

MEETING MINUTES FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
February 6, 2025

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

MEMBER(S) NOT PRESENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Sanders, Rob McKenna, Alison Nalley, Conner Miller, Eric McDonald w/Ga Power, Jennifer Bickerstaff, Ben Moser and Gen. Andy Hilmes w/UWCV - C4C, Christy Bozeman w/Regional PM, Joshua Beard w/Mayors office, Destinee Williams/River Valley Regional Commission, Sheree Tovey and Victoria Thomas w/MCSD, Dr. Kidder w/CSU, Ben MacMinn w/Startup Columbus, Tom Horn w/Columbus Water Works

The meeting was called to order by Selvin Hollingsworth at 8:32am

I. WELCOME

- a. January 9, 2025, Minutes - **Having been distributed prior to the meeting and upon motion made by Audrey Tillman and seconded by Geniece Granville, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes for January 9, 2025 meeting attached as "Exhibit A."**

II. FINANCES

- a. January 2025 Financial Update – Joe Sanders reviewed the P&L and balance sheet. **Upon motion made by Will White and seconded by Charles Ray Sheffield, the Authority unanimously approved the January 2025 Financial Reports attached as "Exhibit B."**

III. Start-up Columbus MOU Approval

- a. **Upon motion made by Audrey Tillman and seconded by Doug Jenkins, the Authority unanimously approved the Start-up Columbus MOU**

IV. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- a. Economic Development Updates by Alison Nalley:
 1. There are 15 Leads - 25 Projects - 1 visit and 5 Proposals
 2. Parcel 11, 64 acres at Technology Park – multiple moisture delays, grading will continue
- b. Doug Jenkins provided an update on the Georgia Power February 5th site visit – per the State Project Team the visit went very well. Doug will keep the DA updated on the progress

V. C4C Update:

- a. General Hilmes provided an update
 1. Gen. Hilmes shared a video from the January 16th Work Development Summit
 - i. Muscogee County has a great school system and magnet program, however the CTAE Pathway is under-subscribed
 - a) To help subscribe to the CTAE Pathway we reviewed the Muscogee County high school graduation rate on the Governor's Office of Student Achievement website: <https://gosa.georgia.gov>, under the Data Dashboard, searched by the school district for each schools outcome, we also found the 5 to 10 years high school graduates without any post-secondary credentials (2 nor 4 college degree). This information can help to align the CTAE Pathway with the Workforce Development.

2. The partnership with CSU and CTC will help to encourage the CTAE Pathway
 - i. CTC is launching a VECTR Center (Georgia Veterans Education Career Transition Resource Center)
3. Upcoming Workforce Summits:
 - i. April 17th (Thursday) @ Columbus State
 - a) Summit Title: Imagine Prosperity
 - ii. September 2025 (Date TBD)
 - a) Summit Title: Harnessing Economic Potential

VI. CITY REPORT

- a. Pam Hodge was unable to attend this month's meeting

VII. Rob McKenna legal updates:

- Inducement Resolution for Project Golden Arm

Approval of the Inducement Resolution for Project Golden Arm. **Upon motion made by Laura Gower and seconded by Audrey Tillman, the Authority unanimously approved the Inducement Resolution.**

VIII. Government Affairs:

IX. Upcoming Events

X. NEW BUSINESS – Nothing to report

XI. OLD BUSINESS – Nothing to report

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Executive session requested after the DA meeting - **Upon motion made by Audrey Tillman and seconded by Will White, the Authority unanimously approved to move into the Executive Session**

XIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

Selvin Hollinsworth, Chairman

Geniece Granville, Secretary