



KCBC Commissioners BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 9, 2026
City Hall | 1111 First Avenue Columbus, GA 31901

KCBC Executive Director: Lisa Thomas-Cutts

Members Present: Devon Moree, Avianca Dowdell, Courtney Johnson, Pamela Thomas, Kristasia Heath, Anthony Johnson

Absent Members: Taylor Martin, Kara Brakefield, and Leasa Hastings

Meeting called to order @ 9:15 AM

Welcome & Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the Executive Director, Lisa Thomas Cutts. Board members reviewed the minutes from February 11th 2026 commissioner board meeting. A motion was made commissioner Pamela Thomas and Commissioner Courtney Johnson seconded the motion.

KGBC Chairmen Report- Herman Lewis

In Chairman Herman Lewis absence, members were reminded of the numerous upcoming Earth Week activities and encouraged to remain engaged by participating in KCBC events whenever possible.

Director's Report- Lisa Thomas Cutts

Shoe Recycling Campaign

The 2025 Shoe Recycling Campaign concluded successfully with more than 200 bags of shoes collected. Volunteers assisted with the final packing and shipment, which was completed efficiently.

Highlights included:

- Extension of the campaign through January to allow additional school participation.

- Continued year-round shoe collection at the KCBC office and Citizen Service Center.
- Recognition of committee co-chairs Devon Moore and Avianca for their leadership.
- Appreciation extended to community partners, including Columbus Fire & EMS, Two Men and a Truck, and Action Buildings for their continued support.

Davis Broadcasting Women's Empowerment Luncheon

KCBC participated in the annual Women's Empowerment Luncheon for the third consecutive year.

Discussion included:

- Successful community engagement and outreach.
- Distribution of KCBC promotional materials.
- Positive feedback regarding keynote speaker Tasha Smith.
- Appreciation expressed to Davis Broadcasting for its continued community partnership.

Mayor's Annual Golf Tournament

The Board received an update on preparations for the 2025 KCBC Mayor's Annual Golf Tournament.

Highlights included:

- The tournament continues to sell out annually.
- This year's tournament will recognize Mayor Skip Henderson's final year as the face of the event.
- Planning is underway to make this year's tournament especially memorable.
- Board members were encouraged to serve on the planning committee and volunteer during tournament week.

Tee Like a Lady Golf Clinic

The Board discussed plans for the second annual Tee Like a Lady Golf Clinic.

Topics included:

- Continued focus on introducing more women to the game of golf.
- Positive community response following last year's inaugural event.
- Planning for expanded participation and programming.

Help the Hooch

Updates were provided regarding the 32nd Annual Help the Hooch Cleanup.

Key information:

- Event dates were confirmed for **October 2-3**.
- Registration will open later this year.
- Devon Moore and Avianca Dowdell will serve as event co-chairs.
- Planning committees are being organized for volunteer recruitment and event logistics.

Earth Week Update

The Director reviewed the schedule of Earth Week activities, including:

- Community Clean & Green Cleanup
- Hannah Elementary Shoe Recycling Winner Pizza Party
- Community Tree Planting
- Feed the Soil Food Waste Collection
- Fill the Bin Recycling Challenge
- Earth Hour Challenge
- Sustainability Stars Recognition
- Water Wise Conservation Initiative
- Free Community Paper Shred Event

Commissioners were encouraged to volunteer throughout the week and assist with event operations.

New Business

KCBC Guild

The Board discussed development of the KCBC Guild, a volunteer network designed to support KCBC programs and events throughout the year.

Discussion included:

- Volunteer recruitment.
- Guild branding and T-shirt concepts.
- Board members serving as ambassadors to recruit additional volunteers.

America 250 Celebration

KCBC will participate in local America 250 celebrations. Rather than organizing a separate parade

KCBC 40th Anniversary

Planning has begun for KCBC's 40th Anniversary Celebration in 2027.

Discussion included:

- Formation of a planning committee.
- Development of a gala celebrating KCBC's past, present, and future.
- Recognition of community partners, volunteers, schools, and supporters.

General Announcements

Additional discussion included:

- Continued increase in community requests for cleanups and partnerships.
- Growth in volunteer interest and public engagement.
- Appreciation extended to staff, board members, volunteers, and community partners for their continued dedication to KCBC's mission.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Board Meeting Thursday August 13th 2026 @ 9:00am