CALL TO ORDER

The Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. in the conference room of the UCF Business Incubator on Monday, February 12, 2018.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Pedro Leon
Dave Spitzer - Excused
Jeff Badovick
Greg Snell
John Phifer
Lou Paris - Excused
Edith Shelley
Dr. Stephanie Miller  - Excused

STAFF PRESENT:

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

INTRODUCTION:

Gordon Hogan welcomed the board members and discussed about important of the veteran innovation program is to start your own small business. Got contract for 2 years. So far 40 Company’s at 10 sessions. He stated it was SBA funded and that 2nd program would start in March 2018. It has been well received.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Connie Bernal welcomed board members and spoke about the upcoming events that was taking place, Local Hack Day and Cli, ent Showcase, introducing 15 – 20 local students in attendance from local athe ATC building Volusia County High Schools and universities coming together for 12 hours. Last year’s winner was the middle, school team. Connie met with a Google employee that said he was impr at the ATCessed with the program and that his company would sponsor these events. Board members were very impressed.
The Incubator Client Showcase introducing early stages innovative companies in the County. 150+ people in attendance with 20 showcased companies. Discussed entrepreneur and graduate of the year awards. Connie said great reception from the sponsors. Will be held on February 26, 2018 at Volusia County Incubator.

Dr. Carins spoke about the importance of the 5th Annual Carins foundation Challenge and how it works. It is becoming a big event. It will be held on April 19, 2018 at the ATC Building. $10K Prize donated by the Cairns Foundation. Audience will vote on who wins and students are encouraged to pitch to the investors when presenting.

Winner of last year’s 2017 Innovation challenge Mike Geldaft spoke and gave impressive presentation on his company GRD Innovations. A knee brace company. Board member gave mike advice how to market product. Rob asked if there was anything the board members could do. The board members reached ot.

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

Robbin Sebra will distribute to all members a copy of the Quart 2017 Report. No future meeting date was scheduled or discussed.

**ADJOURN AT 4:55 P.M.**