

May 4, 2023
Advisory Board Meeting

Thanks for a great meeting today. There was a lot to cover and we got to most of it, but will have deeper conversations on the topic of the PR Spaceport and SBIR funding by Dr. Juan Figueroa at the next meeting.

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My meeting notes are as below:

1. Welcome - 5 min
2. Review of the [‘PR Tech Enablers’](#) Study by U of M - 10 mins

We had an overview of the study and component parts within the study. Our goal is to use this information on important technology enablers for industry to develop new programs for both skill and tool accessibility on the Island. See the full report at the link above.

3. Presentation on [‘Test Secretary’](#) by Exemplar, (a QA, continuous risk/benefit monitoring hub) – 10 mins

Tetteh Akita from Exemplar provided an overview on Test Secretary, a continuous risk monitoring tool using cost/benefit analysis for failure remediation decision making. Watch a video at the link above, or see the presentation [here](#).

4. Discussion on [PRMA Annual Conference](#) Tech Pavillion (May 17th-21st) – 5 mins

Alex Diaz talked about the Tech Pavillion at the Annual Conference. He gave an invitation for partners to volunteer to work in the booth answering questions, and offered sponsorship opportunities for the tech booth. Please contact Yandia Perez from PRMA for more information: Yandia Perez – executivevp@prma.com

The Zone will also be collecting 10 minute ‘Tech Talk’ videos from our partners to run in the booth. We’d like those by May 15th please. Please contact me for more information.

5. Update on [Space Symposium](#) and [PR SpacePort](#) – 10 mins

We talked briefly about the proposed Spaceport and the delegation from Puerto Rico that traveled to the Space Symposium. See the link above for the article on the Space Symposium delegation and a link to the RFP for the Spaceport. Dr Gilberto Guavara from the Science Trust noted that there are already payload launches with local universities, namely UPR RP with 14+ launches with NASA and the Inter Bayamon with 1 launch. Because we did not have time for a comprehensive review we’ll do a full presentation at our next meeting on Thursday, June 1st.

6. Other Announcements – 5 mins

Puerto Rico is launching a new '[21st Century Workforce Initiative](#)'. I've added the link above. This initiative will invest \$50 million over the next 10 years with a goal of creating a workforce of 50,000 technology qualified individuals on the Island. We are working with the group to make recommendations aligned to the study just completed. If you have additional input please contact me.

As always, please let me know if you have a presentation you'd like to share with the group.

All my best,

Gail