

**Fayette County Development Authority  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 27, 2025**

**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order and Welcome of Guests**

Chairman Pat Hinchey called the board meeting of the Fayette County Development Authority to order on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 4:03 p.m. in the Fayette County Development Authority's conference room in Fayetteville. ☺☺

*Members Present:*

Pat Hinchey  
Mayor Edward Johnson – arrived late  
Sameera Tillman  
Darryl A. Hicks  
Dr. Luis Matta Jr. - arrived late  
Dr. Alvetta Thomas  
Max Braun

*Staff Present:*

Niki Vanderslice  
Rosie Matta  
Amanda Fields

*Guests:*

Nathan Lee, General Council  
Mayor Kim Learnard, City of Peachtree City  
Leonardo McClarty, President & CEO, Fayette  
Chamber of Commerce

Maggie Reenstra, Coweta-Fayette EMC  
Tracy Bulharowski

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Darryl A. Hicks made a motion to approve the agenda for February 27, 2025. Motion was seconded by Dr. Luis Matta, Jr. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Max Braun made a motion to approve the minutes for the January Regular meeting held on January 31, 2024. Motion was seconded Dr. Alvetta Thomas. Motion passed.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Included in packet. Niki Vanderslice gave an update.

**V. New Business**

*Jackson Studies*\*- Two proposals were submitted. Max Braun made a motion to table approving a proposal until the following Board Meeting. Darryl A. Hicks. second the motion. All agreed. Motion passed.

**VI. Staff Update**

Amanda Fields reported- Fayette Works officially began on Tuesday, February 25 and is having positive responses. She expressed her gratitude to all collaborating in the success of this event.

## **VII. President's Report**

- Strategic Plan- RFP responses mid-April
- Cost of Service Study- almost finalized
- Storyland Studios- continued collaboration, will update next meeting
- Mrs. Edna Jackson – passed away
- Website review and suggestions

## **VIII. Municipality Reports**

*Fayetteville-* Mayor Edward Johnson reported the following-

- Spoke today before Rep. Brad Thomas and Special Committee of Resource Management
- QTS- benefits not only financial but also community relational
- HB 581- held three community hearings
- GDOT Grant Application- Board Action
  - Darryl A. Hicks made a motion to commit \$300,000 pending the State successful grant approval for Sandy Creek path application, that is joint submittal by Fayette County and City of Fayetteville. Sameera Tillman second the motion. Mayor Johnson abstained. Motion passed.

*Peachtree City-* Mayor Kim Learnard shared the following:

- New Recreation Plan in January
- Received several GMA Safety Grants totaling- \$20K
- Slice of City- February 26
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Municipal Summit- March 13

*Chamber-* Leonardo McClarty, shared the following:

- Begin their Strategic Planning next month
- Update on Chamber events

## **IX. Additional Motions**

Max Braun made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss Fayette Forward MOU. Motion was seconded by Dr. Alvetta Thomas. Motion passed.

Mayor Edward Johnson made a motion for Chairman Pat Hinchey to sign Fayette Forward MOU once Attorney Nathan Lee has reviewed it. Motion was seconded by Max Braun. Darryl A. Hicks abstained. Motion passed.

## **X. Executive Session**

At 4:45 a.m. Darryl A. Hicks made a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters. Motion seconded by Sameera Tillman, with all in favor.

At 5:24 p.m. Mayor Edward Johnson made a motion to adjourn executive session; Max Braun seconded motion, with all in favor.

## **XI. Adjourn**

At 5:24 p.m. Darryl A. Hicks made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Alvetta Thomas seconded the motion with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.