



**Present:** Chair Dr. Karen Wayland, Treasurer Ms. Brittney Powell, Mr. Ben Link, Mr. Jerry Sanford, Dr. Salvo Vitale, Ms. Katherine Magruder, Ms. Martha Absher, Mr. Daniel Hazard, Ms. Dorothy Kolb, Ms. Mary Sirois, Mr. Anmol Vanamali, Mr. Keith Wang, Mr. Noah Wood, Mr. Simón Zimmer, and Mr. Christian Perkins.

**Welcoming Remarks:** Mr. Vanamali welcomed and thanked all in attendance. He summarized the meeting agenda and introduced MCEC team members.

**Closed Session:** Chair Dr. Wayland and Mr. Vanamali requested a motion to move the meeting to closed session at 2:09 PM under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b)(5) to consider the investment of public funds under the Bridge Finance Facility financing program.

*Chair Dr. Wayland requested a motion to move to closed session under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b)(5) to consider the investment of public funds under the Bridge Finance Facility financing program. Mr. Sanford moved the motion and Chair Dr. Wayland seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions or objections.*

*Chair Dr. Wayland – AYE*

*Mr. Sanford – AYE*

*Treasurer Ms. Powell – Excused*

*Dr. Vitale – AYE*

*Mr. Link – AYE*

The meeting returned to open session at 2:29 PM

**Closed Session Report:** Mr. Vanamali provided a summary of the results from the first round of applications for Bridge Finance Facility and feedback was received from the FIAC on the investment memo template.

**Open Discussion, New Business & Announcements:** Guided by Mr. Vanamali, the Committee discussed scheduling for the next meeting. Ms. Magruder thanked the MCEC team for their work and focus, stating her excitement about the immediate impact. Mr. Vanamali agreed, noting economics as the driver. Chair Dr. Wayland shared her excitement.

**Adjournment:** Chair Dr. Wayland requested a motion to adjourn at 2:38 PM.

*Chair Dr. Wayland requested a motion to adjourn at 2:38 PM. Mr. Sanford moved the motion and Ms. Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions or objections.*

*Chair Dr. Wayland – AYE*

*Mr. Sanford – AYE*

*Treasurer Ms. Powell – AYE*

*Dr. Vitale – AYE*

*Mr. Link – AYE*

Recording of the meeting can be found at: [MCEC FIAC 2.17.2026](#)