



Document #2: Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2021

Zoom Meeting: June 9, 2021 – 8:00 am – 9:00 am

Attended: Theodore L. Chandler, Jr., Wilson Flohr, Thomas R. Frantz, Sarah Jane Kirkland, John W. Martin, and Laura Robidoux

Absent: Cliff Fleet, Moses Foster, Bob Holsworth, Peggy Layne, John F. Reinhart, James Spore

Agenda Items:

1. Approve June 2nd EC Minutes
2. Board Recruitment Update
3. June 9th Board Meeting – Review final agenda & PPT deck
4. June 9th Board Meeting – Review attendance and breakout groups
5. Old Business/New Business

Approve June 2nd EC Minutes

The Executive Committee (EC) unanimously approved the June 2nd EC meeting minutes.

Board Recruitment Update

The EC reviewed the current status of Board recruitment efforts. The overall progress is notable.

Next Steps:

- John will include the names of people who have accepted to date in the June 9th meeting deck.



June 9th Board Meeting – Review final agenda, PPT deck, and breakout session questions

A general discussion was held on asking the BOD for “ratification” of all EC actions related to new board members, approval of meeting minutes, and the general work of RVA757 Connects. To this end, specific language will be included on a slide in the June 9th meeting deck. Ted Chandler will ask the directors to ratify this request.

The agenda and PPT deck were approved, with some minor adjustments suggested by EC members.

A general discussion was held on the breakout session content. It was agreed one topic will center around the size of board and the direction (approach, rationale, and timing) for the Innovation Council and Higher Education Council.

It was noted the Innovation Council will be a diverse and creative group of next generation leaders who should be viewed as a candidate pool of future RVA757 Connects’ directors. The EC will discuss in upcoming meetings if this group should in fact be the RVA757 Connects’ Advisory Board as detailed in our founding documents.

John Martin shared a topline summary of the I-64 Innovation Corridor Talent Study findings and explained the breakout questions around this topic.

Final breakout topics/questions were approved.

The EC reviewed a list of the breakout session groups and agreed on the assigned EC members that will run each group.

It was suggested to invite the heads of RVA NOW and Campus 757 to the Board/MIC meeting today and to ask both organizations to address the EC in the future on how RVA757 Connects can best support these two important organizations moving forward.

Next Steps:

- Laura Robidoux will update Breakout Session groups to include any last-minute people who RSVP just before the meeting.
- Wilson Flohr will reach out to RVA NOW and Campus 757 to ask for updates to share and invite them to attend the Board/MIC meeting this afternoon.
- Laura Robidoux will send a Word doc containing final Breakout Session questions to all attendees.
- John Martin and Laura Robidoux will finalize the PPT deck for the meeting.

Old Business/New Business

None.