



The **Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting** of the Regional Community Institute of Northeast Florida, Inc. (RCI) was held on January 18, 2018. The meeting took place at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, Board Room, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida, 32202. It started at 12:05pm, immediately following Regional Leadership Academy orientation.

The following RCI board members were present representing a quorum: Mr. David Richardson, Ms. Mary Alice Phelan, Mr. Bob Rhodes, Mr. Gilbert Colon, Ms. Valerie Jenkins, Mr. Jon Netts, Mr. Thad Crowe, Hon. Paul Waldron, Mr. Brad Thoburn, Dr. Quinton White, and Mr. Ed Preston.

The following staff was present: Mr. Brian Teeple, Ms. Margo Moehring.

Vice Chair Jenkins called the meeting to order at 12:15pm, roll call was completed and introductions made. The Vice Chair extended an invitation for any public comment. No public comment was made. The minutes of the September 25, 2017 Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting were approved by unanimous vote under a motion by Mr. Netts and 2nd by Mr. Waldron.

Update on Policy Work:

- 2015/2016: Mr. Teeple provided an update on Implementing the First Coast Vision and let the Board know that a letter attaching the Committee's findings was sent to FDOT. No response or further information has been received.
- 2016/2017: Dr. White provided an update, assisted by Ms. Moehring. The NEFRC Board adopted Water Beyond Borders at their October, 2017 meeting. A JU student has expressed interest in addressing low impact development as a project. Staff will need to followup with the data experts on next steps, and a meeting cancelled by Hurricane Irma will need to be rescheduled with NEFRC's Coastal Georgia counterpart to discuss collaboration.
- 2017/2018: Mr. Crowe provided an update on the Regional Tourism efforts. A kickoff meeting had been scheduled for the afternoon of January 18, but this will have to be rescheduled because it conflicts with tourism events in Tallahassee. Interest in the committee has been robust so far. The Board agreed that one simple goal should be for visitors to spend three days in Northeast Florida.

Ms. Moehring talked about the Regional Leadership Academy, and distributed the curriculum. The Vice Chair noted the importance of capitalizing on our history. Ms. Kelly Gibson, RLA Candidate for the Class of 2018, noted that Fernandina Beach is looking at carrying capacity for assets like beaches, and the Board agreed that this concept should be added to the curriculum. Ms. Moehring was asked to bring "the Tragedy of the Commons" to the attention of the Class, and to add energy, especially solar, to the curriculum. There was no discussion on legislative policy, no further general discussion and no further public comment.

Next meeting dates are March 26, June 25, and September 24, 2018 (11am RLA Graduation).

The meeting adjourned at 12:55pm, under a motion by Mr. Netts and a 2nd by Mr, Crowe, which was approved unanimously.