

# Minutes from 13 December 2018

## HRMFFA Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting

1. HRMFFA's quarterly Board of Directors meeting was held at the Regional Building in Chesapeake on 13 December 2018. Public Board members present were: Mayors Alexander, Price, Rabil, Rowe, Tuck and West; Supervisors Hipple, McCarty and Shepperd. Private Board members present were: Baugh, Curtis, Faulkner, Hoogstraten, Klett, Stephens and Watkins. Executive Director Quigley, Deputy Executive Director Dwyer and Treasurer Wilson were also present. A quorum was achieved.
2. Board Chair Kenny Alexander called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and offered welcoming remarks. He then opened the floor for public comments; there were none.
3. Executive Director Quigley then reviewed the quarterly financials. He pointed out that we are overall under-running our budget with actual expenditures at 37% compared to projected expenditures of 42% as of 30 November. He noted that we are over spent on the board/business meetings line item due to the Board's DC trip as well as the NASA Administrator reception support. There were no questions or comments from the Board.
4. Chair Alexander then asked John Simmons from The Roosevelt Group to provide his Washington Update. Mr. Simmons provided the Board a recap on the recent mid-term elections, potential government shutdown, additional F-22s for Joint Base Langley-Eustis, and his recent trip to the Reagan Defense Forum.

### Key items of interest include:

- With the House flipping, Rep Adam Smith of Washington is in line to chair the House Armed Services Committee (HASC). He opposes creating an entirely new Space Force, favors BRAC, and has expressed that the committee will perform more of its oversight role of DoD than it has in the past. Sen Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma will become the Senate Armed Service Committee Chairman, taking over for the late John McCain. Sen Inhofe has expressed support for further increasing DoD's budget and is very much opposed to another round of BRAC.



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- Elections will cause a significant amount of change to House Armed Services and Appropriations Committee members mix due to Democrats taking over the majority. Virginia lost its only appropriator when Scott Taylor lost his race for re-election, and it will be tough to get another freshman member on appropriations with the Democrats in charge.
- There is a possibility of a partial government shutdown if Congress and the President can't come to an agreement over border wall funding by 21 December. DoD and about 70% of the government agencies have already been funded for 2019, but NASA and the Coast Guard would be affected locally.
- The Air Force recently announced that it would spread the combat coded F-22 aircraft from Tyndall AFB in Florida amongst the three other F-22 bases. Langley AFB will get approximately seven additional aircraft and the associated pilots and maintenance personnel. The Air Force also said it will use its formal basing process to decide where it will permanently re-locate its F-22 flying and maintenance Formal Training Unit (FTU) that is temporarily relocated from Tyndall to nearby Eglin AFB in Florida. Discussions with Air Force and ACC leadership indicated that Langley AFB is a serious contender for the FTU. Mayor Tuck mentioned he had lunch with the Secretary of the Air Force yesterday during her visit to Langley and she confirmed the additional operational aircraft would be coming to Langley and that Langley would also be considered for the FTU.
- At the Regan Defense Forum, discussions focused on the need for continued investment in modernization and readiness because China and Russia were catching up to U.S. capabilities. An unclassified assessment showed there was a chance the U.S. would not prevail in a conflict with China or Russia in five or so years without investments in new technologies. Mr. Quigley pointed out that it's not just investments in DoD; NASA is also extensively involved with hypersonics research with DoD and much of that is done at NASA Langley.
- Finally, Mr. Simmons mentioned comments that the new Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, Robert McMahon, said at a recent defense communities policy forum stating, "Having an installation in your community is a privilege, not a right. What are you doing to earn that privilege?" His three focus areas are enhancing materiel availability for DoD systems; creating and sustaining resilient installations; and creating safe environment for service members and their families to "live, work, play and pray."

For additional details, see attached Roosevelt Group slides.



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5. Chair Alexander then recapped the September Board trip to DC for those members who couldn't attend. The Board met with the Secretary of the Air Force; the Assistant Secretaries of Defense for Installations and Legislative Affairs; all the Assistant Secretaries for Installations from each of the services as well as uniformed leadership of the Air National Guard, Army Corps of Engineers, and Army Installation Management. In every instance, we were thanked for the tremendous support our communities provide to the military in our region. They were also appreciative of some of the initiatives we have advocated with our CODEL such as public shipyard revitalization, MILCON funding, and regular budget order to name a few. They asked for our continued support on issues such as licensure reciprocity for military spouses and protecting military installations from unmanned aerial systems, which is why those items are in our draft legislative priorities for the General Assembly this year. After the Pentagon, the Board hosted a reception and dinner for our Congressional Delegation, where four out of our six members attended, along with key staffers from all six offices. Mayor Alexander said it was an extremely productive trip and asked for any other participants to share their thoughts.
  - Mr. Shepperd stated he thought the senior leaders we met with were very receptive to the Board's inputs and appreciated us coming to meet with them.
  - Mr. Klett expressed how he thought it was very impressive for our region to speak with one voice and sent a powerful message of our region's support for DoD.
  - Mayor Alexander then asked for discussion on whether the Board should make this trip an annual occurrence, or every other year, or some other frequency. Mayor Price stated that he thought it was worth it to make it an annual trip to continue the momentum of this trip and foster closer relationships with DoD leadership. Other board members agreed and Mayor Alexander asked Mr. Quigley to plan to make the Board trip to DC an annual event.
  
