

**Fayette County Development Authority
Regular Board Meeting**

July 26, 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 July 26, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fayette County Development Authority's conference room in Fayetteville.

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Niki Vanderslice
Rosie Matta
Amanda Fields
Lindsey Woody

Guests:

Nathan Lee, General Council
Leonardo McClarty,
President & CEO, Fayette Chamber of Commerce
Jeff Butterworth, Area Manager, Georgia Power
Dia Hunter, Council Member, Town of Tyrone
Eric Dial, Executive Director Fayette Forward
Dylan Shoemaker, Reporter, Fayette County
News
Shar'ron Russell, Regional Economic
Development Manager, Georgia Power

David Conti, Director of Membership Growth
and Development, Fayette Chamber of
Commerce
Blue Cole, Economic Development Manager,
City of Peachtree City
Clint Holland, Council Member, City of
Peachtree City
Maggie Reenstra, Community & Economic
Development Coordinator

II. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Alvetta Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Tracy Young. All were in favor. Motion passed.

III. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Alvetta Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on June 26, 2025. The motion was seconded Tracy Young. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Tracy Young reported that the budget is on track and that the auditors are scheduled to visit the office in the upcoming weeks. Additionally, funds were transferred from the business development to operation to support the approved FY26 budget.

V. New Business

Launch Fayette FY26 Grant Application- Niki Vanderslice provided an update on Launch Fayette and their request for third-year support at the same funding level. Mayor Edward Johnson made a motion to approve the grant. Dr. Alvetta Thomas seconded. Motion passed.

Multi-Year Engagement- Mauldin & Jenkins- Niki Vanderslice presented several proposals from the auditing firm Mauldin & Jenkins. Mayor Johnson made a motion to approve entering a three-year engagement. Dr. Alvetta Thomas seconded. Motion passed.

VI. Old Business

C-PACE- Niki Vanderslice informed the board that we could manage and administer C-PACE with FCDA's staff therefore there will be no need to contract from outside.

IT Security- Niki Vanderslice reported that current IT security measures are sufficient. However, additional funding may be requested in the future should further needs arise.

VII. Staff Update

A staff report was included in the meeting packet.

Grants- Niki Vanderslice provided updates on two pending grants that have not progressed. Lindsey Woody will follow up and schedule a meeting with Dr. Thomas and Darryl Hicks to review the current grant program.

VIII. President's Report

- Research and Discovery Trip- Tracy Young made a motion to authorize the same budget for the Research and Discovery Trip as the previous year. Dr. Alvetta Thomas seconded. Motion passed.

IX. Municipality Reports

Chamber- Leonardo McClarty

- Upcoming events hosted by the Chamber
- Strategic Plan anticipated to be completed by September/October

Fayetteville- Mayor Edward Johnson

- New restaurants opening:
 - Jim 'N Nick's BBQ Restaurant
 - Walk On's Sports Bistreaux
 - Rickshaw Thai Street Food
- Update on 38-acre development agreement
- QTS donation to Fayette County High School

Tyrone- **Dia Hunter**

- East Group – Greenway Commerce Park – Phase I two buildings - three buildings similar sizes in future phase - 1,200 ft. multi-use trail span back of property
- 74-South Business Park – Powers Court – three 30,000 ft. sq. buildings
- 120 St. Stephens Court Commercial Building, two suite, 8,000 sq. ft. building
- ~~Dog grooming & day boarding business at St. Stevens Ct.:~~ Council discussed multi-use path and easement with property owners
- Microsoft: Quarterly meetings continue; Microsoft working on two additional data centers in Palmetto

- Pavilion at Shamrock Park: to host more concerts and events at venue

Peachtree City- Blue Cole

- Launch Fayette: Published new business short courses series to build small business capacity
- Rotary distributed \$40,000 in grants; QTS matched the amount, bringing total to \$165,000
- Announcements regarding new services available to small businesses
- Expressed gratitude to FCDA for their continued support

Fayette Foward- Eric Dial shared the following:

- Working on securing IRS approval
- Projects updates-
 - o Path cart system
 - o Soccer Housing Bureau- Country Fried Creative built and will maintain the new website.

X. Executive Session

At 4:39 P.M., Darryl A. Hicks. made a motion to enter executive session for personnel and real estate matters. Tracy Young seconded. All were in favor.

At 5:54 P.M., Max Braun made a motion to adjourn the executive session. Darryl A. Hicks seconded. All in favor.

XI. Adjourn

At 5:54 PM, Tracy Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Alvetta Thomas seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.