

# **RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION**

## **MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **RHODE MAP SUBCOMMITTEE**

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

#### **DRAFT**

#### **MINUTES**

**The Rhode Map Subcommittee of the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (the “Corporation”) met on Monday, January 13, 2014, in Public Session, beginning at 9:30 AM, at the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation located at 315 Iron Horse Way, Providence, Rhode Island.**

**The following subcommittee members were present at the meeting: Dr. Nancy Carriuolo, Ms. Maeve Donohue and Ms. Elizabeth Francis. Mr. Jason Kelly, Commerce RI Board Member, Mr. Marcel Valois and Mr. Michael Walker were also in attendance. Ms. Shannon Brawley and Ms. Judith Diaz were not in attendance.**

**Mr. Valois opened the discussion by updating the members on the RI Foundation intersections meetings. Mr. Valois stated the intersections meetings have come to an end and that he would get the final report and executive summary to the members prior to the**

**Make It Happen Rhode Island Forum which is being held on Thursday, January 23, 2014.**

**Mr. Valois stated that the following are some of the themes that will come out of the forum. Talent development and business development, including education reform and restructuring, industry partnerships; business development eco system; marine environment; food; maker movement; neuroscience and software; cyber security and college and university knowledge export. Mr. Valois stated that the other pieces that will come out of the forum will be information exchange, connectivity and collaboration.**

**Mr. Valois updated the members on the Rhode Map RI Economic Development Plan development. Mr. Valois stated that Commerce RI is statutorily required by October of this year to present to the General Assembly an economic development plan in concert with Statewide Planning. Mr. Valois continued that he has retained Fourth Economy to continue to refine the work of the intersections meetings.**

**At the next Commerce RI Board meeting, Mr. Valois stated he will be seeking authorization to expand the scope of that contract to support development of the Economic Development Plan. All Board members present indicated their support of this effort.**

**The subcommittee approved the minutes of the September 19, 2013 meeting.**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:31 AM.**