

World Trade Center Delaware
Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 19, 2023 - 3:00 p.m.

1013 Centre Road, Suite 102, Wilmington DE 19805 (Fulton Bank)

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on July 19, 2023, at the conference room of Fulton Bank. The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair of WTC Delaware, George Kearns

The following members of the Board, who constituted a quorum, were present:

Stephanie Chapman, Joe Cruise, Janet Dougherty, Howard Henderson, Lisa Himber, George Kearns, David Máthé, Jeffrey Spiegelman.

Absent:

Carmen Facciolo, Sen. Nicole Poore. Rafael Zahralddin Aravena, Charlie Tomlinson.

Staff:

Carla Stone.

Welcome

Vice Chair Kearns opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

Meeting Minutes

The Minutes for the Board meeting of May were presented by Carla Stone as the position of Secretary is vacant, for review and approval. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting minutes of the May 15, 2023, Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Chapman provided an overview regarding the status of WTC Delaware's finances and expenditures. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

President's Report

President Carla Stone reported that Charlie Tomlinson has resigned from both the Board of Directors and as Board Chairman due to changing work responsibilities, effective August 31, 2023. After discussion, the Board recommended that Carmen Facciola be asked to take his place.

WTC Delaware successfully presented an exhibition at the US-Africa Business Summit in Botswana from July 11-14. Participating in person at the booth was Tungsten Global Consulting and WTC Board Member Mohamed Cisse who provided valuable assistance during the Summit. Represented by WTC Delaware were Delaware Prosperity Partnership, Drone Workforce Solutions, and Foreign Trade Zone 99 of Delaware (Delaware Department of State). Also participating in the Summit was WTC Delaware member Barbara Simmons. Carla presented a Tribute for the Delaware General Assembly House of Representatives to the President of Botswana in a televised ceremony. WTC Delaware received television and newspaper coverage including CNBC, Botswana national television, and several newspapers. Both Mohamed and Carla were interviewed for both.

Operations Report

Carla presented the Operations Report on behalf of Nesrin Cakiroglu, which covered membership statistics, internship progress, banking, and equipment updates. Placers was engaged to conduct a personnel search for the positions of Administrator and paid intern. We will have another intern from South Korea in the fall.

Committee Reports

Gala- Stephanie Chapman and Janet Dougherty presented the Gala Committee Report including the budget update.

Old Business

Carla presented an update on the next issue of the magazine International Delaware and the status of the 501 c(3) filing.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Adjournment

Closing remarks and thanks were presented by President Stone. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is September 20. Location to be announced.

Calendar (WTC Delaware Events)

- **2 Nov** Gala Deerfield Golf Club, Newark
- **20 Sep** WTC Delaware Board Meeting
- **15 Nov** WTC Delaware Board Meeting