

**Fayette County Development Authority
Regular Board Meeting
March 28, 2024**

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, March 28, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. on the second floor of the old courthouse in Fayetteville.

Members Present:

Darryl A. Hicks
Dr. Luis Matta
Mayor Edward Johnson
Jim Kuo
Pat Hinchey
Max Braun
Tracy Young
Dr. Alvetta Thomas

Staff Present:

Niki Vanderslice
Rosie Matta
Katie Quattlebaum
Amanda Fields

Guests:

Nathan Lee, General Council
James Stanford, Coordinator, Career and
Technical COI, FCBOE
Maggie Reenstra, Coweta-Fayette EMC
Leonardo McClarty, President & CEO, Fayette
Chamber of Commerce

II. Approval of Agenda

Pat Hinchey made a motion to amend the agenda. Motion was seconded by Tracy Young. Mayor Edward Johnson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion was seconded by Dr. Luis Matta. All were in favor. Amendments on agenda were the following:

- Add Trilith Series 2021 Amendment to New Business
- Remove Project Bluebird from New Business
- Add Staff Updates
- Add President's Report
- Add Municipality Reports
- Add Resolution

III. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Luis Matta made a motion to approve the minutes for the February Regular meeting held on February 22, 2024. Motion was seconded Mayor Edward Johnson. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Tracy Young shared that the budget is in good shape.

V. New Business-

FCDA Board Elections- General Council Nathan Lee opened the floor for nominations. Tracy Young nominated Chairman- Pat Hinchey, Vice Chairman- Mayor Edward Johnson, Secretary- Sameera Tillman, Treasurer- Tracy Young as a slate of officers. Dr. Luis Matta seconded the motion. Max Braun motioned to close nominations. All were in favor. Motion passed.

UES Bond Release- Mayor Edward Johnson made a motion to approve the release of the UES Bond. Motion was seconded by Dr. Luis Matta. All were in favor, motion passed.

74 South Bond Release- Darryl A. Hicks made a motion to approve the release of the 74 South Bond. Motion was seconded by Dr. Alvetta Thomas. All were in favor, motion passed.

Project Glass- Tracy Young made a motion to approve the State's MOU and PAA. Motion was seconded by Mayor Edward Johnson. All were in favor, motion passed.

Project Excalibur- Dr. Luis Matta made a motion to approve the amended and reinstated MOU. Motion was seconded by Darryl A. Hicks. All were in favor, motion passed.

Launch Fayette- Darryl A. Hicks made a motion to approve the updated grant application. Motion was seconded by Dr. Alvetta Thomas. All were in favor, motion passed.

Trilith Series 2021 Amendment- Mayor Edward Johnson made a motion to approve the First Amendment to the Development Agreement between FCDA and Trilith Studios, LLC Bond Series 2021. Motion was seconded by Dr. Luis Matta. All were in favor, motion passed.

VI. Staff Update

The staff briefed the board on their ongoing projects

VII. President's Report

- Updated board on Project Rita
- Woolsey is excited about their restoration of Historic Woolsey Church
- Workforce Collaborative with Fayette Chamber of Commerce- Monthly meeting with Leonardo McClarty. Amanda Fields is arranging their first meeting within the next month and a half.
- HB 1192- Data Center tax exemption; this bill has passed. It specifically applies to co-location facilities and does not address hyperscale facilities.
- HB 1180- Film tax credit; this bill is stalled in senate rules committee
- Attended Hoshizaki groundbreaking on March 6
- Presented the Resolution honoring Darryl A. Hicks- Attached
 - Motion was made by Tracy Young to approve the resolution. Dr. Luis Matta seconded the motion. All agreed.

VIII. Municipality Reports

Chamber- Leonardo McClarty reported the following-

- Hired David Conti as their Director of Membership Growth and Development
- Manufacturer's Council- pleased with progression
 - Seminar program
 - Kia plant tour
- Teacher of the year

- Legislative wrap-up Breakfast
- Hosting National Civics Bee

Fayetteville- Mayor Edward Johnson shared that he attended the QTS Top-off; he expressed he was impressed with how the company honored their employees during this event.

Tyrone- Niki Vanderslice and Katie Quattlebaum shared that the demo in Tyrone has started since Monday and they were able to arrange to have the Fire Department do training at the site. They salvaged the cornerstone and stain glass window for the earlier owner.

Peachtree City- Jim Kuo shared the following-

- The city was recognized at SMDO24 with the Economic Development Award
- Expressed thanks for the grant

BOE- James Stanford, reported the following:

- Launch Fayette is now part of FCBOE strategic plan
- Process of interviewing students for Launch Fayette
- Career Fair- Amanda Fields
- Fayette Works- Middle School Career Awareness

IX. Executive Session

At 4:53 p.m. Max Braun made a motion to go into executive session for real estate and personnel matters. Motion was seconded by Tracy Young with all in favor.

At 5:45 p.m. Mayor Edward Johnson made a motion to adjourn executive session, Dr. Alvetta Thomas seconded the motion, with all in favor.

X. Return to open meeting

At 5:45 p.m. Mayor Edward Johnson made a motion for attorney and chairperson to sign contract with President/CEO if compensation is agreed on. Motion was seconded by Jim Kuo with all in favor.

XI. Adjourn

At 5:46 p.m. Tracy Young made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Dr. Luis Matta with all in favor.