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

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Selvin Hollingsworth, Doug Jenkins, Laura Gower, Geniece Granville, Will White, Charles Ray Sheffield, Audrey Tillman

OTHERS PRESENT:
Rob McKenna (Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford, PC), Missy Kendrick (DACGA), Michelle Phillips (DACGA), Andy Hilmes (DACGA), Madison Hilmes (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 May 14, 2026. Ms. Audrey Tillman made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Mr. Will White seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Ms. Laura Gower, Mr. White, Ms. Tillman, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Ms. Geniece Granville and Mr. Charles Ray Sheffield all voted in favor.

Finance Report
June 2026 – Mr. White presented the financial report for May 2026 with Total Assets and Equity of $22,267,888.42 and Net Income of $58,218.83. Mr. Sheffield made a motion to approve the financial report, and Ms. Tillman seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Ms. Gower, Mr. White, Ms. Tillman, Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Granville and Mr. Sheffield all voted in favor.

Budget
Ms. Missy Kendrick presented the Budget for FY27. She noted it was a draft budget and the final budget will be presented at the next meeting on July 9, 2026.

Economic Development Report

Ms. Kendrick reported that the South Commons stakeholder kickoff meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2026. She also informed the Board that the grant application seeking $250,000 to support the South Commons Master Plan and remaining due diligence activities is expected to be completed by June 19, 2026.

Ms. Kendrick also reported that the first reading of the Technology Overlay ordinance was held by the Columbus City Council on June 9, 2026, and that the second reading is scheduled for June 16, 2026.

Ms. Kendrick provided an update on Project Ciel, noting that engineers from JS Link America have been onsite. She also reminded the Board that the company has relocated its project to Site #17.

Ms. Kendrick reported that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for clearing and grading activities at Muscogee Technology Park Sites #12, #13, and #19 are being prepared for public bid.

Mr. Rob McKenna and Ms. Kendrick stated the Authority would be working with the City to help redevelop the River District. Ms. Pam Hodge is to research the parcels to be included. Because some of the parcels might have environmental issues, Ms. Michelle Phillips shared that they be sites for the EPA RFL for which the Authority is planning to apply.

Ms. Kendrick provided an update on the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority, reporting that Attorney Rob McKenna is 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

Mr. Andy Hilmes reported that he provided a presentation to the Columbus City Council on June 9, 2026, regarding the proposed development of a vertiport and airside electric charging station at Columbus Airport. He informed the Board that he recommended the City Council request $2.2 million from the FY27 discretionary transportation infrastructure budget to fund the project. Mr. Hilmes further reported that a resolution seeking approval of the funding request is scheduled to be presented to the Columbus City Council on July 14, 2026.

Mr. Hilmes provided an update on congressional outreach efforts regarding Fort Benning's capacity to accommodate up to 5,000 Army personnel and their families as part of a potential restationing from Germany. Briefings were provided to the offices of Senators Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock and Representatives Sanford Bishop, Austin Scott, and Brian Jack. Feedback from the briefed offices has been positive. Mr. Hilmes reported that outreach efforts will be paused pending further guidance from the U.S. Department of the Army regarding the unit's potential relocation.

City Update

Ms. Hodge reported that Tyson Begley was appointed City Manager by the Columbus City Council at its June 9, 2026, meeting.

She noted that the FY27 budget has been approved and that the millage rate is scheduled for consideration at the June 16, 2026 Council meeting.

Ms. Hodge also informed the Board that recent City Council discussions have included the Uptown curfew and the Technology Overlay.

Legal Matters

Mr. McKenna presented to the Board an inducement resolution for H&K.
Ms. Tillman made a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Sheffield seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Ms. Gower, Mr. White, Ms. Tillman, Mr. Jenkins, and Mr. Sheffield all voted in favor. Ms. Granville abstained.

Executive Session

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

Ms. Kendrick, Mr. Hilmes and Ms. Phillips left the meeting.

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kendrick

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President/CEO