



Chair Nazzaro called the **RCI Board Meeting** to order at 12:26 pm on Monday, September 24, 2018 with the following Board members present: Ms. Bishop, Mr. Page, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Colon, Dr. Bechtle, Dr. White, Mr. Crowe, Mr. Perry, Mr. Perez, Commissioner Waldron, Mr. Netts, Mr. Richardson, Ms. Phelan and Mr. Garrison. There was a quorum. Mr. Teeple, Ms. Payne, Mr. Calhoun and Ms. Moehring represented staff. Several members of the RCI also attended the meeting, as did several members of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee.

The Board Meeting took place at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida, 32202. The minutes from the March 26, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously under a motion by Mr. Page with a second from Mr. Richardson. The Chair invited public input.

**Election of Officers due to Term Expiration:** Mr. Rhodes, Nominating Committee Chair, recognized the service of Ms. Bishop as Secretary/Treasurer as her term is expiring. He then nominated Ms. Phelan as Secretary/Treasurer. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Waldron and it passed unanimously. Ms. Bishop, Mr. Preston and Mr. Graham were recognized for their service and Chair Nazzaro will send letters of thanks from the Board to each.

**Committee Report: Policy Work for 2017/2018:** Mr. Crowe reported on behalf on the Economic Development Committee on Regional Tourism. He reviewed the process followed and recommendations of the Regional Action Plan on Regional Tourism. Commissioner Waldron moved approval of the plan with a second from Mr. Page. The motion passed unanimously. The Board commended Mr. Crowe and the Committee on their work. It was noted that Mr. Crowe would be unable to present the plan to the NEFRC at their October meeting, so Ms. Moehring was asked to do so. Mr. Crowe volunteered his services to assist with implementation of the plan.

**Marketing and Funding Report:** This discussion was deferred to a later meeting, given the length of the agenda.

**Legislative Priorities:** Ms. Moehring reported that the NEFRC Committee that works on this topic would be glad to have a RCI Board member attend their meetings. Board members were asked to consider if they would be interested in performing this role, and to let Ms. Moehring know if so.

**General Discussion:** None.

**General Public Comment:** Chair Nazzaro called for public comment. There was none.

**Next Meeting Dates:** Chair Nazzaro provided the 2019 meeting dates to be January 28, March 25, June 24 and September 30.

**Reports:** Chair Nazzaro recognized Dr. Bechtle, who provided remarks from his perspective as Chair of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee. There was discussion as to the need to "harmonize" the three planning efforts currently underway or about to begin, with First Coast Vision. As the CEDS Committee and the RCI Board have previously discussed, Elevate Northeast Florida's findings and recommendations will be incorporated into the 2019 update of the CEDS Plan and the 2019/2020 update to the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. Mr. Teeple provided an overview of the findings of Elevate Northeast Florida so far. Ms. Moehring provided an overview of our successes to date in implementation of First Coast Vision, and the challenges the region still faces.

**Next Steps:** In light of the reports, Chair Nazzaro noted consensus of the RCI Board that the next year should be an action year, rather than a year when a new regional action plan is created. She also noted consensus on the recommendation of the RLA Class of 2018 that "Intentional Training and Support of Workforce" be added to the RCI Board's list of potential policy issues.

She adjourned the meeting at 2:00pm.