

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

**POST-MEETING SUMMARY  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020**

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 Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Lake City Community Center, 5471 Jonesboro Road, Lake City, Georgia.

Members present at the meeting were Regina Deloach, Chair; Herman Andrews, Vice-Chair; Jean-Claude Bourget, Secretary/Treasurer (by telephone at 6:03 p.m.); Sylvester Ford, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Larry Vincent; Michelle Fuqua (by telephone); and Randy Burton. Also present were Authority counsel, M. Michelle Youngblood (by telephone at 6:07 p.m.); and members of the public.

**Call to Order and Welcome of Guests**

Chair Deloach called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and welcomed the guests.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Chair Deloach presented the agenda and inquired as to whether there were any additions, changes, or deletions. Chair Deloach asked to add an item for Chairman Turner's International Ball, and Director Vincent asked to delete item 3 under New Business (Chamber Networking Event). After a general discussion, the agenda was approved as amended. Motion by Larry Vincent, seconded by Herman Andrews, vote unanimous (5 members present).

**2. Approval of Minutes**

(Member Bourget joined the meeting at 6:03 p.m.) The minutes of the September 24, 2020 special called meeting were presented. The special called meeting minutes were approved as presented. Motion by Larry Vincent, seconded by Herman Andrews, vote unanimous (6 members present). (Member Fuqua joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m.) The minutes of the September 8, 2020 regular session were presented. The regular session minutes were approved as presented. Motion by Herman Andrews, seconded by Regina Deloach, vote unanimous (7 members present). The minutes of the September 8, 2020 executive session were presented. The executive session minutes were approved as presented. Motion by Larry Vincent, seconded by Sylvester Ford, vote unanimous. The minutes of the September 24, 2020 special called meeting executive session were presented. The special called meeting executive session minutes were approved as presented. Motion by Larry Vincent, seconded by Sylvester Ford, vote unanimous.

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**3. Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Jean-Claude Bourget presented the Treasurer's report. He presented the financial statements and reviewed the income and expenditures for the month of September. Director Vincent noted that the Authority would be receiving \$495,000 in grants funding to reimburse for the Small Business Grants awarded earlier this year to help small businesses survive during the pandemic. Also, the Authority just received \$4,500.00 from Central Georgia EMC, an annual contribution made by the EMC to support the community. Upon motion by Herman Andrews, seconded by Randy Burton, the Treasurer's report was approved.

**4. Invest Clayton Project Report**

Executive Director Larry Vincent reported that there are 19 active projects, totaling \$1.2-1.7 million in investments, bringing somewhere between 7,237 – 16, 192 new jobs with wages ranging from \$14/hour to over \$50/hour. He noted that some of the companies are high tech companies with large dollar investments, which helps the tax digest, but not large numbers of jobs.

**5. Chairman Turner's International Ball**

Chair Deloach noted that Chairman Turner's International Ball will be held on November 7, 2020 at the Georgia International Conference Center. After a general discussion, the Authority approved the expenditure of \$750.00 as a Supporting Sponsor. Motion by Herman Andrews, seconded by Larry Vincent; vote unanimous. Sylvester Ford will attend on behalf of the Authority.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Economic Development Strategic Plan**

Chair Deloach reported that the team from Clayton State University will present its findings at the November meeting. Member Ford noted that there are still several subcommittees working, and he encouraged a member of the Authority to participate on each subcommittee. Director Vincent will circulate a list of all of the subcommittees, which include education, workforce development, economic development, small business, and housing.

**2. Census 2020 Update**

Herman Andrews reported that the Authority began working to encourage response to the census when the response rate was 44%. As of October 13, the response rate is 60.4% countywide, but the statewide response time is 62.7%. He reported that based on the current response rate,

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Clayton County will receive \$414 million in federal dollars each year, totaling \$4.14 billion dollars by the time of the next census. Director Vincent noted that the increase in the response rate since the Authority began working on this project means an increase of \$105 million per year to the County. Mr. Andrews noted that, just prior to the meeting, the U.S. Supreme Court released its decision allowing the

**3. FY2019 Audit**

Director Vincent reported that the FY2019 audit is complete and distributed copies. He reported that copies have been provided to the State, to the County, and to all other entities who need a copy each year. The result was a clean opinion with no findings. After a general discussion, the audit report was approved and accepted. Motion by Herman Andrews, seconded by Regina Deloach; vote unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Staffing**

Director Vincent reported that a new Business Development Manager started October 6, 2020. Sydney Bourget is a graduate of Clayton County Schools, with an undergraduate degree from UGA and a Master's degree from Georgia Tech. He is still working on filling the other Business Development Manager vacancy.

**2. Board Member Training**

Director Vincent noted that some members still need to complete their annual training. He is checking with Georgia Tech to see what may be available virtually, and will reach out to those members .

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Executive Session**

Chair Deloach noted that there was a need for an executive session to discuss real estate, personnel, and potential litigation matters. Upon motion by Herman Andrews, seconded by Randy Burton, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing real estate, personnel, and potential litigation matters.

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned into executive session at 6:50 p.m.

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The open meeting reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

**2. Consideration of Items, if any, Discussed in Executive Session**

After a general discussion, a one-time bonus was approved in appreciation for Lori Smith in the amount of \$9,000.00. Motion by Herman Andrews, seconded by Regina Deloach. Vote unanimous.

After a general discussion, the annual salary for Lori Smith was increased to \$60,000.00 per year, effective as of her anniversary date. Motion by Herman Andrews, seconded by Randy Burton. Vote unanimous.

Chair Deloach inquired as to whether there was any additional business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. Motion by Sylvester Ford, seconded by Herman Andrews, vote unanimous.

Jean-Claude Bourget, Secretary/Treasurer