



# **Leadership Development Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Friday, March 10, 2023**

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**Members present:** Mike Aspacher, Tom Mackin, Scott Miller, Sandy Spang, Mark Stahl, Craig Stough, Dave Thompson; **Excused:** Doris Herringshaw, Rhonda Sewell; **Staff present:** Tim Brown, Nate Reiter, Jennifer Allen

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**Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions** – The Leadership Development Committee met virtually on Friday, March 10, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams. Chair Mike Aspacher called the meeting to order after a quorum was confirmed.

**Approval of Minutes** – Minutes from the February 10, 2023, were tabled for approval at the next in-person meeting.

**NW Ohio Economic Development District Update** – Tim Brown and Nate Reiter have been in contact with Nichole Fifer, the interim director, who replaced Dr. Russell. BGSU will provide TMACOG with the data pieces required by US EDA. She was sent copies of the applications that MORPC and SEMCOG for EDD designation. As a demonstration of TMACOG readiness to take on the role as an EDD, Mr. Brown is working on a draft bylaw amendment language that would give TMACOG a platform to work with the Toledo Regional CEDS Strategy Committee and how they will be incorporated in the existing TMACOG structure. The CED and would serve as the policy body for the EDD. The CEDS Strategy Committee would be asked for funding pay for the required local match and for the EDD position. Staff will give an update on the progress of the application process at the committee meeting.

**Search for TMACOG President** – Nate Reiter gave an update on the search for a new TMACOG president. Roughly 50 to 55 resumes that were submitted via Indeed and 3 local individuals, including a TMACOG staff member and two members of the Leadership Development Committee applied for the position. No submittals were received via OARC members, SEMCOG, NARC, and APA website. Mr. Reiter recently met with Mr. Brown to review the resumes submitted via Indeed and pared them down to 17 potential candidates. Although the candidates who submitted via Indeed have a lot of executive experience, none of them are local and do not have governmental experience.

Only the 3 local candidates have the pertinent governmental experience. Mr. Reiter asked the committee if they would like to proceed with schedule interviews with the 21 candidates. Craig Stough gave some historical background on the last time TMACOG conducted a president search to replace Tony Reams. He noted that there may be some viable candidates who decided not to apply because they do not want their names published in the newspaper. Mr. Brown mentioned that the March Big Picture newsletter will include an article regarding the job posting for the president position as well as the accountant and transportation planner positions. After discussing this topic at length, Chair Aspacher concluded encouraged committee members to reach out to anyone they feel may qualify for the president position and gauge their interest. Mr. Reiter was asked to sending a list of candidates who submitted resumes via Indeed to all members of the Leadership Development Committee, except for the 2 committee members who applied for the position) and to schedule interviews with the 3 candidates based on the interview poll that was taken recently.

**Action Item:** *Nate Reiter will send a list of the applicants who submitted resume via Indeed to committee members and coordinate interviews with the 3 local candidates based on the availability of search committee members.*

**Public Comment Period** – There were no representatives from the public present for comments.

**Any and All Other Business** – Mr. Brown recently met with Rep. Hoops regarding the remote meetings authority bill. He plans to introduce a standalone bill that would give permissive authority to appointed state boards that have volunteer members from multiple jurisdictions, in addition to COGs, MPOs, and RTPs. Since he is in leadership this GA, he has been handing off some of his legislative priorities to other House members. He is potentially going to hand off the remote meetings authority bill off to two representatives who also support this initiative.

The State of Ohio, through the Ohio Rail Development Commission, plans apply for funding the through the Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor ID and Development program for the Columbus-Cincinnati-Cleveland-Dayton Corridor (3C+D Corridor) and the Cleveland-Toledo-Detroit Corridor. TMACOG's is focusing on the Cleveland-Toledo Corridor and is partnering with SEMCOG on the Toledo-Detroit connection. TMACOG is also interested in pursuing a connection from Toledo-Columbus. Amtrak plans to submit an application for a corridor that spurs off of the Cleveland-Toledo-Chicago up to Detroit.

With regard to US 23, Mr. Brown stated that Senate leadership intend to preserve language in the Governor's proposed transportation budget that will help better connect Columbus and Northwest Ohio with a bypass from State Route 23 to I-71.

**Next Meeting/Adjournment** –The next regularly scheduled committee meeting will take place virtually on Friday, April 14 at 9:30 a.m. A ***motion*** was made by Sandy Spang and ***seconded*** by Craig Stough to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.