January 6, 2026, committee meeting, including updates on the Baltimore Vacants Reinvestment Initiative, MBRI funding, and the Mt. Clare Museum. On behalf of the committee, she and Mr. Rogers presented a funding proposal for the Green Careers program, which is recommended for Board approval. Green Careers is a major opportunity identified in the Reimagine Middle Branch Plan to use implementation projects to form a natural training ground to prepare people for careers in environmental restoration. Mr. Rogers discussed progress to date, the timeline, metrics, and an analysis of risks. The proposal would make \$350,000 of SBGP Transformational Projects funds available while they continue to raise additional funds for the program. In the event additional supplemental funds are secured, SBGP funds will be rolled over into future years.

The Board discussed and unanimously approved the proposal for \$350,000 of Transformational Projects funds for the Green Careers program.

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 and noted an upcoming Board and staff happy hour.

Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.