6. Chair Alexander asked Supervisor Hipple to present his information on the new Budget and Finance Committee. Mr. Hipple directed the Board to the draft charter of the committee and asked if there were any comments or concerns. Hearing none, he then mentioned the committee members would be himself as Chair, Mayor Rowe, Ms. Black, Ms. Curtis and Mayor West. Mayor Price made a motion to approve the charter and members with Mr. Klett seconding. The vote was unanimous to approve.



7. Chair Alexander asked Mayor Tuck to present his information on the new NASA Advisory Committee. Mayor Tuck directed the Board to the draft charter of the committee and asked if there were any comments or concerns. Mr. Shepperd asked for clarification about the committee members' voting rights. Mayor Tuck stated they would only have voting rights on matters before the committee and not the HRMFFA Board. Mayor Tuck then mentioned the committee members would be himself as Chair, Councilman Southall as Vice Chair, Bruce Hoogstraten, Del Freeman, Ajay Kumar, Christine Darden and Doug Stanley who are all NASA subject matter experts. Mayor Tuck made a motion to approve the charter and members with Mr. Hipple seconding. The vote was unanimous to approve.
8. Mayor Tuck then presented on the new Nominating Committee. Mayor Tuck directed the Board to the draft charter of the committee and asked if there were any comments or concerns. Mayor Tuck stated the committee would be chaired by the current Board Vice Chair and the members would be the current Board Chair and Mr. Klett. He explained that by having the current chair and vice-chair on the committee, it would ensure that no elected official on the nominating committee would be in jeopardy of recommending themselves to be the next board Vice Chair. It would also ensure that an elected official from both the Peninsula and the South Side would be on the committee. Mayor Tuck made a motion to approve the charter and members with Mayor Price seconding. The vote was unanimous to approve.
9. Mr. Quigley then invited the Board's attention to the draft 2019 legislative priorities. He mentioned this would be the first year we also put General Assembly priorities in the same package. The three proposed General Assembly priorities are military spouse licensure reciprocity, protecting military bases from Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), and creating a military installation support fund. Mr. Quigley said many of the priorities were items we typically support each year and we would have a chance to change them once the President's budget was released in February. He then asked if the Board had any comments.
  - Mayor Tuck commented that the Secretary of the Air Force stressed during his lunch with her the importance of spouse licensure reciprocity, so he was glad to see it included.
  - Mayor West asked if the military installation support fund was for specific localities or would it affect existing encroachment mitigation efforts in Virginia Beach or Chesapeake. Mr. Quigley stated it was not intended for any particular community, nor was it intended to replace the encroachment funding programs. He indicated there would likely be some sort of scoring system to rank proposed projects.



- John Simmons indicated that CODEL offices often want any “asks” by mid to late February, so the Board may need to approve a final list of priorities prior to the next Board meeting. Mayor Rowe stated he thought the Board should approve the priorities now and could make changes later if needed.
- Ms. Curtis was supportive of the priorities. She stated she recently attended a GO Virginia meeting and Re-invent Hampton Roads was making military support a big priority. She thought it may be beneficial to work with them on the support fund initiative.
- Mr. Shepperd stated he thought support for Federal Impact Aid for local school districts should be included in the priorities and there was general agreement among the Board. Mr. Quigley stated the item would be added to the priorities.
- Mayor Price stated he thought the priorities should also include a request for increased Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding for Hampton Roads. He indicated that the region is back on Homeland Security’s funding list, but it is still not sufficient given the region’s strategic military assets. There was general agreement among the Board and Mr. Quigley stated the item would be added to the priorities.
- Mayor Alexander asked if there was a motion to approve the draft legislative priorities. Mayor Price made the motion with Supervisor McCarty seconding. The vote to approve was unanimous.

10. Chair Alexander asked if there was any new business. Hearing none, he asked Mr. Hoogstraten to please come forward. Mayor Alexander presented Mr. Hoogstraten a certificate of appreciation for his years of service to the HRMFFA board. Mr. Hoogstraten thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve and he looked forward to continuing to serve on the new HRMFFA NASA Advisory Committee.
11. Chair Alexander adjourned the meeting at 11:24 am.

