

**Fayette County Development Authority  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 26, 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, October 26, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. on the second floor of the old courthouse in Fayetteville.

*Members Present:*

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

*Staff Present:*

Niki Vanderslice  
Rosie Matta  
Melissa Hill  
Katie Quattlebaum  
Amanda Fields

*Guests:*

Nathan Lee, General Council  
James Stanford, Coordinator: Career and  
Technical Education COI  
Maggie Reenstra, Coweta-Fayette EMC  
Billy Campbell, Chairman, Town of Tyrone  
DDA/Councilman Town of Tyrone  
Kim Learnard, Mayor, Peachtree City  
John L. Gornall, Jr., Partner, Arnall Golden  
Gregory LLP  
Mike Scott, Synovus

**II. Approval of Agenda**

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

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Pat Hinchey made a motion to approve the minutes and executive session minutes for September Regular meeting held on September 28, 2023. Motion was seconded by Dr. Luis Matta. Motion passed.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

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

**V. Old Business**

*Launch Fayette MOU*- Dr. Luis Matta made a motion to pass the MOU for creation of the organization Launch Fayette; motion was seconded by Pat Hinchey. Max Braun abstained. All agreed, the motion passed.

*Grant Application from FCBoE-* Mayor Edward Johnson made a motion to approve the grant application totaling \$208,400; motion was seconded by Dr. Luis Matta. All agreed, the motion passed.

*CertainTeed Bond Resolution-* Mayor Edward Johnson made a motion to approve the bond validation; Pat Hinchey seconded the motion. All agreed, the motion passed.

## **VI. President's Update**

- QTS site visit- Board and Staff went on a tour of the site today. Topping off of Building 1 and Standing up of Building 2 are both scheduled for next week.

## **VII. Municipality Reports**

*Chamber-* Niki Vanderslice reported that the Chamber has announced that Leonardo McClarty, CCE, IOM has been selected as its new president and CEO. Niki also reported that the Fayette Chamber Golf Tournament had a great turnout.

*Fayetteville-* Mayor Edward Johnson reported that during the State of the Region breakfast ARC will award the City of Fayetteville along with HKS planning consultants with its 2023 Regional Excellence Award for Visionary Planning for the success of the City's "Moving Fayetteville Forward" downtown redevelopment plan.

*Peachtree City-* Mayor Kim Learnard reported that the incentives for Gerresheimer were approved with a unanimous vote. She also shared that they will be hosting a Halloween Bash on Drake Field.

*Tyrone-* No report.

*BOE-* James Stanford, reported the following:

- Fayette County Public Schools recently went through a program review of Career and Technical Education programs with the Georgia Department of Education. The programs were found to be in good order and in the initial exit report the system received commendations. A detailed report will be provided to the school system in a few months, the system was informed that the detailed report will contain additional commendations.
- Thanked the board for supporting Launch Fayette

## **VIII. Executive Session**

At 4:27 p.m. Max Braun made a motion to go into executive session for legal, personnel and real estate matters. Motion was seconded by Dr. Luis Matta, with all in favor.

At 5:26 p.m. Major Johnson made a motion to adjourn the executive session, Pat Hinchey seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

## **IX. Adjourn**

At 5:26 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 5:26 p.m.