



Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation
Governance Committee Meeting
March 23, 2026
via Zoom

The following Committee members were present:

Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Akan Biosciences, Chair
Dr. Anne Khademian, Universities at Shady Grove
Andy Chod, Co-President, Minkoff
Cherlyn Freeman-Watkins, Results One, LCC

The following attendees were also present, consistent with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act and in accordance with the Corporation's Bylaws.

Jared Smith, MCEDC
Jill, Brooks, MCEDC
Heather Rimmell, MCEDC
Jennifer Hsin, CNF Investments, LLC

Dr. Kumar called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. A quorum of the Committee members was present. Mrs. Rimmell was designated to take minutes.

Ms. Freeman-Watkins moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 4th, 2026, meeting as presented. Mr. Chod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Outline Director Candidate Selection Process

Dr. Kumar discussed the process for shortlisting candidates from the 13 nominees for a single board member vacancy. The committee agreed to focus on representation across key industries not currently on the board, such as healthcare, energy, and technology/AI. The goal is to interview 3 top candidates and select one to recommend to the county executive.

The committee agreed that Mr. Smith will reach out to the top 3 candidates to gauge their interest and availability. They aim to complete the interviews by April 10th in order to submit a recommendation to the full board by the April 15th Board of Directors meeting.

Administrative Session

Dr. Khademian moved to enter administrative session at 4:33 pm pursuant to § 3-304 to discuss board of directors' interview candidates. Mr. Chod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The administrative session concluded at 5:19 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 pm.