

**Economic Development Council
Elections Committee Meeting ♦ May 8, 2017 1:00 PM**
Teleconference

Members:	Present (Yes/No)
Paul Ferris, Chairman	Yes
Wendy Bridges	No
Carol Curtis	Yes
Steve West	No

Staff: Teri Drew, Regional Director
Julia Sawyer, Executive Assistant

A quorum was present.

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

Chairman Paul Ferris called the meeting to order at 1:12 PM.

2. Review of EDC Bylaws

Chairman Ferris asked Teri Drew to review the Economic Development Council Bylaws. Ms. Drew read the EDC Bylaws as they pertain to the elections of officers. Ms. Drew stated the Nominations Committee is appointed by the Chairman of the EDC, with the goal to identify nominations for consideration of the EDC on June 1, 2017. She explained that nominations will be heard at that meeting, followed by a vote in August. She then noted that the biographies of the current officers of the EDC had been sent ahead of time for review, and she commented on recent conversations she has had with some of the officers, noting that Chair-At-Large Rich Bowen is happy to serve in any capacity needed. Vice Chairman Paul Watson is also happy to serve as needed, and that Chairman Jodie Filardo is happy to serve another term if the Committee recommends, but will respect any decision by the Committee. Ms. Drew noted that all of the members of the EDC are eligible for nomination, however, the usual process is succession; the Chair-At-Large succeeds the Vice-Chair and the Vice-Chair succeeds the Chair. Ms. Drew then stated that the Bylaws allow 2-year term for officers, which are evaluated annually. Having no question regarding the Bylaws, she then turned the meeting over to Chairman Ferris to conduct the nominations.

3. Officer Nominations

Chairman Ferris asked Carol Curtis for her recommendations for each seat. Ms. Curtis nominated Jodie Filardo as Chairman, Paul Watson as Vice Chairman, and Rich Bowen for Chair-At-Large. Chairman Ferris concurred, noting that one year is not long enough for most to achieve knowledge of the positions, and he also recommended the current slate of officers be given a second term. He noted that Paul Watson would be a good candidate to succeed to Chairman next year, and that Richard Bowen would also be a great candidate for Vice Chairman, due to his regional involvement. Chairman Ferris called for a motion for nominees. **Carol Curtis made a motion to recommend Jodie Filardo as Chairman, Paul Watson as Vice-Chairman, and Rich Bowen as Chair-At-Large for the consideration of the EDC, seconded by Paul Ferris. The motion carried unanimously.**

4. Member Comments

Chairman Ferris asked for Member Comments, Carol Curtis commented on the excellence of this slate of officers, knowing that they will continue serving well. Chairman Ferris agreed.

5. Public Comments

Chairman Ferris called for public comments, there were none.

6. Adjournment

Chairman Ferris called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Carol Curtis made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Paul Ferris. The meeting adjourned at 10:20.**