



## **KCBC COMMISSIONER BOARD MEETING**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 23, 2024**

Citizen Service Center | 3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

**KCBC Executive Director:** Lisa Thomas-Cutts Commissioner

**Board Members Present:** Doris Bishop, Avianca Dowdell, Courtney Johnson, Pamela Thomas, Leasa Hastings, Taylor Martin Members

**Absent:** Katie Franklin, David Houser, and Kara Brakefield

**Meeting called to order at 9:03 AM**

#### **Welcome & Minutes**

Executive Director, Lisa Thomas-Cutts, called the meeting to order.

#### **Executive Director's Report- Lisa Thomas-Cutts**

Lisa acknowledges this is the first commissioner's board meeting of the year and introduced one of the new board members, Taylor Martin from AFLAC, that was present. Taylor was given high praise and thanks for being active and joining already established committees.

Lisa expressed we do not have minutes to approve as this was the first official meeting of the year. It was also expressed we would defer from the outlined meeting agenda as KCGBC Chairmen, Herman Lewis Jr. was running behind due to a conflicting meeting.

Lisa addressed KCBC is a split organization. There is the non-profit side and city side. She explained commissioner's fall under the city side umbrella and are ambassadors for KCBC, so commissioner's chair/co-chair annual events and volunteer for other events that pop up throughout the year. A description for every event scheduled for 2024-2025 was provided and each commissioner was encouraged to volunteer as a chair or co-chair for these events. Commissioners agreed to review the details, and send an email to executive director, Lisa Thomas-Cutts, for the events they are willing to volunteer for after reviewing their schedules.

#### **Upcoming Events Details and Updates by Executive Director, Lisa Thomas-Cutts**

#### **Magic of Recycling**

Lisa discussed the Magic of Recycling event with Arthur Atsma and mentioned this is the first time this event will happen since 2019. Praise was given to Payton and Avianca as they made calls to schools and ensured the school slots were filled. Lisa mentioned we have ten elementary schools scheduled and 2 community partners planning to participate. Arthur Atsma swears it will be a great fun show, and there have been updates since pre-COVID. The show will be geared towards things going on now and more interaction with the kids and participants. Present board members agreed to a date and time they will introduce Arthur Atsma for MOR. A follow up email will be sent with a script for the introduction, a flyer detailing information about the presentation, and asking non-profit board member to fill any unfilled introduction school slot.

### **Paper Shred Day**

Lisa mentioned Herman and John would chair the paper shredding event. The tentative date is either the weekend of November 15th or the following weekend. Lisa spoke to the challenges experienced during last year's shred event with two separate locations. Herman presented the idea to have one central location at City Service Center and have two entrances and two exits to eliminate traffic build up.

### **KCGBC Non-Profit Chairmen's Report- Herman Lewis, Jr.- KGBC Chairman**

Herman expressed the organization is financially healthy and provided high praise to Lisa's leadership.

### **New Business**

We have 4 new Commissioners now onboard, and they have already begun working. We welcome Payton Grover as the new Administrative Coordinator along with Commissioner Avianca Dowdell in the Staff Assistant role. These ladies have already hit the ground running and are doing a phenomenal job.

Courtney agreed to chair the Christmas Tree Recycling event, and co-chair both the MLK Serve-A-Thon and Turn-Around Columbus MLK Jr. events

Lisa mentioned there will be an opportunity to order commissioner shirts and jackets at a later time. There was a motion made and approved to have the next meeting as a joint meeting with the Non-Profit Board.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM**

**Next Meeting: December 11, 2024**

Meeting Minutes Recorder Commissioner Board Secretary & Staff Assistant, Avianca Dowdell