

(CIS) for a partnership with the DCOA. Currently the CIS program gives at risk kids the one-on-one support to graduate from high school. The proposal is for DCOA to pay the salary and benefits and administrative support for a full-time Workforce Development Coach (Coach) placed at the Cisco campus. The Coach will also assist those students interested in taking advantage of the DCOA scholarship money for industrial workforce training through Cisco College. The benefit of this program is providing students an opportunity to have a better future after high school, and providing local employers a trained talent pool from which to hire.

CIS is asking the DCOA to authorize total funding up to \$74,100 for a new Workforce Development Coach to be employed by CIS and allocated as follows: 1) \$24,700 for the period of April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017, and 2) \$49,400 for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

Dani Ramsay made a motion to approve Resolution DCOA-2017.04 authorizing funding in the amount of \$74,100. Marelyn Shedd seconded and the motion passed.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE INDUSTRIAL WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY CISCO COLLEGE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TAYLOR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS: Kent Sharp, CEO of the DCOA requested an additional \$8,000 for the Industrial Workforce Training program (Workforce) through the Spring 2017 semester. Due to the increased number of students enrolled in the spring semester, there is a shortfall of funds needed to cover tuition, books, supplies and fees. The DCOA originally approved resolution DCOA-2015.14 in June 2015 authorizing funding of \$40,000 for the Workforce program and to date there is \$6,456 unfunded from the initial amount approved.

Marelyn Shedd made the motion to approve Resolution DCOA-2017.05 authorizing an additional \$8,000.00 to cover the cost of tuition, books, supplies and fees for the Spring 2017 semester. Jack Rich seconded and the motion passed.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION – SESSION 1: I hereby announce we are going into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 072, 074 and 087 to consult with our legal counsel, discuss real property transactions, personnel matters, and discuss economic development negotiations involving a business prospect, as set forth on the agenda. Any vote or action will be taken in open session.

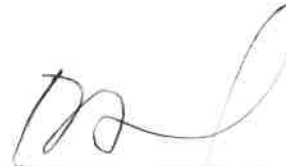
President Dave Copeland announced the date is January 18, 2017 and the time is 2:32 p.m. Later, President Copeland announced the date is still January 18, 2017 and the time is 3:46 p.m. No vote or action was taken in Executive Session

8. FY 16-17 DCOA CEO GOALS UPDATE: Kent Sharp gave an update on his six goals for FY 16-17. The goals are: 1) Transition ownership of the Vivarium and AbLabs out of the DCOA into other entities; 2) Monitor the implementation of the Five Year Strategic Plan (the Plan) and work with our partners on leveraging resources; 3) Develop a printed update showing projects and prospects to be given out to the board once a month, keeping board members apprised; 4) Develop a quarterly report to be presented

to the DCOA Board and the City Council of the items worked on since the last update and what items will be worked on before the next quarterly report; 5) Develop a quarterly or semi-annual “dashboard” using select metrics to measure the performance of the DCOA and the AIF such as new jobs/jobs retained, average salaries, unemployment rate and business site visits; and 6) Present incentive guidelines to the Board consistent with the Plan. Mark Zachary will also update the board on a quarterly basis on any legal matters. Tom Stellman with TIP Strategies will be here in Abilene during February for the first annual review. The DCOA is making sure the appropriate measures are taken to support the growth of existing employers and attraction of new business.

9. DISCUSSION OF REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING DAYS AND TIMES AS SET BY THE PRESIDENT: Kent Sharp told the board no decision has been made on future board meeting dates with Dani Ramsay and Marelyn Shedd rotating off the board and new board members coming on. Hopefully by the next board meeting held in February, Mayor Archibald will have the two new board members appointed and dates can be discussed at that time. The goal is to have one meeting per month.

10. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Dave Copeland, President