

**Fayette County Development Authority  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 26, 2026**

**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 Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fayette County Development Authority's conference room in Fayetteville.

*Members Present:*

Pat Hinchey  
Mayor Edward Johnson  
Darryl A. Hicks  
Tracy Young  
Dr. Alvetta Thomas  
Virginia Gibbs  
Gary Zarlengo  
Dr. Luis Matta, Jr.  
Sameera Tillman

*Staff Present:*

Niki Vanderslice  
Rosie Matta  
Amanda Fields

*Guests:*

Nathan Lee, General Council  
Maggie Reenstra, Coweta-Fayette EMC  
Leonardo McClarty, President and CEO,  
Fayette Chamber  
Eric Dial, Executive Director, Fayette Forward  
Tom Gray, CFO, Fayette Board of Education

Clint Holland, Peachtree City Council Member  
David Conti, Vice President of Growth and  
Development, Fayette Chamber  
Valerie Alexander, Launch Fayette Resident  
Dylan Shoemaker, Fayette County News

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Edward Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. Tracy Young seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Darryl A. Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2026, Regular Meeting. Mayor Edward Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Dr. Alvetta Thomas reported that the budget continues to be managed appropriately and has no additional items to report.

**V. Old Business**

*Foremost Fayette-* Dr. Luis Matta, Jr. made a motion to adopt the strategic plan. Darryl A. Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed.

*Partner's Success Grant Program*- Darryl A. Hicks made a motion to approve the Partner's Success Grant Program with the following modifications: remove the highlighted language and include the grant application.

Dr. Alvetta Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **VII. Staff Update**

Staff updates were provided in the meeting packets.

Special recognition was given to Amanda Fields for her outstanding work on the Fayette Works 2026 event.

## **VIII. President's Report**

Niki Vanderslice reported that Creative EDC meetings are ongoing and are currently being conducted virtually.

## **IX. Partners' Reports**

*BOE*- Tom Gray

- Fayette Works was a great success
- Winter Break is approaching
- Four major projects are underway, including auxiliary gym projects at Whitewater High School, McIntosh High School, Starr's Mill High School, Sandy Creek High School, and Fayette County High School

*Chamber*- Leonardo McClarty shared updates on various upcoming Chamber events and initiatives.

*Fayette Forward*- Eric Dial

- 501(c)(3) status has been granted
- 110 listings secured for the Soccer Housing Bureau
- Ongoing marketing of rental inventory
- Launch of a new Path System campaign
- Eastin Road / Veterans Parkway workday scheduled for Saturday, February 28 at 9:00 a.m.

*Fayetteville* – Mayor Edward Johnson

- Trilith LIVE Concert Series planning underway, with Police Department support for traffic mitigation
- Staff Retreat upcoming
- Council Retreat held two weeks prior
- Quarterly Town Hall HOA meeting scheduled for Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

*Tyrone*- Tracy Young reported the following:

- Microsoft is engaging with the Town regarding the project process and timing
- Downtown Development Authority (DDA) held its first meeting two weeks prior

- Participation in an Economic Development course through Georgia Tech
- DDA workshops on development strategies planned for April
- Met with Fayetteville staff

*Peachtree City*- Virginia Gibbs shared the following:

- CertainTeed hosted a ribbon-cutting for a \$100 million, 65,000-square-foot expansion
- Osmose Utilities is constructing a new 120,000-square-foot operations facility on Moba Drive
- The City is collaborating with the Peachtree City Water & Sewerage Authority on a major infrastructure project along Huddleston Road

#### **VIII. Executive Session**

At 4:38 p.m., Mayor Edward Johnson made a motion to enter Executive Session for real estate matters. Tracy Young seconded the motion. All were in favor.

At 5:40 p.m., Tracy Young made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. Dr. Luis Matta, Jr. seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **IX. Adjourn**

At 5:40 p.m., Tracy Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Luis Matta, Jr. seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.