



Meeting Minutes

Strategic Relations Sub-committee (SRS)
Amol Naik, Chair Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 11:30 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Atlanta Regional Commission
229 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 100 – Emerson Bryan Room, 17th floor.
Atlanta, GA 30303

Committee Members in Attendance:

Amol Naik, SRS Chair, ARC Board
Mayor Michael Caldwell, SRS Vice Chair, ARC Board
Bob Reeves, ARC Board
Betty Willis, Emory University

Committee Members Not Present:

Julie K Arnold, ARC Board
Kali Boatright, North Fulton Chamber of Commerce
Angelia O’Neal, ARC Board
Mayor Vince Williams, ARC Board
Murphy Talmadge, ARC Board

Other Attendees:

Malika Reed Wilkins, PhD, Chief Strategy and External Affairs Officer, ARC
Anna Roach, ARC Executive Director and CEO
Kerry Armstrong, ARC Board Chair
John Bayalis, ARC Intergovernmental Affairs Manager
Cheryl Mayerik, ARC Community Relations Manager
Paul Donsky, ARC Communications Director

1. Welcome, Public Comment and Chairman’s Remarks

Amol Naik, Chair

Chair Amol Naik called the Strategic Relations Sub Committee meeting to order at 11:40a.m. with welcome and chairperson remarks. He inquired of staff member Jim Jaquish on public comments, there were no public comments. Chairman Naik further asked all in attendance to introduce themselves; following introductions, the meeting proceeded as outlined on the agenda.

ARC Chairman Armstrong gave introductory remarks and thanked Chair Naik for serving as Chair. He also thanked Mayor Caldwell for accepting the role of Vice Chair of the committee. CEO Roach gave welcoming remarks to the committee and the new chair and vice chair.

2. Government Affairs/Legislative Update and Q&A

John Bayalis, Community Affairs & Legislative Affairs Manager provided an update on ARC's Legislative Activities that began January 9 and scheduled to end on March 29th. Mr. Bayalis briefed on the following areas that relates to the ARC's work. The areas are:

- Transportation/Infrastructure
- Workforce
- Housing
- Aging/Health

Mr. Bayalis began a question-and-answer segment and responded to questions related to current legislation.

3. Office of External Affairs Update

Malika Reed Wilkins, PhD, ARC

Malika Reed Wilkins, Chief of External Affairs provided an update on the Office of External Affairs work and briefed the committee on the strategic framework initiative and next steps Dr. Wilkins provided an overview of the strategy collateral refresh and reminded the committee of the State of the Region in October 2023.

4. Closing Remarks/Adjourn

Amol Naik, Chair

Meeting adjourned with announcement of next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

**Note: The next meeting of the SRS committee is scheduled for
Wednesday, August 9, 2023**