County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2020 Legislative Session

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RESOLUTION NO. <u>126</u> - 2020

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Cynthia Gula to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

	By order Diane Schwartz Jones! Administrator to the County Council
Read for a second time and a public hearing held on Sople	By order Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrates to the County Council
This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted, on October 5, 2020.	Adopted with amendments, Failed, Withdrawn by the County Council Certified by

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; <u>Underlining</u> indicates material added by amendment.

1	WHEREAS, Section 404 of the Howard County Charter and Section 6.300 of the Howard	
2	County Code provide for the County Executive to appoint and for the County Council to confirm	
3	nominees to Howard County Boards and Commissions created by law; and	
4	WHEREAS, Section 26.102 of the Howard County Code provides for a Board of Directors	
5	of the Economic Development Authority in Howard County; and	
6	WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed the reappointment of Cynthia Gula as a	
7	7 member of the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority; and	
8	WHEREAS, the County Council ratifies the County Executive's special trust and	
9	confidence in the abilities of the nominee.	
10	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County,	
11	Maryland this day of <u>October</u> , 2020 that the following person is reappointed as	
12	a member of the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority to serve from the	
13	passage of this Resolution to June 30, 2024 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:	
14	Cynthia Gula	
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Cynthia Gula

Executive Profile

High growth executive with experience building companies from the first employee and customer to profitability, acquisition and strategic investment. Helped found two successful cyber security companies in Maryland - Tenable Network Security, which recently raised \$250m and went public July 2018, and Network Security Wizards which was acquired by Enterasys Networks in 2001.

Professional Experience

2017 - Present Ellicott City, MD

www.gula.tech

Gula Tech Adventures, Managing Partner

Since 2017, GTA has invested in dozens of cyber start-ups and funds and supported multiple cyber nonprofits and projects with a focus on cyber technology, strategy and policy.

2003 –2015 Columbia, MD www.tenable.com **Tenable Network Security, VP of Operations**

As the third employee at Tenable, Cyndi started and operated many of the core business programs such as human resources, legal, finance, information technology, customer support and marketing. As these groups matured and grew over her 13-year career at Tenable, she helped recruit key members and executives for each of these teams.

Tenable was able to grow to support more than 20,000 customers worldwide, raise more than \$300m in investment from leading venture capital firms, and went public on the NASDAQ July 2018.

2000 – 2001 Columbia, MD www.enterays.com **Enterasys Networks, Director of Operations**

Directed operations for the network intrusion detection unit at Enterasys which included international customer support, worldwide distribution of software and appliances, helped to triple the size of the development team based in Columbia, MD selected and planned and executed an office move to a larger facility office.

1998 – 2000 Columbia, MD Network Security Wizards, Co-Founder & President

Started a network intrusion detection company which had rapid growth and adoption from customers. Within 18 months of founding the company, the flagship product, Dragon, was in use at leading financial, academic, Internet and government organizations worldwide. Cyndi started and operated all of the accounting, human resources, marketing, facilities and legal teams. When the company was acquired by Enterasys Networks less than two years after founding, the due diligence team commented that they had never worked with a start-up that was as organized.

1996 - 1997 Baltimore, MD Carr-Lowrey Glass, Quality Engineer

Analyzed quality of glass products for the perfume and other container industry.

1993 - 1996 Syracuse, NY Syracuse China, Glass Engineer

Spearheaded the "Lead-Free Glaze" project, resulting in an environmentally friendly set of colors for the commercial china line. This china was used in many brand-

name restaurant chains such as Don Pablo's.

Education and Leadership

1993	Bachelor of Science, Glass Engineering Science – Alfred University, Alfred, NY
2016	Leadership Howard County Premier Class – Columbia, MD
2016	Howard County Economic Development Authority Board – Columbia, MD
2016	A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc Board – Columbia, MD
2019	Howard County Conservancy Board – Woodstock, MD