

**Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority
(PMBDA)**

Thursday, June 15, 2017
Board Meeting Minutes
Commonwealth Keystone Building
Conference Room 4 East
400 North Street, 4th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120
10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Paul Wentzel (designee for Robin L. Wiessmann, Secretary of Banking and Securities); Scott Dunkelberger, Deputy Secretary of the Office of Business Financing (designee for Dennis M. Davin, Secretary of Department of Community and Economic Development) chaired the meeting.

Board Members via Phone: Nilda Jenkins (designee for Representative Stephen Kinsey), Joel Miller (designee for the Honorable Kathy Manderino), Joni Mitchell (designee for Representative Mike Turzai), Altagracia Mercado (designee for Senator Pat Browne), Gail Landis, Beth Ann Griggs, and Ted Darcus.

Staff Present: Cathy Onyeaka, Executive Director of PMBDA; Tim Anstine and Rob Beecher, DCED Office of Chief Counsel; Laurie Henry, Staff of PMBDA; and Robert Boca, Staff of Comptroller Operations.

Members of the Public Present: Walter Bernard, Amaze Me LLC.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority (PMBDA) was held on Thursday, June 15, 2017 in Conference Room 4 East, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 4th Floor, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Scott Dunkelberger called the meeting to order at 10:16 A.M

Topic: Approval of the March 15, 2017 Board meeting minutes.

Action: Upon motion by Paul Wentzel and seconded by Ted Darcus, the Board unanimously approved the March 15, 2017 Board meeting minutes, as presented.

Topic: Approval of the Financial Report

Action: No action taken. Financial report was not available at the time of the meeting. Ms. Onyeaka stated that the financial report would be presented to the Board when it became available.

Cathy Onyeaka presented a loan request from Amaze Me LLC in the amount of \$98,000 to finance various intricate designs for an exit-game operation located in Sharpsburg, Allegheny County. Ms. Onyeaka introduced the majority owner, Mr. Walter Bernard, who was present at the meeting. She offered a background on the company, the owners, and their financial projections. Chairman Dunkelberger asked if there were any questions from the Board. Paul Wentzel asked the owner, Mr. Bernard to present some additional background on the company, his background, and the

concept of the rooms. Mr. Bernard provided information regarding his background in sports, the various escape rooms the owners have visited, and the sports-themed concept of the rooms.

Mr. Wentzel thanked him for the information. There were no additional questions. Upon motion by Mr. Wentzel and seconded by Ms. Griggs, the Board unanimously approved the special request. Chairman Dunkelberger wished him good luck with his business endeavor and thanked him for his attendance.

Having no additional information to discuss, the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:26 a.m.