

MET Board of Trustees  
Executive Committee Meeting Notes  
*Date:* Thursday, November 1, 2021  
*Time:* 2:00 PM  
*Type:* Teleconference

In Attendance: Mary Burke, Julia Jitkoff, Mark Hoffman, Megan D'Arcy, Greg Bowen, John Turgeon, Wendy Foster, Tally Kovacs

Mr. John Turgeon welcomed everyone to the meeting at 2:02pm.

1. Strategic planning consultant proposal from Maryland Nonprofits – Mr. John Turgeon reported that MET received three strategic planning proposals and the one from the Maryland Nonprofits seemed to be the most substantial of the proposals received. Mr. Turgeon further stated that this group came highly recommended, and the amount is within the budget. The Committee discussed the selection and raised concerns on the need of a strategic plan with the shift of many responsibilities to Forever Maryland. The consensus was to move forward with a Strategic Plan as there are still several parameters that need to be addressed and prioritized that include but may not be limited to achieving Accreditation; change/expand work with different communities; and, increase stewardship responsibilities. Mr. Turgeon will follow up with references included in the Maryland Nonprofits proposal and Ms. Mary Burke, Mr. Gary Bowen, and Mr. John Turgeon will touch base with Maryland Nonprofits to discuss issues brought up in the Committee. Ms. Tally Kovacs suggested Mr. Turgeon reach out to the other government agencies that are listed in the proposal as working with Maryland Nonprofits.
2. Update on proposed legislation re: MET trustee selection process – Mr. John Turgeon reported that he and Mr. Mark Hoffman have been working with Mr. Toby Lloyd to draft statute language that both the Governance Committee and the Legislative Subcommittee can agree on. The Committee discussed the process of appointing people versus recommending people to/from the three branches; the updated draft statute language; and criteria for Board candidates. Mr. Turgeon stated that Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Lloyd and himself will speak with the Governance Committee and then bring in the ex officio's, Senator Eckardt and Delegate Gilchrist to further discuss.
3. Forever Maryland update: Mary Burke stated that she would provide an update at the Board Meeting.
4. Other: Ms. Tally Kovacs provided an update on the Chase Farm litigation.

The Meeting ended at 3:03pm.