



# Accomack-Northampton Economic Development Committee

## AGENDA

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom and In-person in the A-NPDC Conference Room  
23372 Front Street, Accomac, VA 23301

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Participation
  - a. Public Comments
  - b. Federal Update – Clara Vaughn, for Congresswoman Luria
- III. Approval of June Meeting Minutes
- IV. Committee Membership Update
- V. Broadband Update – Elaine Meil
- VI. Updates Made to the Comprehensive Economic Development Plan (CEDS) –  
Presentation by Thomas P. Miller Associates
- VII. Preview of Economic Development Dashboard – Thomas P. Miller Associates
- VIII. Next Meeting – June 8, 2022
- IX. Adjourn



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DRAFT Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 9, 2021 2:00 PM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

## **Members Present**

Robie Marsh, ANEC  
Dr. Mark Reiter, Virginia Tech  
Ava Gabrielle-Wise, New Road Community  
Evelyn Shotwell, Chincoteague Chamber of  
Commerce  
Elaine Meil, A-NPDC  
Terry Malarkey, Shore U  
Robert Sabatini, ESVA COC and ESVA  
Tourism  
Joseph Betit, Tech Entrepreneur  
*Alternate for* Jacqueline Chatmon, Citizen  
Kerry (Koby) Binard, theGIG

## **Members Absent**

Chris Bott, Vice Mayor Chincoteague  
Ira von Ashby-Hope, Acc. Co. EDA  
Michael Hitch, NASA  
Peter Bale, Sentinel Robotic Solutions  
Dr. Richard Snyder, VIMS  
Ron Matthews, Matthews & Company, CPAs  
Andy Mason, Weichert, Realtors Mason-Davis  
Karyn Belknap, Ten Good Sheep  
Elizabeth Lankford, Blue Crab Bay Co.  
Phillip Hickman, Dublin Farms Potatoes

Sara Baldwin, Entrepreneur  
Mike Mason, Acc. Co.  
Charles Kolakowski, North. Co.  
Hon. Rob Bloxom, VA General Assembly  
Hon. Lynwood Lewis, VA General Assembly  
Dr. Patrick Tompkins, ESCC

## **Others present**

Jessica Steelman, A-NPDC  
Estefan Abogabir, A-NPDC  
Lindsay Bloos, TPMA  
Adriana Sudimack, TPMA  
Bill Payne  
Clara Vaughn  
Dave Zamorski  
Gabe McFadden, TPMA  
Indigenous Accawmacke  
Paul Grossman, Citizen North. Co.  
Karen Zamorski  
Katherine Miller  
Kristopher Subler, TPMA  
Naomi Cypress  
Patrick Coady  
Sarah Fullman  
Staci Martin, VTC

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Marsh called the Economic Development Committee meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

2. **Public Participation** – Marsh provided members of the public the opportunity to comment.

A representative from ANEC updated the Committee about the efforts to install electric car charging systems across the Eastern Shore for tourists. A grant is being developed and due July 12, 2021 to the Department of Energy.

Committee Member Malarkey commented these charging stations should be placed where users have the opportunity to spend money, such as restaurants.

3. **December Draft Meeting Minutes** – The draft meeting minutes of the December 9, 2020 meeting were presented.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Malarkey, seconded by Reiter, and carried unanimously. No discussion followed.

4. **Organizational Business**

- a. **Attendance Record** – The attendance record for the previous year was presented. No discussion followed.
- b. **Member Nominations** – The Nominating Committee nominated Robert Sabbatini for Private Sector 2, Accomack. A motion to approve the nomination was made by Shotwell, seconded by Malarkey, and carried unanimously. No discussion followed. Private Sector 14 (Chincoteague) remains vacant. Chairman Marsh requested members of the Committee notify him of any nominees via email.
- c. **Member Renewals** – Chairman Marsh updated the Committee that the following Committee members are up for member renewal this year (2021): R. Marsh and J. Chatmon. A motion to approve both member renewals was made by Sabbatini, seconded by Shotwell, and carried unanimously. No discussion followed.

5. **Thomas P. Miller & Associates (TPMA) Presentation**

- a. TPMA – contracted to assist in the development of the CEDS Plan update – facilitated an interactive presentation to identify strategies for issues that were addressed in a previous SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) Analysis work group.
- b. Presentation included a review of Best Practices across business sectors for economic development; Review of the SWOT Analysis and key themes; and Breakout Sessions to discuss in further detail strategies for addressing the areas of critical concern across business sectors.

6. **Next Meeting** – The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 2:00 PM. The Committee will be engaged prior to that time during meetings

to update the CEDS Plan. A reminder will be sent ahead of the meeting.

7. **Adjourn** – A motion to adjourn was made by Malarkey, seconded by Shotwell, and carried unanimously. Chairman Marsh adjourned the meeting at 4:10 PM.