

**Fayette County Development Authority
Regular Board Meeting
October 23, 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 September 30, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. in the Fayette County Development Authority's conference room in Fayetteville.

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Niki Vanderslice
Rosie Matta
Amanda Fields
Lindsey Woodydy

Guests:

Nathan Lee, General Council
Eric Dial, Executive Director, Fayette Forward
Maggie Reenstra, Community & Economic
Development Coordinator, Coweta-Fayette EMC
Dylan Shoemaker, Reporter, Fayette County
News
Clint Holland, Councilman Peachtree City

David Conti, Director of Membership Growth
and Development, Fayette Chamber of
Commerce
Jeff Butterworth, Area Manager, Georgia Power
Joel Wiggins, The Southern Group
Leah Wiggs, The Southern Group- via phone

II. Approval of Agenda

Darryl A. Hicks made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Tracy Young. All were in favor. Motion passed.

III. Approval of Minutes

Darryl A. Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on September 30, 2025. The motion was seconded by Tracy Young. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Tracy Young reported that the budget remains on track.

V. New Business

Review Policies & Procedures- Dr. Alvetta Thomas made a motion to approve the clarifications to the Education Assistance section of the Policies and Procedures. Motion was seconded by Sameera Tillman. Motion passed.

FY25 Audit- Mauldin & Jenkins- Niki Vanderslice reported the audit for FY25 has been completed. The auditors issued a clean report with no noted deficiencies or recommendations. A motion was made by Tracy

Young to accept the audit results, which noted no findings or recommendations. Motion was seconded by Mayor Edward Johnson. Motion passed.

VI. Old Business

C-PACE- Joel Wiggins from The Southern Group and Leah Wiggs from C-PACE Alliance, gave a presentation on the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing program, outlining its purpose, eligibility, and potential benefits for the county.

Grant Program Update-

Darryl A. Hicks and Niki Vanderslice provided an update on the ongoing grant projects:

- Fayetteville: Fully funded project, nearing completion.
- Launch Fayette: Agreement anticipated next month.
- Woolsey: Making progress; identified as long-term project.
- Peachtree City: Project is moving forward, but required a rebid.
- Tyrone: Expected to return their project.
- Easton to Veteran's Path: Funding partnership underway with a 55/45 City-County cost share.

The Board also discussed the possibility of expanding future grant opportunities to include additional entities, provided they remain within the scope of economic development priorities. Members emphasized the importance of increasing visibility and communication so that the community is aware of the Authority's ongoing projects and initiatives.

VII. Staff Update

Staff report was included in the meeting packet.

VIII. President's Report

- **Georgia Tech Economic Development Training:** Completed professional development training focused on Workforce Housing as an Economic Development Strategy and Recent Developments in Economic Development Law
- **Project Activity:** Six active project engagements currently in progress.
- **Community and Industry Participation:** Attended and represented the Authority at several events, including the State of the Industry, Chamber Golf Tournament, and Governor's Workforce Summit, with participation planned for the upcoming State of the Region event.

IX. Municipality Reports

Chamber

David Conti provided an update on Chamber activities:

- Startup Fayette: Twenty-three applications were received for the upcoming pitch contest, which will be on November 18 and held at Star's Mill Auditorium.
- Pickleball Ribbon Cutting: The Chamber participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Ace Pickleball Club, celebrating the new pickleball facility.
- Business Growth Essentials: The next session is scheduled for October 28
- Power Hour: The next session will be on October 30

Fayetteville

Mayor Edward Johnson reported that the city will hold its final public meeting for the millage rate on October 24

Tyrone

Tracy Young reported that East Group has broken ground on Jenkins and Highway 74 path connection project. Progress on the new roundabout is currently slow. Shamrock Park is nearing completion, and plans for the Food Truck Park have shifted to a Pop-Up format instead.

Peachtree City

Clint Holland reported that the city will host its Veterans Day event on November 11. ACE Pickleball and Let's Go Pickleball are expanding with 18 courts in south Peachtree City. Approximately 3,900 votes have been cast during the first ten days of the election period. The city is in the process of filling its Economic Development position. The Highway 54/74 project is expected to be completed by June 2026. A ribbon cutting for Trader Joe's is scheduled for October 27. Industrial development discussions continue, with potential land opportunities currently in progress.

Fayette Forward- Eric Dial

Eric Dial provided an update on Fayette Forward, noting continued progress on path development throughout the county and ongoing coordination with GDOT funding. He also reported efforts to assemble a team for a path branding campaign. Additionally, the soccer housing bureau website is expected to go live during this meeting.

X. Executive Session

At 4:55 P.M., Mayor Edward Johnson. made a motion to enter executive session for personnel, and real estate matters. Dr. Luis Matta, Jr. seconded. All were in favor.

At 5:29 P.M., Tracy Young, made a motion to adjourn the executive session. Darryl A. Hicks seconded. All in favor.

XI. Adjourn

At 5:30 P.M., Max Braun made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Darryl A. Hicks seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.