Development Authority of Columbus, GA
118 W. 11th Street, Suite 102
Columbus, GA 31901
February 12, 2026– 8:30 AM

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Selvin Hollingsworth	Charles Ray Sheffield
	Will White	Doug Jenkins
	Audrey Tillman	
	Geniece Granville	

OTHERS PRESENT:
Rob McKenna (Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford, PC), Missy Kendrick (DACGA), Michelle Phillips (DACGA), Andy Hilmes (DACGA), Andy Camp (Georgia Power)

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 January 8, 2026. Ms. Audrey Tillman made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Mr. Will White seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Charles Ray Sheffield, Mr. White, Ms. Tillman, Mr. Doug Jenkins and Ms. Geniece Granville all voted in favor.

Finance Report
January 2026 – Mr. White presented the financial report for January 2026 with Total Assets and Equity of $23,064,217.92 and Net Income of $158,506.66. Mr. White made a motion to approve the financial report and Mr. Jenkins seconded. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. White, Ms. Tillman, Mr. Jenkins and Ms. Granville all voted in favor.

Economic Development Report
Ms. Missy Kenrick introduced Andy Camp with Georgia Power as our new regional partner.

MTP Clearing/Grading Update
Ms. Kendrick updated the board about the clearing and grading of MTP sites 12, 13 & 19. She advised the design work should be ready for next month's meeting.

Project Golden – South Commons Planning
Ms. Kendrick updated the board on the RFQ process for Project Golden. The RFQ review will close on February 17th. The undisclosed review committee will present the top 3. Mr. White made mention of Ms. Kendrick speaking to an acquaintance of his that could provide an RFQ. Ms. Kendrick advised him the RFQ process closed and she can not add anyone that did not follow the RFQ process.

Strategic Planning – December 12, 2025
Ms. Kendrick thanked the Board members who attended this year's Strategic Planning session. She advised the final strategic plan will be shared in the coming weeks.

Leadership Presentation at GP Experience Center
Ms. Kendrick reminded the board that Choose Columbus has been invited to the Georgia Power Experience Center to do a presentation on Columbus. The visit is scheduled for March 5, 2026, and the board members were again invited to attend.

Office Build Out
Ms. Kendrick received an updated quote regarding the build-out of the Development Authority's office space. She noted that additional details will be shared with the Executive Committee. She asked the board for permission to allow the Executive Committee to make decisions on the build-out on behalf of the board. There was no opposition.

Prospect Trip to Las Vegas – Shot Show
Ms. Kendrick informed the board that she and Mr. Hollingsworth attended the Shot Show in Vegas. She provided an overview of the manufacturers that they were able to meet. Among them were Realtree and H&K, both of whom are established manufacturers in Columbus.

Bond Admin Fee Structure
Ms. Kendrick asked the board to consider an increase in the amount the Development Authority charges for the bond administration fee. The board asked for the decision to be tabled for a future date so they could have time to review the increased amounts. Ms. Granville made a motion to table the issue until the next meeting. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. White, Ms. Tillman, Mr. Jenkins and Ms. Granville all voted in favor.

Economic Outlook
Ms. Kendrick expressed her appreciation to UGA and CSU for their participation in the Economic Outlook and stated that the response from community members was very positive.

Pratt & Whitney /RTX Ribbon Cutting – February 24th -1:30 PM
Ms. Kendrick reminded the board about the ribbon cutting ceremony at Pratt & Whitney. She invited the board members and reminded them to RSVP to ensure the proper documentation was received for security clearance in time for attendance.

Project Activity
Ms. Kendrick advised the board that project activity has been slow. She expressed no concern. Andy Camp with Georgia Power advised that the state has seen the same activity level.

Workforce Development/Military Affairs

A&P (Airframe & Power Plant Maintainer) Update
Mr. Andy Hilmes updated the Board on the A&P (Airframe and Power Plant) Maintenance School. $897,000.00 Congressional Direct Spending request to purchase tools & equipment for Phase I of Airframe and Power Plant Maintenance program was funded with passage of federal budget on February 3, 2026. He advised that it is unlikely that the funds will be on hand until early Fall. Columbus Technical College will likely push back start of instruction until Fall 2027 due to long lead time to getting equipment in hand. Mr. Hilmes advised that the next steps will be to continue fundraising the $600k for salaries (years 1&2) for Phase I and to work on state funding for Phase II, $27.8M.

Fort Benning Restructure
Mr. Hilmes shared with the board that Ft. Benning will have industry day on February 25th at Ironworks. He stated that it will be hosted by the local chapter of the Association of the United States Army. MG Tulley will provide remarks at the event. Mr. Hilmes noted that there is significant interest in this year's event due to MG Tulley's designation as the Portfolio Acquisition Executive for ground maneuver programs – over 400 attendees signed up as of last week. Mr. Hilmes invited the board members to attend, free of charge.

EVTOL
Mr. Hilmes spoke about the electrical Vertical Takeoff & Lift (eVTOL). Mr. Hilmes shared that eVTOL are aircraft with distributed electrically driven propulsors which are only connected electrically to energy sources.

Ms. Kendrick suggested that the agenda be amended to move the discussion of Project Ruby before Executive session and to add Legal Actions. Ms. Granville made a motion to approve amended agenda. Mr. Sheffield seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. White, Ms. Tillman, Mr. Jenkins and Ms. Granville all voted in favor.

City Update

Ms. Pam Hodge noted the FY 2027 Budget planning is underway. Ms. Hodge added there is a Bill proposed to eliminate property taxes. She also noted that there has been a reduction in crime statistics.

Legal Actions

Hilton Garden Inn Bond Termination

Mr. Rob McKenna presented Hilton Garden Inn bond for termination. Mr. White made a motion to approve the termination of the bonds. Ms. Tillman seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. White, Ms. Tillman, Mr. Jenkins and Ms. Granville all voted in favor.

Board Member Reappointment

Ms. Kendrick noted that Mr. Jenkins and Ms. Gower have expressed willingness to continue serving on the board, and that the Development Authority of Columbus, Georgia has requested their reappointment by the city council. The council will vote in April on the appointments.

Project Ruby

Ms. Kendrick announced that Project Ruby would be locating to Columbus with a capital investment of $5.18 B, 195 jobs with average wages of $80K - $100,000K.

Executive Session

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

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kendrick

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President/CEO