# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DELAWARE PROSPERITY PARTNERSHIP, INC.

# May 13, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Delaware Prosperity Partnership, Inc. (the "Corporation") was held on May 13, 2024, at Chesapeake Utilities Corporation in Dover, Delaware. The meeting commenced at 4:07 pm ET.

Board members in attendance, which constituted a quorum:

Governor John Carney (co-Chair) Robert Herrera, The Mill Rodman Ward, III, CSC (co-Chair) Tony Edwards, Dupont

Rob Rider, O.A. Newton (Treasurer)

Desmond Baker, Desmond Baker & Associates

Gregg Moore, Becker Morgan Group

Brian Pettyjohn, Delaware Senate

(Secretary) John Walsh, Delaware Senate Fayetta Blake, Pathways to Success, Inc. Richard Wilkins, Wilkins Farms

Beth Brand, University of Delaware Cherese Winstead, Delaware State University

Desa Burton, Zip Code Wilmington Lyndon Yearick, Delaware House of

Shane Breakie, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation Representatives

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William Bush, Delaware House of Representatives

In attendance from the Corporation:

Kurt Foreman, President & CEO Noah Olson, Director of Innovation

Susan Coulby, Senior Marketing Communications Dalia Rodriguez, Team & Operations Coordinator

Elio Battista, Jr., Parkowski, Guerke & Swayze

Manager

Becky Harrington, Vice President of Business Guests in attendance:

Development

Chris Kelly, Senior Economic Researcher Jessica Boykin, Breakwater Accounting

Megan Kopistecki, Senior Business Development

Andy Lubin, Special Projects - Consultant

Manager Scott Malfitano, CSC

Joe Lewis, Director of Marketing & External Michael Marquardt, Global Advisor - Consultant

Relations Lisa Pearce, Breakwater Accounting
Bryan Mack, Business Development Manager Jon Sheehan, Office of the Governor

Charles Madden, Director of Existing Business Engagement & Talent

Christina Marconi, Engagement Manager

# **Introductory Remarks**

Co-Chairs Ward and Carney opened the meeting by thanking the group for attending and welcoming new Board members Shane Breakie, Desa Burton, and Whitney Sweeney.

# **Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion made and seconded the minutes of the February 12, 2024, Board meeting were approved.

# 2023 Audit

Director Blake introduced Ms. Corcoran, independent auditor from Wheeler Wolfen & Dwares, who reviewed the 2023 Financials and Audit Report. Upon the conclusion of the review, Ms. Corcoran stated that DPP had

again received an unmodified opinion and a clean audit; and, also again, there were no issues with management or the external bookkeeping company. Ms. Corcoran then reviewed the 2023 Form 990, reporting that there were no changes to any governance questions in 2023, and that the 2023 Form 990 mirrors the audited financial statements.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, DPP's 2023 financials and audit report were approved. Upon another motion duly made and seconded, DPP's 2023 Form 990 was approved.

Director Blake reported that no whistleblower complaints had been filed to date, and that upon review, the Audit Committee will not be recommending any changes to the whistleblower operative reserve policies at this time. She then stated that the Committee will be reviewing the investment policy to ensure it is up-to-date and make any necessary recommendations to the Board the in coming months. Comments were made by Director Carney.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rider provided an overview regarding the status of the Corporation's finances and expenditures. Mr. Foreman then spoke about the organization's progress toward achieving the financial goal the state requires to disburse funds to DPP.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the financials and expenditures were approved.

# Performance Oversight

Mr. Herrera introduced the performance oversight agenda items, at which point Ms. Harrington gave a projects report, an update on Project Slipper, talked about national and FDI engagement, and provided relevant news about a previous project. Comments were made by Directors Baker, Carney, Ward, Moore, Yearick, Levenson, Herrera, Yearick, Burton, Moore and Breakie; as well as Messrs. Foreman, Kelly, and Mack.

#### President's Report

Mr. Foreman provided an update on the progress of the Advancing Prosperity 3.0 and reviewed the Board's upcoming year. Comments were made by Director Carney.

#### Co-Chair's Report

Director Ward reminded Board members to complete their 2024 compliance items.

#### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on August 12, 2024, at a time and place to be announced.

#### <u>Adjournment</u>

Closing remarks and thanks were made by co-Chairs Carney and Ward. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm ET.