

BSA Board Meeting MINUTES
August 28, 2023, Conference Call
12-12:30pm Central

Who attended: Vivian Negrón-Ortiz, Brenda Molano-Flores, Karolina Heyduk, Allison Miller, Eli Hartung, Norm Wickett, Jenny Cruse-Sanders, Heather Cacanindin.

The purpose of the meeting (to hear an update on Botany and Beyond grant mediation work) was outlined by Vivian. Nyree Gray, the mediator hired to work with all of the PIs, attended the meeting to provide an update to the Board on progress toward a subaward and restructured budget.

The mediator provided an overview of the work accomplished so far and Nyree states that there is no lack of commitment from any of the three parties but there is an emotional attachment to the funds, which complicates matters.

The mediator asked each party to put in their budget and she believes the group has made good progress. She still needs to meet individually with each PI and then hold one more group meeting. She plans to hold these individual meetings within a week and plans to have a final agreement by the end of September with a subaward in place shortly thereafter.

Nyree will provide an update to the Board during the first week of October.

Meeting concludes at 12:30pm.