

**Fayette County Development Authority  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 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, February 23rd at 4:00 p.m. on the second floor of the courthouse in Fayetteville.

*Members Present:*

Darryl Hicks  
Sameera Tillman  
Tracy Young  
Dr. Luis Matta  
Pat Hinchey

*Staff Present:*

Niki Vanderslice  
Rosie Matta  
Melissa Hill

*Guests:*

Maggie Reenstra, Coweta-Fayette EMC  
Nathan Lee, General Council  
Ray Gibson, City Manager, City of Fayetteville  
Tom Gray, Chief Financial Officer, BOE

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Pat Hinchey made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Tracy Young. All were in favor.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Tracy Young made a motion to approve the minutes with changes and executive session minutes for January Board meeting held on January 26, 2023. Motion was seconded by Pat Hinchey. All were in favor.

Niki Vanderslice intends to abstain from voting on Board matters while serving in the role of Interim President/CEO.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Tracy Young informed the board that the budget was in order.

**V. New Business**

*RFP- Accounting/Bookkeeping* – Tracy Young reported that after careful review of submitted proposals it was recommended that FCDA contract with Fulton & Kozak for accounting and bookkeeping services. Pat Hinchey made a motion to approve Fulton & Kozak’s proposal. Tracy Young seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**VI. Film Update**

Melissa Hill shared the monthly film project report.

**VII. Existing Industry Update**

Rosie Matta shared that she attended various meetings and Chamber events. Niki Vanderslice shared that The Fayette Chamber and FCDA are partnering to revitalize the Fayette Manufacturing Council to better meet the needs of our local industry.

**VIII. President Report**

Niki Vanderslice reported that she attended the Centers of Innovation Ribbon cutting on February 6. They are located at the old JC Booth Middle School in Peachtree city.

Published the RFP for Financial Advisor Services and fielded questions from interested parties.

Co-Hosted Legislative Reception in Atlanta on February 15; event was well attended.

She reported that Focus Group Sessions had good participation. Tuesday session was re-scheduled to February 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 1pm.

Continuing to watch state legislation that could impact economic development authorities.

Shared information on the visit to Cherokee County on March 15 and extended an invite to board members interested.

Continuing to work on Project Excalibur.

Working with Rinnai to close out the PTC jobs grant.

Meeting with Trilith next month to Develop Film Metric.

Recommends doing an RFP for Technology Services with the assistance of Dr. Luis Matta.

**IX. Municipality Reports**

*Chamber-* Niki Vanderslice shared that the Chamber is continuing to work on their accreditation program through the U.S. Chamber of Commerce with a December goal. Chamber membership is at 838.

*Fayetteville-* Ray Gibson reported that the city was working on the DRI for QTS/Trilith, and the approval of rezoning for Rosewood 54. He also shared that Trilith is launching their entertainment venue.

*Peachtree City*- No report.

*Tyrone*- Tracy Young reported if the SPLOST is approved The Town of Tyrone would receive funding for capital projects. He also reported that the pickleball courts construction began earlier this week.

*JDA*- February meeting was cancelled.

*BOE*- Tom Gray shared that FCBOE were selling East Fayette Elementary School.

**X. Executive Session**

At 4:28 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 5:49 p.m. Sameera Tillman made a motion to adjourn executive session, Pat Hinchey seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

In open session, Sameera Tillman made a motion to accept Integritas Consulting, LLC contract; motion passed unanimously.

**XII. Adjourn**

At 5:50 p.m. Tracy Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Pat Hinchey with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.