

Charlottesville Economic Development Authority (CEDA) Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2024

Members Present Addison Barnhardt

Quinton Harrell James Cauthen Steven Johnson Jay O'Donnell

Staff Present

Chris Engel Matt Johnson Keith Groomes Trish Carpenter

Not Present

Denise Herndon Jonathan Chasen

County Members

Emily Kilroy
Don Long
Jeff Morrill
John Mottola
David Storm
Bea Lapisto-Kirtley
EDA Staff

A special meeting of the Charlottesville Economic Development Authority and the Albemarle County Economic Development Authority occurred on Tuesday, June 11th, 2024, at CitySpace. The Chair, Mr. Barnhardt, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Mr. Barnhardt, welcomed the Albemarle County EDA members to the meeting.

Mr. Barnhardt asked if there was any public comment; no public comments noted, he proceeded to the next agenda item.

Ruth Emerick, Chief Operating Officer and Program Director of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission presented to both Boards an overview of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), including the components of the plan, implementation of the plan and the next steps. Questions were asked by Board members and answered by Ms. Emerick.

A progress and status update of an application to GO Virginia for Project VITAL: Region 9 Charlottesville Biotech Accelerator was presented by Nikki Hastings, Executive Director of Cville BioHub. Cville BioHub is a collaboration of City, County and UVA for the Biotech Sector and is primed for growth. Charlottesville was ranked as #10 for US Med Device Seed investment in 2023. Questions were asked by Board members and answered by Ms. Hastings.

There being no further business, Mr. Barnhardt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cauthen made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Johnson second the motion, all present voted in favor, meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM. The Chair for the Albemarle EDA, Mr. Long, adjourned the meeting.

Chris Engel, Secretory

Date Approved by CEDA