Development Authority of Columbus, GA
118 W. 11th Street, Suite 102
Columbus, GA 31901
April 9, 2026 – 8:30 AM

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Selvin Hollingsworth, Laura Gower, Audrey Tillman, Geniece Granville, Charles Ray Sheffield, Will White

OTHERS PRESENT:
Rob McKenna (Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford, PC), Missy Kendrick (DACGA), Michelle Phillips (DACGA), Andy Hilmes (DACGA), Bill Dudley (Dudley Strategies), Christy Bozeman (GDED), Martha Ann Todd (Columbus Technical College), Corey Woods (The Puckett Center)

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mr. Selvin Hollingsworth called the meeting to order, and a quorum was present.

Minutes

Mr. Hollingsworth presented the minutes from the meeting on March 12, 2026. Mr. Charles Ray Sheffield made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Mr. Will White seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. White, Ms. Audrey Tillman, Ms. Geniece Granville and Ms. Laura Gower all voted in favor.

Finance Report

April 2026 – Mr. White presented the financial report for March 2026 with Total Assets and Equity of $22,359,526 and Net Income of -$622,664. Mr. Sheffield made a motion to approve the financial report, and Mr. White seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. White, Ms. Tillman, Ms. Granville and Ms. Gower all voted in favor.

Economic Development Report

Project Golden – South Commons Planning

Ms. Kendrick reported that the Planning Committee had selected the top three finalists from the firms that submitted a proposal for the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). She stated that the Planning Committee then selected the top two. Ms.

Kendrick noted that once the top two were selected she asked each firm for a quote for services. The Committee then selected the top firm for design. She noted that the Committee that was chosen had strong community involvement in their proposal. She mentioned that she should be ready to announce the firm that was chosen at the next board meeting. Ms. Kendrick added that there is a market study in progress that will be used in conjunction with the master plan for South Commons. Ms. Kendrick shared with the board that the Market Study will be available for other community partners to be used as needed.

Project Ruby Update
Ms. Kendrick reported that the first reading of the Technology Overlay District has not been set by City Council. She hopes to have a date within the month of April.

Project Ciel Update
Ms. Kendrick informed the board that JS Link America company representatives plan to visit Columbus on April 14, 2026. The company plans to meet with our department heads while visiting to begin the planning process.

MTP Update
Ms. Kendrick shared with the board that Ms. Michelle Phillips has completed the Rural Site Development Grant for $2M. The grant will help pay for the continued development of site #12, #13, and #19.

Prospect Activity
Ms. Kendrick reported that project activity was stronger than last month with 10 new projects.

Workforce Development

A&P (Airframe & Power Plant Maintainer) Update
Mr. Andy Hilmes shared with the board that the State approved $2.2M for the design and planning of the new aviation maintenance facility for the A & P (Airframe and Power Plant Maintainer). He noted that the budget is pending Governor Kemp's approval. If approved, Columbus Technical College will begin design and planning in FY27.

EVTOL Update
Mr. Hilmes informed the board that the Columbus Airport Commission has approved a site location for both charging station and a vertiport to manage EVTOL traffic and passengers. A meeting has been scheduled with Columbus City Manager, Pam Hodge, to discuss potential funding solutions. Mr. Hilmes also noted that

Georgia Power is conducting a power distribution analysis of CSG to ensure the selected charging station site is sufficient to handle load requirements, while also researching applicable GA Power electrification programs to find alternative funding solutions.

City Update

Ms. Pam Hodge informed the board that the Budget for FY2027 has been approved. She noted that City Council is still working through the details of financing the jail.

Ms. Hodge also shared that the Judicial Center should be finished by the end of August and fully operational by the first of 2027.

Ms. Hodge noted that the first reading of the Technology Overlay District will be no later than May 12, 2026.

The Puckett Center

Mr. Corey Woods shared a presentation about the future of the Puckett Center (VECTR). He invited the board to the ribbon cutting on July 31, 2026 at 9:00 AM.

Legal Actions

Mr. Rob McKenna presented to the board the bond resolution for Project Titan - Pratt & Whitney. Ms. Tillmann made a motion to approve the bond resolution. Mr. Sheffield seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. White, Ms. Tillman, Ms. Granville and Ms. Gower all voted in favor.

Mr. McKenna presented to the board the bonds for Sunbelt RCG for termination. Mr. White made a motion to terminate the bonds. Ms. Tillman seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. White, Ms. Tillman, Ms. Granville and Ms. Gower all voted in favor.

Executive Session

Ms. Gower made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate. Ms. Granville seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. White, Ms. Tillman, Ms. Granville and Ms. Gower all voted in favor.

Mr. Hollingsworth asked Ms. Christy Bozeman to stay for the executive session.

Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Phillips and Mr. Hilmes and Ms. Bozeman left the meeting.

Ms. Gower made a motion to come out of executive session. Mr. Sheffield seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. White, Ms. Tillman, Ms. Granville and Ms. Gower all voted in favor.

Ms. Gower made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sheffield seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. White, Ms. Tillman, Ms. Granville and Ms. Gower all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kendrick

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President/CEO