



**Umpqua Valley Development Corporation  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 3, 2021 @ 12:00 pm  
Zoom Video Conference Call**

**Board Members Present:** Kelly Morgan, Steve Loosely, Nikki Messenger, Kelly Morgan, Ryan Tribbett, Lisa Yop

**Staff Present:** Phillip Scheuers, Linda Samek

**Others Present:** Karman Fore, Nikolas Ruiz Anderson

**I. Call the Meeting to Order**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Umpqua Valley Development Corporation was called to order by the Board Vice President at 12:02 pm. A quorum was present.

**II. Review and Approval of Minutes**

May 6, 2021, board meeting minutes were distributed to the Board for review. No questions or discussions were held.

Motion: Steve Loosley moved to adopt the draft minutes. Lisa Yop seconded the motion. All members voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

**III. Officer to the Board Report**

The Board Vice President asked the Officer of the Board to present his report. The Officer to the Board gave the following update.

The Officer to the Board reported that he has heard that the budget writers in the House of Representatives were supportive of the project funding request.

He reported that there were reports back that members of the State Senate were having questions regarding the project. In addition, some questions were coming from individuals with an association with OHSU.



The Officer to the Board shared that the final funding legislation will be one of the last three pieces of legislation the Oregon State Legislature will consider during the 2021 Session.

The Vice-Chair asked if the state's robust revenue forecast helped the potential of project funding. Staff shared that the state received its economic and revenue report recently. The information shared that lottery revenues, with which the Legislature traditionally funds capital construction projects, were the strongest the state has seen during the last few months.

The Officer of the Board asked Linda Samek to provide an update on meetings she has participated in recently.

Linda Samek shared that she has had interesting conversations with folks to help her understand the community issues and politics, which was very helpful. Linda shared that she had met with Steve Loosely, Dick Heard, Susan Morgan, and more. She also noted that she has been having preliminary meetings with folks affiliated with AHEC and physician associations. Linda shared that she believes it is essential that discussions on facilities begin as soon as we confirm funding. That will be a significant key to project conversations with both the community and potential academic partners.

Linda concluded her report that her conversations with the Provost of the University of Colorado, Provost of AT Still University, and the University of Providence were positive. They were all interested in rural health, and their missions fit well with the project's purpose. However, Linda shared that they also have some real challenges as they consider programs on separate campuses that are 100% operated in another area, but it is not unfamiliar for them. For example, AT Still already has a site in Portland. Their students spend a year in Arizona during their foundational work and years 2, 3, and 4 in remote sites like Portland. Linda shared that this is a model she believes the project will continue to see as she visits academic partners.

The Officer to the Board shared that this completes the report section of the agenda.

#### **IV. Next Meeting**

The Officer of the Board shared staff will send a Doodle Poll out to board members to find the next board meeting time.

#### **V. Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 pm.

Minutes Submitted By: Ryan Tribbett, Officer to the Board  
Minutes Approved: September 29, 2021