

**Fayette County Development Authority
Regular Board Meeting
November 16, 2023**

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, November 16, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. on the third floor of the old courthouse in Fayetteville.

Members Present:

Darryl A. Hicks
Dr. Luis Matta
Mayor Edward Johnson
Sameera Tillman
Pat Hinchey-*via phone*
Max Braun
Tracy Young

Staff Present:

Niki Vanderslice
Rosie Matta
Melissa Hill
Katie Quattlebaum
Amanda Fields

Guests:

Nathan Lee, General Council- *via phone*
Tom Gray, Chief Financial Officer, FCBOE
Maggie Reenstra, Coweta-Fayette EMC
Clint Holland, Councilman, Peachtree city
Del Boyette, President & CEO, Boyette Strategic
Advisors
Kay Stebbins, Director of Research & Analysis,
Boyette Strategic Advisors
Lindsey Wooddy, Trilith Studios
Leonardo McClarty, President & CEO, Fayette
Chamber of Commerce
Dia Hunter, Councilman, Town of Tyrone

II. Approval of Agenda

Max Braun made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Mayor Ed Johnson. All were in favor.

III. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Luis Matta made a motion to approve the minutes and executive session minutes for the October Regular meeting held on October 26, 2023. Motion was seconded by Max Braun. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Tracy Young reported that the FY24 operating budget was in line with projection and that there was no notable variance.

V. New Business

FY23 Audit Report- Niki Vanderslice reported that the final audit was completed and there was nothing of note to report. Darryl A. Hicks advised that the audit is an unqualified audit.

Fayette Film Impact Study Report- Del Boyette and Kay Stebbins from Boyette Strategic Analysis shared the report. The study showed the positive impact that film has had in Fayette County. It also pointed out the leakage as an opportunity for growth in the industry that Fayette County could benefit from.

VI. President's Update

- GEDA- Chairman Darryl A. Hicks received the Award for Volunteer of the Year.
- Reported that staff has been asked to develop both personal and organizational goals for next year.

VII. Municipality Reports

Chamber- Leonardo McClarty reported that in his first few days he began working internally within the Chamber. He shared that he has already met with Niki and is looking forward to working with FCDA.

Fayetteville- No report.

Tyrone- Tracy Young introduced, newly elected Councilman-Elect Dia Hunter. Councilman Hunter shared background about himself.

Peachtree City- Chairman Holland expressed how grateful he was for FCDA's involvement in Project Glass. He also shared that city council and city manager are discussing their interest in employing an economic and development staff person that will focus on retail and commercial and be a partner for the FCDA.

BOE- Tom Gray, reported the following:

- Enrollment was steady
- Additions were made to Inman and Kedron Elementary Schools
- Auxiliary gyms at McIntosh and Whitewater High Schools
- Tennis courts at High Schools
- Working on Vision and Mission renewal and revision

VIII. Executive Session

At 5:07 p.m. Dr. Luis Matta made a motion to go into executive session for personnel and real estate matters. Motion was seconded by Tracy Young, with all in favor.

At 5:39 p.m. Mayor Ed Johnson made a motion to adjourn the executive session; Tracy Young seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

IX. Adjourn

At 5:40 p.m. Dr. Luis Matta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Pat Hinchey with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.