

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE MARCH 22, 2021 MEETING OF THE
FAIRFAX COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION**

Location: Electronic: conference call and zoom to provide video options

Attending: **SBC Members**

Gigi Thompson Jarvis (Dranesville), Nalin Jain (Providence), Chris Vernon (Springfield),
Marvin Powell (Sully)

Staff

Cathy Muse and Chris McGough, DPMM

Guests

Absent: **SBC Members**

John Pellegrin (At-Large), Sha Scott-Boyd (At-Large), Tracey Wood (At-Large), Joseph
Underwood (Braddock), Gwyn Whittaker (Hunter Mill), Kelly Hebron (Lee), Daren Shumate
(Mason), Melody Thorson (Mt. Vernon),

The Small Business Commission conducted a wholly electronic meeting (using a conference call option as well as a video conference option) because the COVID-19 pandemic made it unsafe to physically assemble a quorum in one location or to have the public present. The public was encouraged to participate with notices providing call-in info and contact information for alternative accommodations. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. and was facilitated by Chairman Powell.

- **Chairman Powell conducted the following actions relevant to electronic meetings:**
 - A sound and video check was conducted to ensure that each member of the BAC may be adequately heard and that all members could hear each other.
 - Chairman Powell stated that the usual FOIA procedures, requiring in person assembly, cannot be implemented safely or practically due to the Covid-19 emergency.
- **Staff updates and presentation**
 - Cathy Muse and Chris McGough with the Dept. of Procurement and Material Management provided an update on general county operations, the emergency response and virtual meeting/FOIA reminders.
 - Ms. Muse also provided a legislative update and budget update. Link to important budget dates, public hearing dates: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget/>. Additional topics discussed include the development of a new grant program for small businesses, project labor agreements and prevailing wages. The SBC is encouraged to provide feedback on any of these initiatives.

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- **Committee Updates**
 - None
- **Old Business**
 - None
- **New Business**
 - The SBC held a discussion about current issues affecting the small business community. Issues included how the SBC can best support the small business community, equity and the One Fairfax Policy, county supplier outreach, etc. New Commissioners introduced themselves and shared ideas for future action. The SBC will continue discussing these topics at a future meeting.

Adjournment – Chairman Powell adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.