

**Development Authority of Columbus, GA
118 W. 11th Street, Suite 102
Columbus, GA 31901
September 10, 2026 – 8:30 AM**

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Selvin Hollingsworth Geniece Granville
 Laura Gower Doug Jenkins
 Audrey Tillman Charles Ray Sheffield

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rob McKenna (Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford, PC), Missy Kendrick (DACG), Michelle Phillips (DACG), Andy Hilmes (DACG), Martha Ann Todd (Columbus Technical College), Andy Camp (Georgia Power), Rebecca White (DCA), Christy Bozeman (GDEcD), Tyson Begley (City Manager), Pam Hodge (Deputy City Manager)

CALL TO ORDER

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

Minutes

Mr. Hollingsworth presented the minutes from the meeting on August 13, 2026. Ms. Audrey Tillman made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Mr. Charles Ray Sheffield seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Ms. Laura Gower, Ms. Tillman, Ms. Geniece Granville, Mr. Doug Jenkins and Mr. Sheffield all voted in favor.

Finance Report

August 2026 – Ms. Missy Kendrick presented the financial report for August 2026 with Total Assets and Equity of \$22,329,136.98 and Net Income of -\$32,052.84. Ms. Gower made a motion to approve the financial report, and Ms. Tillman seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Ms. Gower, Ms. Tillman, Ms. Granville, Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Sheffield all voted in favor.

Budget Amendment

Ms. Kendrick presented the board with an amended budget. She noted that the proposed increase is due to the increase in the lease for the office space build out. She also shared that a few changes have been made to reflect SPLOST projects individually rather than as a whole. The board members agreed to review the budget and vote at the next meeting.

Economic Development Report

Project Golden

Ms. Kendrick reported that there have been no significant updates to the project. NELSON is preparing a presentation for Council members to address questions raised at the previous meeting.

Project Ruby

Ms. Kendrick informed the board that the hearing for the lawsuit against the city in regard to the overlay was held on September 9, 2026, and the judge allowed a 60-day discovery period.

MTP Update

Ms. Kendrick shared with the board that the permit has been issued for the grading plan. Barge is finalizing the details and plans to send the grading plan out for bid soon.

Valley Partnership JDA

Ms. Kendrick reported that the resolution for the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority has been approved. The next steps are for each county to adopt its respective resolutions and appoint two members to the Board. Ms. Kendrick noted that she plans to attend as many of the county meetings as possible.

Office Construction Update

Ms. Kendrick shared that construction of the Development Authority's office buildout has begun. She invited the board members to stop in and see the progress at any time.

Healthcare Collaborative

Ms. Kendrick shared with the board that she has been working with Jimmy Elder to bring all areas of healthcare together to highlight Columbus and make it more attractive.

Prospect Activity

Ms. Kendrick noted that there were eleven new projects last month.

Workforce Development/Military Affairs

DCIP

Mr. Andy Hilmes informed the Board that the Department of War will announce winners of the 2026 Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) anytime between now and late September.

eVTOL/Airport Update

Mr. Hilmes reported Beta Technologies conducted a site visit to Columbus Airport on September 1, 2026, to review the proposed vertiport and charging station location, with no issues identified. Beta will develop a detailed cost estimate while Columbus Airport coordinates funding with Columbus City Government. GDOT is considering Columbus for participation in the federal eIPP program as part of a multi-state eVTOL pilot program.

Jinju Visit

Mr. Hilmes thanked the Development Authority board members who participated in the farewell dinner that was held for the visiting delegation from Jinju on September 4, 2026. The Jinju delegation's September visit to Columbus was a success, highlighting opportunities for continued collaboration. Pratt & Whitney hosted a tour of the Columbus Engine Center, generating interest in potential aerospace supply chain opportunities. Columbus Technical College presented the community's workforce development efforts and planned aviation maintenance program. The delegation also toured the RiverWalk and learned about Columbus' successful public-private partnerships and revitalization efforts in the Uptown District.

Mr. Hollingsworth asked Ms. Pam Hodge to provide an update for the city. Ms. Hodge noted that the ribbon cutting for the new judicial building will be held on October 30, 2026. Ms. Hodge also shared that the city will be focused on the Liberty District redevelopment to address blight. She stated there will lots available for sale soon.

Legal Matters

Termination of Bond for AFLAC Real Estate Holdings

Mr. Rob McKenna presented the bond termination documents for AFLAC Real Estate Holdings. Ms. Gower made a motion to terminate the bond. Mr. Sheffield seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Ms. Gower, Ms. Granville, Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Sheffield all voted in favor. Ms. Tillman abstained.

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Ms. Michelle Phillips left the meeting.

Executive Session

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

Ms. Granville made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Ms. Gower seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Ms. Gower, Ms. Tillman, Ms. Granville, Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Sheffield all voted in favor.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Missy Kendrick
President/CEO