



The **Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting** of the Regional Community Institute of Northeast Florida, Inc. (RCI) was held on March 26, 2018. The meeting took place at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida, 32202. It started at 12:10pm.

The following RCI board members were present representing a quorum: Mr. David Richardson, Mr. Bob Page, Ms. Tracy Nazzaro, Mr. Benji Bates (by phone) Ms. Teresa Bishop, Mr. Gilbert Colon, Ms. Valerie Jenkins, and Dr. Quinton White.

The following staff was present: Ms. Margo Moehring.

Chair Nazzaro called the meeting to order and roll call was completed. Ms. Moehring referred to an e-mail received from Mr. Patrick Juliano, resigning from the Board of Directors. Gratitude was expressed to Mr. Juliano for his service. The Chair extended an invitation for any public comment. No public comment was made. The minutes of the February 21, 2018 Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting were approved by unanimous vote. Mr. Colon made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second by Mr. Richardson.

Update on Policy Work:

- 2016/2017: The need to reschedule the Water Beyond Borders meeting with NEFRC's Coastal Georgia counterpart to discuss collaboration was discussed. Dr. White reminded the group that a JU student is creating a low impact development model ordinance.
- 2017/2018: On behalf of Committee Chair Mr. Crowe, Ms. Moehring provided an update on the Regional Tourism efforts. The February kickoff meeting went well and was well attended, and a work plan has been developed. Next step will be information gathering. Meetings are being scheduled in each of the seven counties of Northeast Florida.

Ms. Moehring reported on the Regional Leadership Academy, which is going well, and noted that, as directed at the last Board meeting, carrying capacity, energy and history segments have been added to the curriculum. There was discussion about the next policy issue and the general approach to policy in 2019. Members discussed the need to step back and review RCI's work so far, beginning with First Coast Vision and including all policy issues taken on to date. The Board expressed consensus on the need to consider the idea that 2019 might be an "action year", rather than a "policy year", to allow for implementation of earlier policy issues. It was suggested that the September meeting include a review of the status of actions to date on all policy issues, and an overview of related policy issues impacting the region, such as Elevate Northeast Florida and the update to the Comprehensive Economic Development Plan. A decision may be made on September 24 as to whether a new policy issue will be undertaken in 2019 or it will be an "action year". The Board also discussed whether members should be invited to NEFRC Legislative Policy Committee meetings, or should send a representative to such meetings. Ms. Moehring will bring this idea to Mr. Teeple. In general, there was discussion as to the continued commitment to regional action plans that are "doable", as this strategy has been successful, but also that some advocacy on statewide or regional issues may be desirable. How best to add the RCI Board's voice to these discussions when needed remains a question. There was discussion as to whether the Board should consider drafting an Op-ed for submission to the Florida Times Union. Dr. White made a motion to cancel the June 25, 2018 meeting to allow staff to focus on action, which was seconded by Ms. Jenkins and passed unanimously. There was no further general discussion and no further public comment.

The next meeting date is September 24, 2018 (11am RLA Graduation, followed by the RCI Annual Meeting). The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:47pm.