

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

**MINUTES OF  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025**

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, August 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at the Clayton County School District Café, 1098 Fifth Avenue, Jonesboro, GA 30236.

Members present at the meeting were Dr. Harrison Braddy, Chair; Randy Burton, Vice-Chair; Dr. Terry Baskin, Secretary/Treasurer (arrived 6:10 p.m.); Emma Godbee; Dr. Tim Hynes; Dr. Keith Horton; and Jean-Pierre Bourget. Also present was Authority counsel, M. Michelle Youngblood; and Somanetha Moulate, assistant to the Chairman. Also present were Dr. Shaun Johnson; Somanetha Moulate; Gary Furrow; former Authority member Jean-Claude Bourget, and members of the public.

**Call to Order and Invocation**

Dr. Braddy called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. and called on Dr. Keith Horton for the invocation.

(Dr. Terry Baskin arrived at 6:10 p.m.)

**Approval of Agenda**

Dr. Braddy presented the agenda for approval. Board member Jean-Pierre Bourget moved to add a discussion for the Makers Studio project. The motion failed for lack of a second. After a general discussion, upon motion by Dr. Tim Hynes, seconded by Randy Burton, it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** That the agenda be approved as presented.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Dr. Braddy presented the consent agenda (items 1, 2, and 3: minutes of July 10, 2025 regular and executive session meetings and Treasurer's report) for approval. After a general discussion, upon motion by Randy Burton, seconded by Terry Baskin, it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** That the consent agenda be approved as presented.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**4. GEDA Conference**

Somanetha Moulate discussed various options for travel to and from the conference. After a general discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to travel independently to the conference, rather than rent a van for group travel.

upon motion by Dr. Tim Hynes, seconded by Jean-Pierre Bourget, it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** To table the discussion to the next meeting, to allow time to review any specific request related to the CCSEC.

**5. DACC Public Purpose Corporation I – August Draw Request**

Authority counsel presented the August draw request from the property manager. All items were within the approved budget for August, and there were no extraordinary expenses. However, the total exceeded \$10,000, so the paying agent, US Bank, requested specific approval of the draw request, even though it was within the approved budget. After a general discussion, upon motion by Dr. Tim Hynes, seconded by Dr. Terry Baskin, it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** That the August draw request be and hereby is approved as submitted in the amount of \$10,979.06, and the paying agent, US Bank, is authorized to disburse that amount to the property manager.

**6. DACC Public Purpose Corporation I – Spending Limit**

Authority counsel reported that the Authority's agreement with US Bank requires specific written approval of expenses in excess of \$10,000.00. That is why the bank requested approval of the July and August draw requests, even though they were in line with the approved budget. She noted that the approved budget projected monthly expenses to be greater than \$10,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Given inflation and increased costs in recent years, it does not seem likely that the monthly draw requests will fall back below \$10,000 on a regular basis going forward. For this reason, she asked the Board to consider increasing the threshold for when specific Authority approval is required. She noted that the Board could increase the monthly limit, provided it was in line with the approved budget, while still leaving the threshold for extraordinary

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

expenses at \$10,000.00. After a general discussion, upon motion by Dr. Tim Hynes, seconded by Dr. Keith Horton, it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** That the monthly disbursement limit be increased to \$12,000, provided the draw request is in line with the approved budget (but the limit otherwise shall remain at \$10,000 unless specifically approved by the Authority).

**NEW BUSINESS**

**7.     Workforce Development and Training Report**

Dr. Shaun Johnson introduced herself and discussed her work the past three weeks since she began working for the Authority. She has met with ARC, CSU/CREST, Goodwill of North Georgia, and has meetings scheduled with Aerotropolis, the Clayton Chamber of Commerce, and others. Once she has met with the various stakeholders, she will utilize surveys, questionnaires, focus groups and listening sessions to identify areas of need and develop plans to address them.

**8.     Marketing and Strategic Branding Report**

Dr. Braddy discussed the need to hire someone to address these needs. The Board discussed this position previously. After a general discussion, upon motion by Randy Burton, seconded by Emma Godbee, it was:

**RESOLVED:** To authorize retention of a Chief of Marketing and Strategic Branding on a contract basis for a period of twelve (12) months, at a total cost not to exceed \$95,000.00. Vote 5-1-1; Dr. Tim Hynes abstained due to insufficient information, and Jean-Pierre Bourget opposed.

**9.     Mr. Keith Barksdale Presentation**

Mr. Barksdale discussed Burning Hearts Community Outreach and its efforts regarding workforce development. He discussed the unemployment rate in Clayton County compared to the state, and particularly among young people, noting that the average age in Clayton County is 34 years old. He has a stakeholder meeting scheduled for August 28, 2025. After further discussion, he will get together with Dr. Johnson, who will bring any recommendations to the Board at the next meeting.

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

**10.    Special Election**

Randy Burton reported that he is stepping down as Vice-Chair of the Authority (but not resigning from the Authority) and nominated Dr. Tim Hynes to succeed him. After a general discussion, upon motion by Dr. Terry Baskin, seconded by Emma Godbee, it was:

**RESOLVED:** To elect Dr. Tim Hynes as Vice-Chair of the Authority. Vote 6-1-0; Dr. Tim Hynes abstained since he is the nominee.

**11.    Aero Honor Sponsorship**

Dr. Braddy reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Aerotropolis Honors event will be held on September 25, 2025. The honoree this year is Dr. Stuart Gulley, former President of Woodward Academy. He noted that the Authority has sponsored this event in the past. Authority counsel reported that in 2024, the Authority sponsored the event at the Championship level, at a cost of \$3,000. After a general discussion, upon motion by Dr. Terry Baskin, seconded by Randy Burton, it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** To sponsor the Aerotropolis event at the Championship level.

**Public Comment**

Members of the public addressed the Board.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**10. Executive Session**

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

**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 8:02 p.m.

The open meeting reconvened at 9:22 p.m.

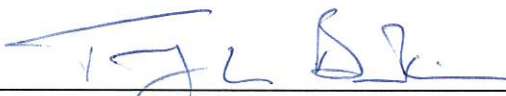
**11. Consideration of items, if any, discussed in Executive Session**

There were no items to discuss.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the meeting be adjourned.

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Terry Baskin, Secretary/Treasurer