

**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF CLAYTON COUNTY,
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF CLAYTON COUNTY,
AND
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF CLAYTON COUNTY**

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

The regular session meeting of the Development Authority of Clayton County, Redevelopment Authority of Clayton County, and Urban Redevelopment Agency of Clayton County was held on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the CCPS Café, 1098 Fifth Avenue, Jonesboro, GA 30260.

Members present at the meeting were Dr. Harrison Braddy, Chair; Dr. Tim Hynes, Vice-Chair; Dr. Terry Baskin, Secretary/Treasurer; Emma Godbee; Dr. Keith Horton; Rosannette Kirby; and Christopher Blocker (arrived 6:21 p.m.). Also present was Authority counsel, M. Michelle Youngblood; Dr. Shaun Johnson, Chief of Workforce Development and Training; LeVar Norsworthy, Chief of Marketing and Strategic Branding; and Somanetha Moulate, assistant to the Chairman. Members of the public were also present.

Call to Order and Invocation

Dr. Braddy called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. and called on Terry Baskin for the invocation.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Braddy presented the agenda for approval. After a general discussion, upon motion by Emma Godbee, seconded by Dr. Terry Baskin, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the agenda be approved as presented.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Dr. Braddy presented the consent agenda (items 1 – 5: minutes of minutes of February 26, 2026 special called meeting open and executive session meetings, minutes of minutes of February 27, 2026 special called meeting open and executive session meetings, Treasurer’s report, State of the County silver sponsorship for \$1,500, and Chamber Gala gold sponsorship for \$2,500) for approval. After a general discussion, upon motion by Dr. Terry Baskin, seconded by Dr. Tim Hynes, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the consent agenda be approved as presented.

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OLD BUSINESS

6. 2026 State of Authority: Agreement with B'Mari Events

LeVar Norsworthy reported that staff had received proposals from three (3) event planners for the State of the Authority event has been on May 1, 2026, at the Delta Flight Museum. B'Mari has coordinated the Chairman's Ball in the past and is planning the 2026 Chamber Gala. Their proposal was all-inclusive, so while the price might not seem lowest at first glance, it works out to be the best value at a total cost of \$16,750. After a general discussion, upon motion by Dr. Keith Horton, seconded by Dr. Terry Baskin, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the agreement with B'Mari Events be approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Aerotropolis 2026 Dues

Dr. Braddy reported that the 2026 dues have not been paid. The amount is \$25,000. There ensued a general discussion about the benefits received for the dues paid. Upon motion by Dr. Tim Hynes, seconded by Dr. Keith Horton, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: To table the issue of dues and to invite Shannon James, President and CEO of Aerotropolis, to attend a future meeting to discuss the benefits received for the membership dues paid.

8. Rushton Proposal: Payroll Services

Authority counsel reminded the Board that Rushton CPA, the Authority's accountants, have the ability to handle payroll. As the Authority is preparing to onboard new employees, Rushton has stated that they can handle up to four (4) employees paid twice a month or every other week, including withholding and tax filings, for \$150 per month, plus a one-time setup fee. After a general discussion, upon motion by Emma Godbee, seconded by Dr. Tim Hynes, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: To retain Rushton CPA to provide payroll services for up to four (4) employees at a cost of \$150 per month, plus a one-time setup fee of \$150.

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9. Website Update

Authority counsel reported that the federal government is requiring all public entities to make their websites ADA compliant by April 24, 2026, for entities with a population greater than 50,000. The Authority's website manager can provide the required update for a one-time fee of \$1,000, plus an annual license fee of \$750. After a general discussion, upon motion by Dr. Tim Hynes, seconded by Dr. Keith Horton, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the ADA update to the Authority's website be approved as presented for a one-time fee of \$1,000, plus an annual license fee of \$750.

10. Workforce Development Report

Dr. Shaun Johnson reported that all recipients of the small business grant had submitted their first quarterly report when due. The reports are due February 16, May 16, August 16, and November 16, 2026. She reported that she is researching additional grant opportunities.

She reported that Aerotropolis held a Career Expo on March 11; there is another Career Expo on April 22. She is meeting with Dr. Barksdale on March 13 and following up with Goodwill next week.

11. Marketing and Strategic Branding Report

Levar Norsworthy presented the Marketing and Strategic Branding update. He is continuing to work on the State of the Authority event. He also discussed positioning for the upcoming FIFA games. He has met with the Mayors of Riverdale, Jonesboro, Lovejoy, and Forest Park, as well as the CEO of the Convention and Visitors Bureau and Clayton County Economic Development.

Public Comment

Members of the public addressed the Board.

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OTHER BUSINESS

12. Executive Session

Dr. Braddy reported that there was no need for an executive session.

13. Consideration of items, if any, discussed in Executive Session

There were no items to consider.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, upon motion by Dr. Terry Baskin, seconded by Emma Godbee, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Terry Baskin, Secretary/Treasurer