

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE JULY 24, 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), Tracey Wood (At-Large), Joseph Underwood (Braddock) remote, Prince Howard (Sully), Chris Vernon (Springfield), Alpha Woolen (Franconia), Theofilos Stamatis (At-Large)

**Staff**

Ron Shoram (DPMM)

Guests:

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

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The meeting was called to order at 7:05p.m. and was facilitated by Chairman Murphy. Minutes from the June meeting were approved, with commissioner Wood abstaining.

- **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..
- **Committee Updates:**
  - Legislative: No report
  - Education and Outreach: No report
  - Vendor Comments Board: No report
  - Community Business Partnership: No report, but access to the CBP is being investigated.
- **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.
- **Old Business**
  - Criteria for Bea Malone award was discussed.
  - Alternatives for Small Business Forum was discussed, per Audrey Ampomah’s June presentation.
- **New Business**
  - Commissioner Woolen will represent the SBC in a Countywide BAC One Fairfax initiative
- **Announcements**
  - **None**

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**Adjournment** – Chairman Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:40.