



KCBC COMMISSIONER BOARD MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

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 and proceeded with a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes from October 23, 2024.

The minutes were properly moved and approved.

KCGBC Chairmen's Report- Herman Lewis, Jr. – KCGBC Chairman

Herman Lewis, Jr., shared that from the non-profit's perspective, we are in a strong and healthy position. He also commended our Executive Director, Lisa Thomas-Cutts, for her outstanding leadership and hard work. Herman encouraged the commissioner to stay engaged and get involved whenever possible, as there are many upcoming events and activities. Additionally, Herman mentioned that we are awaiting a response regarding a grant application and asked everyone to keep their fingers crossed.

Executive Director's Report- Lisa Thomas-Cutts

Lisa Thomas-Cutts gave high praise to Chairman, Herman Lewis, for his assistance with collecting and transporting trees during the Christmas Tree Recycle Campaign and collected shoes from some of the surrounding schools. Boar

Projects and Programs

Christmas Tree Recycling

Lisa mentioned the Christmas Tree Recycling Campaign was a success, although some challenges were experienced. A generous organization donated 68 trees at the conclusion of the Uptown Tree Festival/

Shoe Recycling

Avianca provided an update on the campaign, noting that due to the overwhelming participation, the end date has been extended to February 7th. Drop-off locations are available at the fire stations and the City Service Center. A friendly competition was held among schools, with the school that collected the most shoes receiving a pizza party in late February. Avianca expressed gratitude to everyone for tapping into their networks to donate shoes and mentioned the upcoming volunteer shoe-packing days. She encouraged anyone interested in volunteering to reach out to her.

Arbor Day Celebration

Arbor Day Celebration will be held on February 22, 2025, at Lake Bottom Park from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We need all hands-on deck to help with the event, so your support would be greatly appreciated. Please come out, and feel free to invite others to join us for this free event!

Earth Week Activities- More Details to come

Awards Reception- More Details to come

New Business

KCBC launched our partnership with the Columbus Civic Center in December with a kickoff press conference before our Holiday Open House. Moving forward, we are actively seeking businesses to join our KCBC Business program and will have more updates to share soon.

Lisa found out for the second year in a row, we will receive the Governor's Circle Award during the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation Day at the Capitol. This award speaks volumes about the work we are doing here at KCBC.

We have 1 open spot for a new Commissioner, the goal is to fill this position before summer.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM

Next Meeting: April 9, 2025

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