



JONESBORO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

(DDA)

Regular Meeting

Date: April 20, 2026

Time: 6:00pm

Location: 1829 City Center Way, Community Room, Jonesboro, Ga. 30236

Presiding Officer: Chair Tierra Turner

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 p.m. by Chair Tierra Turner

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Richara Warren, Tierra Turner, Yolande Joseph Turner, Scott Miller, Chelsey Curney, Blue Cole

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda with changes – move Public Comments under Adoption of Agenda at Mayor’s request.

- Mover: Yolande Joseph Turner
- Seconder: Scott Miller
- Vote: Approved
- Result: Motion Carries

IV. Public Comments

- Mayor Sartor addressed the board regarding ongoing discussions between her office and the City Attorney concerning the proposed transfer of the ex officio position to Councilwoman Chelsey Curney. She advised that the matter is currently under review and consideration to ensure alignment with applicable city procedures, and the intended responsibilities associated with the position.

- Mandala Jones, Executive Director, “Develop Clayton”, discussed new housing initiatives-pathways to home ownership, providing low interest loans for home buyers.

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from March 16, 2026

- Mover: Yolande Joseph Turner
- Seconder: Scott Miller
- Vote: Approved
- Result: Motion Carries

VI. PRESENTATIONS

VII. Financial Statements

A. March Financial Statements

Motion to approve Financial Statements for March 2026

- Mover: Scott Miller
- Seconder: Yolande Joseph Turner
- **Vote:** Approved
- **Result:** Motion Carries

B. Approval of Invoices – April 2026:

1. Title Search

Motion to accept Republic Commercial Title Company results for \$950

- Mover: Scott Miler
- Seconder: Richara Warren
- Vote: Approved
- Result: Motion carries

2. State of the Authority Tickets

Motion to reimburse City \$350 for purchased tickets.

- Mover: Richara Warren

- Seconder: Scott Miller
- Vote: Approved
- Result: Motion Carries

3. Tourism Summit May 3-5, 2026

Motion to approve payment for Tourism Summit

- Mover: Richara Warren
- Seconder: Scott Miller
- Vote: Approved
- Result: Motion Carries

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Updates on Required DDA training

- 30 days to complete training

B. Ice Cream Social – Monday, April 21, 2026 – correction, should be April 20, 2026

C. Updates for roof repairs at 205 & 217 N. Main St.

- Commercial & residential repairs at 3 locations. Pull old RFP's or request new ones.

RFP is required for expenses \$250,000 and above. Requesting 3 quotes per location. Joint meeting with Council for joint funding. Will continue to work on RFP for Nouveau, as their lease expires in October 2026. Start work on # 205.

D. Update & Discussion on RFP

Motion to wait for Mr. Cole to coordinate with Mayor and Council

Mover: Richara Warren

Seconder: Scott Miller

Vote: Approved

Motion carries

E. Checking account signatures

- City Mgr. (Mr. Cole) or Finance Director & 2 Board members (Chair/VC/Treasurer) listed on signature cards.

Motion to table Line-Item E; signature card to remain Mr. Cole, Chair & Treasurer

- Mover: Richara Warren
- Seconder: Scott Miller
- Vote: Approved
- Result: Motion Carries

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Internship Discussion

Working with Clayton State to help businesses develop employees. Start internship program in Jonesboro.

X. COMMITTEE UPDATES

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Blue Cole advised that lights will be installed under the Myrtle trees on Main St. before July 4th. Updated street signs are still in discussion.
- 17 vacant buildings will need to register and pay fees to maintain if empty, no fees collected if preparing to rent building. Vacant owners will be notified.
- F & B group – reduce restaurant times to occupy buildings - minimize process and make it easier to work with potential restaurant owners.

XII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS/ COMMENTS

- Send list of recommendations for 2 new Board members & Ex officio to Council.

Comments

- Councilwoman Santia Fox thanked and commended the board for strides made thus far. Commented on Grant opportunities are available as long as DDA is not profiting from them. Advised Board that Nouveau has the right to purchase their lease, and the roof repair can be negotiated. City can assist DDA with funds for Nouveau repairs.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting

- Mover: Yolande Joseph Turner

- Seconder: Richara Warren
- Vote: Approved
- Result: Motion carries

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm

CERTIFICATION

These minutes were approved by the Board of Directors on _____.

Secretary/Treasurer Signature: _____ **Date:**

Chair Signature: _____ **Date:**
