

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

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

The special called meeting of the Development Authority of Clayton County, Redevelopment Authority of Clayton County, and Urban Redevelopment Agency of Clayton County was held on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at the Jonesboro City Center, 1189 City Center Way, Jonesboro, GA 30260.

Members present at the meeting were Dr. Harrison Braddy, Chair (arrived 9:33 a.m.); Dr. Tim Hynes, Vice-Chair; Dr. Terry Baskin, Secretary/Treasurer; Emma Godbee; Dr. Keith Horton; Rosannette Kirby; and Christopher Blocker. Also present was Authority counsel, M. Michelle Youngblood; Dr. Shaun Johnson; LeVar Norsworthy; and Somanetha Moulate. Others present for portions of the meeting included Commissioner DeMont Davis; Mayor Dr. Donya Sartor, City of Jonesboro; Patrick Ejike, Director of Community and Economic Development, Clayton County Board of Commissioners, and members of his staff; Matthew Hampton, World Cup Ready; Angela Metcalf and Danyelle Morrison, Rushton CPA; and Tim Chason, The Chason Group.

Call to Order and Invocation

Dr. Hynes called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and called on Dr. Terry Baskin for the invocation.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Hynes presented the agenda for approval. He asked to table the year in review and begin immediately with the Marketing & Strategic Growth presentation. Upon motion by Dr. Keith Horton, seconded by Emma Godbee, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the agenda be approved as amended.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Marketing & Strategic Growth

LeVar Norsworthy presented the marketing and strategic growth report, summarizing activities and progress since coming on Board in August/September of 2025, and discussing initiatives for 2026. He discussed the State of the Authority event and recommended the Authority

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retain an event planner to coordinate. He also introduced Matthew Hampton, World Cup Ready, who discussed opportunities to benefit from the World Cup coming to metro Atlanta later this year.

Patrick Ejike discussed the importance of building strong communication between the County Department of Community and Economic Development, the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce, and the Development Authority. He discussed the Sports and Entertainment Council, reporting that the first event – girls flag football – would be held in March. He also discussed progress on the small business incubator, which is moving slowly due to funding issues. However, he reported that they had received a \$1.2 million appropriation from Senator Ossoff's office. He reported that the space also will include a ghost or prep kitchen, which will be membership driven.

2. Workforce Development and Momentum 500

Dr. Shaun Johnson reviewed the small business grant that was awarded in December 2025. She discussed the application process, mandatory training for recipients, and ongoing reporting requirements. She also reviewed the post-training feedback from attendees. She also discussed goals for 2026.

3. Executive Session

Dr. Braddy reported that there was a need for an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Upon motion by Dr. Tim Hynes, seconded by Rosanette Kirby, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: To adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned into executive session at 11:27 a.m. The open meeting reconvened at 1:02 p.m. following the executive session and lunch break.

4. Commissioner Remarks

Commissioner DeMont Davis addressed the Board. He emphasized his goal to attract more medical technology companies in his district. He wants to increase the tax base, create a secondary luxury home market, and increase the median income. He discussed the Sports and Entertainment Council, infrastructure improvements, and beautification of highway exits.

Mayor Dr. Donya Sartor shared that the City of Jonesboro has received two grants, including \$4 million from the federal government, and they are looking for additional grants. She also expressed her desire for increased collaboration.

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5. 2026 Budget Overview

Angela Metcalf and Danyelle Morrison reviewed the FY2025 financials and discussed the budget for FY2026. They also reported that Rushton CPA can provide payroll services if the Authority is interested.

6. Miscellaneous Matters

Dr. Braddy noted that the retirement celebration for Dr. Smith, Clayton County Public Schools, was being held on February 19, 2026. The Authority's regular monthly meeting had been rescheduled to February 19, due to the Authority retreat. In light of the retirement celebration, it was the consensus of the Authority to move the February meeting from February 19, 2026, to allow the members to attend Dr. Smith's retirement (date and time to be determined).

OTHER BUSINESS

7. Executive Session

Dr. Braddy reported that there was a need for an executive session to discuss potential litigation matters. Upon motion by Dr. Terry Baskin, seconded by Dr. Tim Hynes, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: To adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation matters.

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned into executive session at 3:03 p.m.

The open meeting reconvened at 4:38 p.m.

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

RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.



Terry Baskin, Secretary/Treasurer