Minutes of the June 17, 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; Brittany Banks; Brandy Savarese, proxy for Councilman Zac Blanchard; Diante Edwards; Chris Firehock; Quinn Fowler; Javon Harris; Karin Lundquist; Nancy Mead; Kelly Quinn; Bill Reuter; and Katie Wunderlich.
Staff members in attendance: Brad Rogers, Acacia Asbell, Liz Cornish, Kanika Feaster-Gordon, Natalia Figueredo Botello, Khadeen Grant, Betti Gregus, Jeff La Noue, and Erica Pitkow (recording minutes).

Mr. Long called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm and presided. A quorum was present.

<u>Welcome and Overview</u>

Mr. Long highlighted the meeting agenda.

<u>Minutes of the May 20, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting</u>

The minutes of the May 20, 2026, Board of Directors meeting were presented and unanimously approved by the Board.

<u>Executive Director and Staff Reports</u>

Mr. Rogers provided staffing updates. Kelsey Charles has joined SBGP as its new Operations Manager, and Bernadett (Betti) Gregus has joined SBGP as its new Business Systems Administrator. Lauren McDade McLaughlin is transitioning into her new role as Senior Manager, Executive Operations. As part of her new role, she will be handling Board management.

Mr. Rogers provided updates on the Westport waterfront and housing initiatives as well as related MBRI work. Construction has begun on Westport Waterfront Park. He shared updates on the status of vacant housing rehabs underway, the One Westport development, and the Smith Cove wetlands as well as on the Community Development Fund. Staff will be updating and revising the program manual for the Community Development Fund to reflect any changes, lessons learned, and additional funding sources.

Ms. Grant, Ms. Figueredo, and Mr. La Noue provided Enhanced Services updates, including recently completed projects, open projects, and projects under development. They highlighted several projects and efforts SBGP is supporting, including the capital projects, sports programs, waste management, landscaping, community events, placemaking, and Main Streets programs. In addition, Ms. Grant just returned from professional development – the Greater Green Conference in Austin, Texas. In response to a question, Ms. Grant discussed how Enhanced Services opportunities are assessed and selected.

Ms. Asbell provided communications updates, including the upcoming Community Grants application cycle, the upcoming Board application cycle, and upcoming Keys to Capacity workshops and events as well as recent media coverage.

Ms. Pitkow reviewed ethics requirements and outstanding compliance items.

Committee and Officer Reports

Communications Committee

Mr. Badmington reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next quarterly committee meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2026.

Governance and Nominating Committee

Ms. Pitkow reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting. She noted the upcoming Board application cycle and requested Board volunteers to help review applications. Ms. Mead volunteered.

Finance Committee

Ms. Mead reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting. Ms. Pitkow reviewed the April 2026 financial statements and reports.

Program Committee

Mr. Edwards reported on the June 2, 2026, committee meeting.

Strategic Planning Committee

Ms. Fowler reported on the June 2, 2026, committee meeting, which included a continuing discussion of Mt. Clare and updates on the Institutional Advancement department, the community development portfolio, and Westport Waterfront Park. Ms. Cornish noted the Mount Clare Historic Mansion Community Town Hall and Open House was rescheduled to July 11, 2026, and that focus groups are also being conducted.

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.

Mr. Firehock shared Casino Local Impact Fund (CLIF) funding opportunities.

Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.