



Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation
Governance Committee Meeting
April 8, 2026
via
Zoom

The following Committee members were present:

Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Akan Biosciences, Chair
Dr. Anne Khademian, Universities at Shady Grove
Andy Chod, Minkoff Development
Silvana Nani, Korabi Consulting

The following Committee member was not present:

Cherlyn Freeman-Watkins, Results One, LLC

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

Jennifer Hsin, Vice Chair – CNF Investments/University of Maryland
Jared Smith, President & CEO, MCEDC
Jill Brooks, Interim COO, MCEDC
Pearl Parker, Interim Executive Assistant, MCEDC

*Dr. Kumar called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm. A quorum of the Committee members was present.
Ms. Parker was designated to take minutes.*

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the March 23, 2026 meeting minutes will take place at the next Governance Committee meeting.

New Business

Nomination of one new Board Member

The Governance Committee convened to review and discuss nominations for an open Board member position. Two potential candidates were evaluated: John Sackett and Vikram Manikonda. Mr. Sackett declined consideration due to scheduling conflicts. Mr. Manikonda expressed a strong interest in serving on the Board.

Following discussion, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend Mr. Manikonda as the sole nominee for the Board member position. The Committee agreed to present Mr. Manikonda's nomination to the full Board for a vote at the April 15, 2026, Board of Directors meeting. If approved, Mr. Manikonda's name will be forwarded to the County Executive for consideration.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 pm.