CALL TO ORDER

The Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. in the conference room of the UCF Business Incubator on Tuesday, July 30, 2019.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Mike Kilbride, Director, UCF Business Incubator Program –
Connie Bernal, Daytona Beach Incubator Manager
Brad Harris, Director, Volusia County Economic Development- Absent
Robbin Sebra, Volusia County Staff Liaison

INTRODUCTION:

Connie Bernal welcomed the board members. Everyone introduced themselves.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mike Kilbride discussed UCF updates and the organization chart and what was changing at UCF staff. He wants UCF to work internally with connecting with the community and that UCF will be working on Incubator leadership changes.

Jack Phifer had some questions about the downtown campus. The communication, digital programs and the Valencia Incubator.

Pedro Leon wanted to know the timeline for new staff, Mike said it would be it would be 8 weeks to hire.

Lou Paris said this a lot of change to the organization to digest. And that je just got a portion of it. Mike sid he understood ant that they were working on everything. Connie Bernal said that UCF has a business mold so that won’t change. She explained that 40 company’s want to relocate and talked about the
updates on the Softlanding program. Jack Phifer said 30% of incubator clients are with the Softlanding program. Jeff Badovick wanted to know if traditional and Softlanding programs are the same. Connie said no. She treat them like start-ups. Connie gave some updates on Incubator Client Show case. Jim Beckman gave a small speech on how his company tries to recruit these company’s from South America. Which is a big market.

Mauricio Toro’s wife who owns the company TRCHFIT gave a powerpoint presentation on how their business works and how good they were doing. See attachment.

**THOUGHTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:**

Discussion on appointed board members and when there term expire.

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**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

Discussed the program has been active for 8 years now. What was the biggest concern for company’s coming to the US? Immigration and Visa’s.

Robbin Sebra will distribute to all members a copy of the Quart 2019 Report. No future meeting date was scheduled or discussed.

**ADJOURN AT 4:20 P.M.**