

MEETING MINUTES FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
January 9, 2025

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

MEMBER(S) NOT PRESENT: Charles Ray Sheffield

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Sanders, Rob McKenna, Pam Hodge, Conner Miller, Jennifer Bickerstaff, Ben Moser and Gen. Andy Helms w/UWCV - C4C, Christy Bozeman w/Regional PM, Joshua Beard w/Mayors office, Jim Livingston/River Valley Regional Commission, Sheree Tovey and Victoria Thomas w/MCSD, Ashley Gresham w/Flint Energies, Eric McDonald w/Ga Power, Dr. Kidder w/CSU, Martha Ann Todd w/CTC

The meeting was called to order by Selvin Hollingsworth at 8:30am

I. WELCOME

- a. December 5, 2024, Minutes - **Having been distributed prior to the meeting and upon motion made by Will White and seconded by Audrey Tillman, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes for December 5, 2024 meeting attached as "Exhibit A."**

II. FINANCES

- a. December 2024 Financial Update – Joe Sanders reviewed the P&L and balance sheet. **Upon motion made by Laura Gower and seconded by Geniece Granville, the Authority unanimously approved the December 2024 Financial Reports attached as "Exhibit B."**

III. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- a. Economic Development Updates by Conner Miller:
 1. There are 17 Leads - 42 Projects - 10 visits and 8 Proposals
 2. Parcel 11, 64 acres at Technology Park – site development process is under way
 - i. Working on the MTP for site readiness
 - ii. There are soft soil issues that are being addressed
 3. Will White provided information on the new business underway in Taylor County:
 - i. \$225 million project to develop Golf Courses and Hunting Preserves
 - ii. Will would like to invite the Taylor Co. General Manager to a DA meeting to provide more information on this project

IV. C4C Update:

- a. General Helms provided an update
 1. The Work Development Summit is scheduled January 16th from 8:30am to 4:30pm at the CSU Cunningham Center
 - i. Keynote speaker, Stuart Countess, with Kia
 - ii. Educators Panel (GA and AL)
 - iii. Case Study Panel from Oxford AL
 - a) Oxford has a new Create Technology Innovation Center
 1. The Center is a partnership between 6 School Districts and 17 different High Schools
 - iv. Absolics Panel
 - a) Dr. George White from GA Tech will lead this panel
 - b) Absolics will have a representative in attendance

2. The Korean Supply-chain update:
 - i. Working on the translation marketing literature
 - ii. A Bi-Lingual vendor has been located to provide the relocation services

VI. CITY REPORT

- a. Pam Hodge provided an update
 1. FY26 Budget Kickoff
 - i. If the DA have any new requests please submit prior to the end of February 2025
 2. There are 3 projects in motion
 - i. Infantry Rd (connection between Ft. Benning Rd and South Lumpkin Rd)
 - ii. 19th St Flood Abatement Project (near the housing authority projects by the railroad tracks) sewer will be separated and closed for storm water
 - iii. Spiderweb (Buena Vista Rd) will be a 2-yr full detour project
 3. Ready to put grass down at Golden Park for the April 15th opening
 4. Progress on the Judicial Center – Summer of 2026 is the scheduled move-in date
 - i. The remaining departments will relocate to City Hall this Summer

VII. Rob McKenna legal updates:

- No legal issues to report

VIII. Government Affairs:

IX. Upcoming Events

X. NEW BUSINESS – Nothing to report

XI. OLD BUSINESS – Nothing to report

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – requested after the meeting

XIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

Selvin Hollinsworth, Chairman

Geniece Granville, Secretary