



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
Wednesday, November 20, 2024

**Commissioners Present:** Lauren Becker, Chair; Jamie Waters, Vice Chair; Miles Greathouse, Secretary/Treasurer; Amy Bryan, Sherricka Day, and Michelle Spivey

**Commissioners Absent:** Dan Gilbert, Pace Halter, Peter Jones, and Mayor Skip Henderson

**Staff Present:** Peter Bowden, Gracie Childers, Kim Gonzalez, Shelby Guest, and Joel Slocumb

**Call to Order .....Lauren Becker**

- The November 2024 meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.

**Secretary Treasurer Report .....Miles Greathouse**

- Miles Greathouse presented the consent agenda that included minutes for the October 2024 meeting and financials for October 2024. He asked if there were any questions or discussion. There being none, a motion was made by Michelle Spivey to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Jamie Waters. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.
- Mr. Greathouse turned the meeting over to Bo Taber, CPA with Robinson Grimes, who presented the FY 2024 Audit. After the presentation Mr. Greathouse asked if there were any questions or discussion. There being none, a motion was made by Michelle Spivey to approve the FY 2024 Audit, seconded by Sherricka Day. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

**Chair Report.....Lauren Becker**

- Ms. Becker gave a search committee update from The Chason Group. The process of identifying qualified candidates for the President and CEO replacement is complete. The Chason Group will complete the vetting process for all applicants, candidates will receive a detailed application, and interviews will be conducted in December.
- The Board approved to keep Mr. Bowden on as a consultant, beginning January through March 2025. Based on the latest update from The Chason Group a motion to hire Peter Bowden as a consultant was made by Michelle Spivey, seconded by Sherricka Day. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.
- Josh Beard, Chief of Staff for the Mayor, gave a State of the City presentation and summary of key developments that had been presented during the Hometown Meeting.
- Randy Davidson with GA Entertainment discussed the long-time partnership with VisitColumbusGA and the Columbus Film Office along with the FY 2025 program of work that the

Film Office will undertake with GA Entertainment; raising awareness, identifying key prospects for film projects, etc.

- Paul Pierce discussed plans for a Muscogee Homecoming and the significance of the Muscogee Native Americans who once inhabited this part of west-central Georgia. Part of the Homecoming includes a play commissioned by the Springer Opera House that will debut in April 2025.
- Ms. Becker reminded the Board there would be a December meeting as the executive search is on-going.

**President's Report.....Peter Bowden**

- For the sake of time, Mr. Bowden informed the Board that the Year over Year Comparison would be emailed to them and if there were any questions to forwards those to his attention, and that staff was prepared to review the report at the next meeting if the Board felt it necessary.

**Adjournment.....Lauren Becker**

- With no further business, Ms. Becker adjourned the meeting at 5:08pm.