

Research and Technology Investment Advisory Committee (RTIAC)

Meeting Minutes

Richmond, Virginia

May 9, 2018

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order

Bob Stolle called the meeting of the Research and Technology Investment Advisory Committee (RTIAC) to order at 12:01 p.m. on May 9, 2018, at the VA Bio+Tech Park in Richmond, Virginia. Quorum was met.

Attendance

The following RTIAC members were present: Steve Clinton, Morris Foster, Cheryl Giggetts, Yvonne Harris, Bob Kahn, Frank Macrina, Dennis Manos, Stephen Moret, Venkat Rao, and Scott Tolleson. No members were absent. Yvonne Harris participated remotely from California because a schedule conflict with another professional commitment required her to call in. Bob Kahn participated remotely from Reston because of a scheduling conflict with another professional commitment. Venkat Rao participated remotely from Washington, D.C. because of a scheduling conflict with another professional commitment. Also present: Heather Engen, Jennifer Hiltwine, Bob Stolle, and Nancy Vorona, from the Center for Innovative Technology (CIT). Ed Albrigo (CIT) participated remotely from Washington, D.C. from 12:01 – 12:03 p.m.

Agenda

Ed Albrigo welcomed the Committee members and thanked them for their commitment.

Nancy Vorona provided an overview of the agenda and moved for the approval of the RTIAC's May 4, 2017 meeting minutes. Cheryl Giggetts moved to approve the minutes at 12:05 p.m.; Morris Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Vorona then invited public comment, at 12:06 p.m. There was none; no members of the public were present.

The meeting proceeded to a closed meeting at 12:07 p.m. Dennis Manos read the following statement:

"We will go into a closed session to discuss the Commonwealth Research Commercialization Fund (CRCF) with RTIAC members. I move that the Research and Technology Investment Advisory Committee of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority (IEIA) move into a closed session pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711 (A)(30). There will be discussion or consideration of grant application records.

Do I have a second? Any discussion? All those in favor say 'Aye'; those oppose say 'Nay'."

Steve Clinton seconded the motion, and all members present said 'Aye.' The Motion carried at 12:07 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

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Dennis Manos read the following statement to resume open meeting at 2:32 p.m.:

“The Committee is now reconvened in open session having completed a closed meeting. I will now ask that a roll-call be conducted, asking each member to certify, to the best of his or her knowledge, that only public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act and only those public business matters identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting.”

Dennis Manos then took a roll call to vote on this statement: *“Committee members please indicate that you agree or disagree.”*

Steve Clinton	Agree
Morris Foster	Agree
Cheryl Giggetts	Agree
Yvonne Harris	Agree
Bob Kahn	Agree
Dennis Manos	Agree
Frank Macrina	Agree
Stephen Moret	Agree
Scott Tolleson	Agree

Venkat Rao had stepped away from the meeting at 2:30 p.m. and was not present for the vote.

Jennifer Hiltwine then announced the projects in five programs that the RTIAC had recommended for award. Thirty-four projects totaling \$2,680,299 were recommended for award in FY2018; one back-up project totaling \$50,000 also was recommended. Frank Macrina made a motion to approve the recommendations at 2:47 p.m., Scott Tolleson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

RTIAC Updates

Bob Stolle initiated the discussion by identifying key next steps for the FY2018 CRCF program: a May 24 presentation to the CIT Board of the RTIAC’s award recommendations followed by award announcements in early June. Mr. Stolle then spoke about a proposed CRCF event to be held in Richmond to recognize this year’s CRCF awardees. He invited the participation of all RTIAC members and indicated that CIT will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Bob Stolle discussed recent legislation that was passed to restrict research activities that may be performed on dogs and cats. The legislation will go into effect July 1, 2018. Frank Macrina provided additional insight to the discussion regarding Category E of the Animal Welfare Act. CIT Program Guidelines will reflect the new legislation.

Bob Stolle advised that a recent development with a prior CRCF Eminent Researcher Recruitment (ERR) Program award led CIT to raise the topic of whether language in that Program’s Guidelines and award Terms and Conditions should be reconsidered. Dennis Manos requested that CIT provide suggested language to the RTIAC.

Scott Tolleson discussed the possibility of an RTIAC strategy session, as raised at the May 4, 2017 RTIAC meeting. A brief discussion ensued, including mention of recommendations under development by the Virginia Research Investment Committee (VRIC) and organizations such as the VRIC and GO Virginia, whose work complements CRCF. The consensus of the RTIAC was to wait until the VRIC assessment process concluded.

Bob Stolle provided a brief update on the status of the CIT building in Herndon. The sale of the building is on hold, while the building is under consideration with Amazon.

Jennifer Hiltwine provided an overview of the FY2018 Annual Report and indicated that the timeline is anticipated to be similar to previous years. Ms. Hiltwine indicated that a draft of the Annual Report will be provided to RTIAC members, before submission to the Governor's Office and General Assembly on October 1.

Nancy Vorona thanked the VA Bio+Tech Park for hosting the meeting.

Chery Giggetts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Morris Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.