

## Commission on Small Business Innovation and Advocacy

### MINUTES

February 9, 2024

The Commission on Small Business Innovation and Advocacy met on Friday, February 9, 2024, at 11 a.m. EDT in the Board of Directors Conference Room at the Old Capitol Annex, 300 West Broadway, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Attendees were also welcomed to join the meeting virtually via Zoom video teleconference.

**Welcoming Remarks:** Chairperson Lesa Seibert welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call:** Chairperson Lesa Seibert performed roll call.

**Members Present:** Chairperson Lesa Seibert, Dale Morgan, Todd Blume, Joshua Ravenscraft, Toa Green

**Members Not Present:** Jeff Anderson, Sunny Dronawat, Tara Leavell, Larry Waddle, Geoff Marietta, Susan Hoechner, Lauren Wolff

**Staff Members Present:** Sydney Montgomery, Connor Wall, Monique Quarterman, Matthew Wingate

**Press Notification:** It was noted that the press had been duly notified.

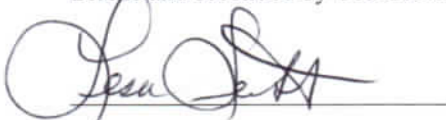
**Minutes of the November 3, 2023, Meeting:** The November 3, 2023, meeting minutes were distributed for review. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Dale Morgan, seconded by Toa Green. The motion carried unanimously.

**Presentation:** Nancy Brown, from KY Apex Accelerators, spoke of assisting Kentucky companies to sell to the federal, state, and local government and helping them access subcontracts with large contractors.

#### Other Business:

- Kentucky One Stop Business Portal Report– Sydney Montgomery briefly discussed the responsibility of CSBIA per KRS 11.202, updating and maintaining this website. A motion to approve the report for 2023 was made by Toa Green, seconded by Dale Morgan. The motion carried unanimously.
- Kentucky Innovation Update – Monique Quarterman provided a status update regarding the positive progress that Kentucky Innovation is experiencing through the National Institute of Health and Strategic Partnership Kentucky Commercialization Ventures.
- Upcoming Guest Speakers - Chairperson Lesa Seibert asked for any suggestions regarding 2024 guest speakers/topics including how to advocate and educate small businesses on available resources.
- Responsibility of the Commission – Matthew Wingate spoke of the statutory responsibility of the Commission is to review regulations that impact small businesses. He also added that the Commission needs to define its role as a source of information.

**Adjournment:** Chairperson Lesa Seibert thanked everyone. Motion to adjourn was made by Todd Blume and seconded by Toa Green. The motion carried unanimously.



Chair, Lesa Seibert