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

# Minutes

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Selvin Hollingsworth, Doug Jenkins, Laura Gower, Charles Ray Sheffield

**OTHERS PRESENT:**
Rob McKenna (Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford, PC), Missy Kendrick (DACGA), Michelle Phillips (DACGA), (DACG), Bill Dudley (Dudley Strategies)

## 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 June 11, 2026. Ms. Laura Gower made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Mr. Charles Ray Sheffield seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Ms. Gower, Mr. Doug Jenkins, and Mr. Sheffield all voted in favor.

## Finance Report

June 2026 – Ms. Missy Kendrick presented the financial report for June 2026 with Total Assets and Equity of $22,491,852.98 and Net Income of -$81,758.28. Ms. Gower made a motion to approve the financial report, and Mr. Sheffield seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Ms. Gower, Mr. Jenkins, and Mr. Sheffield all voted in favor.

## Budget

Ms. Kendrick presented the budget for 2026-2027. Ms. Gower made a motion to approve the budget. Mr. Sheffield seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Ms. Gower, Mr. Jenkins, and Mr. Sheffield all voted in favor.

## Economic Development Report

**Project Golden**

Ms. Kendrick reported that the South Commons stakeholder kickoff meeting was successfully held and was well attended, with strong participation. Ms. Kendrick noted that she has received conceptual design plans. She stated the next steps were a meeting with department leaders to discuss the design plans and how best to move forward.

**Project Ruby**

Ms. Kendrick shared with the board that a lawsuit has been filed regarding procedure of the Overlay. She noted that the project is on hold until the lawsuit is addressed.

**Project Ciel**

Ms. Kendrick provided an update on Project Ciel.

**Project Sizzle**

Ms. Kendrick reported that Project Sizzle is an existing company, noting that she expects to have an announcement within the next few days regarding an expansion that will serve as the company's new headquarters.

**GDEcD Rural Site Development Grant Award**

Ms. Michelle Phillips reported that the State of Georgia awarded the Development Authority a grant in the amount of $2M. She noted that this is the largest grant awarded in this funding cyle. Ms. Phillips stated that the money will be spent to offset the cost of clearing and grading of sites 12, 13 and 19 at Muscogee Technology Park.

**MTP Update**

Ms. Kendrick shared with the board that the permit has been submitted to the city for the grading plan at Muscogee Technology Park. The city has sent it back with comments. She noted that Barge Design Solutions is working on correcting the issues that were identified and will resubmit. Ms. Kendrick stated that once the city approves the permit, the Development Authority will send the grading plan out for bid.

**River District Discussion**

Ms. Pam Hodge noted that she will provide a presentation regarding the River District at the next meeting.

**Valley Partnership JDA**
Ms. Kendrick stated that she and Attorney Mr. Rob McKenna are still working with the Attorney General's Office to revise the restructuring resolution to include Smiths Station and Phenix City.

Ms. Kendrick noted that there were 10 new projects last month.

## Workforce Development/Military Affairs

**EVTOL – Electric Vertical Take Off and Lift**
Ms. Phillips reported that Mr. Andy Hilmes has been working with Ms. Hodge to put together a funding structure. She noted that the funding plan will be presented to the Council on July 14, 2026.

**DCIP – Defense Community Infrastructure Program**
Ms. Phillips reported that the Development Authority has worked with Cusseta-Chattahoochee County and Columbus Water Works to submit two different projects for funding through the DCIP program. She noted that the recipients of that award should be notified in August.

## City Update

Ms. Hodge reported that tax notices will be sent out later than usual.

## Executive Session

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

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

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kendrick

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President/CEO