

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority

Minutes

May 11, 2026 • 1:00 pm

Columbus Civic Center, Hospitality Suites

400 4th St, Columbus, GA 31901

ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members Present – Andy G. Luker (Chair), Robert L. Wadkins Jr. (Vice Chair), Ashley Woitena (Secretary), Herman E. Lewis, Jr (Treasurer), Morgan Moore, Mike Welch, Jim Rutland, and Gerald Miley.

Voting Members Absent –NONE.

Ex-Officio Members Present – Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, Assistant Director Jeremy Miles, Chares Auer and Jeff Croop

Ex-Officio Members Absent – Director Holli Browder, Director Ryan Pruett, Lt. Kelly Phillips

Visitor(s) Present: Finance Director, Angelica Alexander

1. Call to Order

- Andy Luker, Chair, called the meeting at 1:05 pm.

2. Roll Call

- Authority Department Secretary – Zeanne Abano, Civic Center

3. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for April 13, 2026, approved. Robert Wadkins made the motion. Gerald Miley second.

4. CPA Seat Vacancy

- Will Taylor have resigned and will contact City Council to appoint a new CPA in position.

5. Executive Director Search /RFP Update

6. Lions Contract Update

- The Board have approved the changes of the amendment. Mike Welch made the motion. Robert Wadkins second.

7. Contract procedures & Authority Discussion

- Andy has proposed a change in amendment to the By Laws in regards about the Contracts.
- Will need to make edits and follow up to the next meeting.

8. Meeting Frequency Discussion

- The Board has concerns about having to meet once a month and some of the action items are being prolonged.

- A suggestion was made to at least meet twice a month to get things quicker and not prolonging any of the action items like working on the RFP Process and the Executive Director Search
- The next meeting has been confirmed to meet on ***Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 1:00 pm, Civic Center Hospitality Suites.***

9. RFP Updates

- Having questions about proper funding from Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

10. Civic Center & Ice Rink Questions

- Kanise Wiggins

11. Public Comment – NONE.

12. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm. Morgan Moore made the motion. Gerald Miley second.

Minutes Recorded by: Zeanne Abano, Civic Center, Authority Department Secretary

*Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 1:00 pm,***

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