

**Fayette County Development Authority
Regular Board Meeting
March 23, 2023**

Minutes

I. Call to Order and Welcome of Guests

Chair Darryl Hicks called the board meeting of the Fayette County Development Authority to order on Thursday, March 23rd at 4:00 p.m. on the second floor of the courthouse in Fayetteville.

Members Present:

Darryl Hicks
Dr. Luis Matta
Pat Hinchey
Mayor Edward Johnson- phone
Jim Kuo
Max Braun
Tracy Young

Staff Present:

Niki Vanderslice
Rosie Matta
Melissa Hill

Guests:

Maggie Reenstra, Coweta-Fayette EMC
Nathan Lee, General Council
James Stanford, Coordinator: Career and Technical Education COI
Tom Gray, Chief Financial Officer, BOE
Colin Martin, CEO Fayette Chamber

II. Approval of Agenda

Approval of President & CEO contract was added to Agenda. Pat Hinchey made a motion to approve the agenda with the change. Motion was seconded by Tracy Young. All were in favor.

III. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Luis Matta made a motion to approve the minutes inserting the following after Executive Session "Motion made by Sameera Tillman to approve President & CEO contract. Motion was approved with all in favor." and executive session minutes for February Board

meeting held on February 23, 2023. Motion was seconded by Pat Hinchey. All were in favor.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Tracy Young informed the board that the budget was on target.

V. New Business

N/A

VI. Film Update

Melissa Hill shared the monthly film project report.

VII. Existing Industry Update

Rosie Matta shared that she made existing industry visits, attended various meetings and Chamber. She also shared that the Fayette Manufacturing Council Committee will have their kickoff meeting on Wednesday, March 28th and expects a good turnout.

VIII. President Report

Niki Vanderslice reported the following:

Worked on the Financial Services RFP

Participated in GEDA's Legislative Update

Met with Mayor Gary Laggis in Woolsey to discuss some items of interest to the town.

Updated the Tyrone Town Council on the FCDA and advised that we would not be seeking funding from them.

Coordinated and Participated in a Site Visit to Cherokee Co to investigate their Fresh Start Cherokee program.

Attended South Metro Development Organization Update, where Darryl Hicks was a featured speaker.

Synovus Update on Georgia Secure Deposits Program

IX. Municipality Reports

Chamber- Colin Martin wanted to thank the Authority for its partnership with the Chamber during his four and a half years as Chamber President.

Fayetteville- Mayor Johnson reported that Ray Gibson was selected as interim Director of Downtown and Economic Development and David Rast will assist with DDA. He shared that QTS visited Fayetteville with a potential client. Continued preparations are being made for the Bi-centennial celebration that is to be held on June 3rd. Lastly, he informed that developers are looking into downtown area for possible mix housing and retail.

Peachtree City- Jim Kuo shared that Mayor Learnard was appreciative of her participation at the focus group session.

Tyrone- Tracy Young reported that he attended the budget workshop where he suggested that DDA funding can come from what was previously given to FCDA.

JDA- Waiting on new meeting date.

BOE- James Stanford gave an update on COI visit to Fresh Start Cherokee and invited the board to attend their next site visits to - Tech Alpharetta & Curiosity Lab at Peachtree Corners on April 19th.

X. Executive Session

At 4:31 p.m. Dr. Luis Matta made a motion to go into executive session for personnel and real estate matters. Motion was seconded by Max Braun, with all in favor.

At 5:54 p.m. Pat Hinchey made a motion to adjourn executive session, Dr. Luis Matta seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

XII. Adjourn

At 5:54 p.m. Max Braun made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Luis Matta with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.