Call to Order:

The Board was called to order at 3:09 p.m. in the conference room of the UCF Business Incubator on Monday, June 6, 2016.

Members in Attendance:

John Ledgerwood
Heather Vargas
Richard K. Hawes
Edith Shelley

Jim Cairns, Pedro Leon, Art Zimmet and Dave Spitzer were excused.

Staff Present:

Gordon Hogan, Director, UCF Business Incubation Program
Connie Bernal, Daytona Beach Incubator Manager
Rob Ehrhardt, Volusia County Economic Development Director
Sally Sprague, Volusia County Staff Liaison

Gordon Hogan welcomed the board members.

Incubator Clients Update by Connie Bernal – Ms. Bernal presented a PowerPoint which included the existing 12 companies, digital and manufacturing technologies at the incubator with each description on slides. Names are: AbM Engineering, Vissidus Technologies, Campus Scientific (formerly IQ Onsite), Rubicon Business Services, GoLevel, TSOLife, Space Training Adventure, Cogent Solar, Maple Box Dolls, Sea & Sol Shades, Full Time Energy Drinks, and Myers Devices.

Mr. Hogan commented that AbM Engineering progress and they could solve a very costly issue. Vissidus Technologies is studying what to do with ‘space junk’, and are up for a possible federal grant. Rubicon provides cloud service in lieu of on-site hardware, they have good traction. Besides working with the incarcerated in training on coding, GoLevel is provided most of the client’s websites. TSOLife is looking at a possible grant from UCF that deals with mental health issues. Cogent Solar was originated from the StartUp Quest program, and has won
a one year free space at the incubator. Mr. Brad Harris, Vice President & COO of Cogent, was present to discuss the portable solar concepts.

At this time, Ms. Bernal went to Maple Box Dolls website and played their short video of their purpose and product.

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Mr. Hogan briefly discussed the details of the pre-incubation program, and the soft landing program which is very successful.

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Next meeting: Ms. Sprague will poll the members as to their availability for the month of October.

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Meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.