

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE JUNE 26, 2023 MEETING OF THE FAIRFAX  
COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION**

Location: 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 232  
Fairfax, VA 22035

Attending: **SBC Members**

Melvin Murphy (Providence), Shawnequa Albert (At-Large), Joseph Underwood (Braddock), Prince Howard (Sully), Chris Vernon (Springfield), Alpha Woolen (Franconia), Theofilos Stamatis (At-Large)

**Staff**

Ron Shoram (DPMM), Audrey Ampomah (DPMM)

Guests:

Absent: **SBC Members:** Tracey Wood (At-Large), Melody Thorson (Mt. Vernon),

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The meeting was called to order at 7:07p.m. and was facilitated by Chairman Murphy. Minutes from the March and April meetings were approved.

- **Chairman Murphy called roll conducted the following actions relevant to remote participation**
  - A sound and video check was conducted to ensure that each member of the BAC may be adequately heard and that all members could hear each other.
- Minutes from the March and April meetings were approved.
- **Committee Updates:**
  - Legislative: No report
  - Education and Outreach: No report
  - Vendor Comments Board: No report
  - Community Business Partnership: Commissioner Stamatis was appointed to the committee.
- **Staff updates:**
  - Thrive Grant: The Department of Economic Initiatives announced that the Latino Economic Development Center has issued a solicitation for providers to provide services under the upcoming grant process.
  - Ms. Ampomah presented an online alternative to an in person version of the Small Business Forum, which was unanimously accepted by the SBC.
- **Old Business**
  - Staff to provide criteria for the Bea Malone award to SBC

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- Discussion of Chambers of Commerce participation – Chairman Murphy requested that each commissioner request one chamber in which they would like to represent the Small Business Commission.
- **Announcements**
  - **None**

**Adjournment** – Chairman Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:55.