

**Fayette County Development Authority
Regular Board Meeting
February 22, 2024**

Minutes

I. Call to Order and Welcome of Guests

Chair Darryl A. Hicks called the board meeting of the Fayette County Development Authority to order on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. on the second floor of the old courthouse in Fayetteville.

Members Present:

Darryl A. Hicks
Dr. Luis Matta
Mayor Edward Johnson
Sameera Tillman
Pat Hinchey
Dr. Alvetta Thomas

Staff Present:

Niki Vanderslice
Rosie Matta
Melissa Hill
Katie Quattlebaum
Amanda Fields

Guests:

Nathan Lee, General Council
Leonardo McClarty, President & CEO, Fayette
Chamber of Commerce
Clint Holland, Peachtree City Council Member

II. Approval of Agenda

Major Edward Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Pat Hinchey. All were in favor. All were in favor.

III. Approval of Minutes

Pat Hinchey made a motion to approve the minutes for February Regular meeting held on February 22, 2024. Motion was seconded Dr. Luis Matta. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Niki Vanderslice shared that we are managing to the bottom line of the budget.

V. Old Business

MOU Project Glass- Mayor Ed Johnson made a motion to approve the MOU for Project Glass. Dr. Luis Matta Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VI. New Business

Katie Quattlebaum presented the following grant applications-

- Woolsey- \$300K for Tourism- Mayor Johnson made a motion to approve the grant. Dr. Luis Matta Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Peachtree city- \$121K for Infrastructure- Dr. Luis Matta Jr. made a motion to approve the grant. Pat Hinchey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- Fayetteville Grant- \$300K for Tourism and Infrastructure- Sameera Tillman made a motion to approve the grant. Motion was seconded by Dr. Alvetta Thomas. Mayor Johnson abstained from voting. Motion passed. (City of Fayetteville withdrew their original loan request to assist with sewer in the west side).
- USSF Official Intent Resolution- Pat Hinchey made a motion to approve the intent resolution for USSF. Mayor Ed Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VII. President's Report

Niki Vanderslice reported the following-

- UK Trilith inspiration trip to London
- Analysis of Property Taxes on QTS and Trilith
- Met with Sate Representatives regarding Film Impact Study
- Legislation
 - HB 1192
 - HB 1180
- Capitol visit- Film Impact Study presentation
- Testified in Ways & Means Subcommittee Sale Tax for High Tech Data Centers
- Participated in ARC discussion panel regarding US Soccer selection of Fayette Co.
- Staff Goals for 2024- prepared by Board Retreat
- Working on FY25 Budget
- New office building Update should break ground in the next 2 weeks
- Georgia Trend Article in March 2024
- March 14, 2024- Community meeting with US Soccer
- April 8th Groundbreaking for US Soccer
- Sponsorship Selection- Board has appointed Sameera Tillman, Dr. Alvetta Thomas, Mayor Ed Johnson and Katie Quattlebaum to discuss and create a sponsorship selection process and requisite before considering any further sponsorships.

VIII. Municipality Reports

Chamber- Leonardo McClarty reported the following-

- Legislative reception
- March 1 B2B Breakfast- Heidi S. Veltman, Chief Operating Officer of Kaiser Permanente of Georgia
- Sporting Clay Event in March
- Manufacturer Council Committee- well attended
- Annual Source Magazine- Articles are community focused.
- Process of searching for a Director of Membership

Fayetteville- Mayor Edward Johnson shared that USSF and QTS were coming along. He also shared that city hall is implementing programs to emphasize the need of mental illness awareness. The position for Economic Development Director has been narrowed down to two applicants.

Tyrone- Niki Vanderslice noted that she will be attending the Tyrone Planning Committee Meeting at 7pm.

Peachtree City- Councilman Holland shared the following:

- Expressed his gratitude for approval of PTC grant
- March 12 tentative municipality summit
- Renaming
 - PTC Chambers to Frances Meaters, served as city clerk for 30 years
 - Pinecrest Boat Ramp to The Ralph N. Jones Memorial Boat Ramp
- PTC is also in search of an Economic Development Director

BOE- Niki Vanderslice, reported that Launch Fayette held their first meeting. They will have a sign veiling in April, and they are undergoing renovation to have facility open this summer.

XI. Executive Session

At 5:09 p.m. Dr. Luis Matta made a motion to go into executive session for real estate and personnel matters. Motion seconded by Pat Hinchey with all in favor.

At 5:25 p.m. Dr. Alvetta Thomas made a motion to adjourn executive session, Sameera Tillman seconded motion, with all in favor.

X. Adjourn

At 5:25 p.m. Mayor Ed Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Pat Hinchey seconded the motion with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.