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MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 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, April 10, 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; Terry Baskin, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Emma Godbee; Dr. Tim Hynes; and Keith Horton. Also present was Authority counsel, M. Michelle Youngblood and Somanetha Moulate, assistant to the Chairman. Also present was Commissioner Alaina Reaves; Valencia Williamson, President and CEO of Clayton County Chamber of Commerce; former Authority appointee Jean-Pierre Bourget; former Authority Board members Jean-Claude Bourget and Drew Andrews; Levar Norsworthy; and members of the public.

Call to Order and Invocation

Dr. Braddy called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and called on Terry Baskin for the invocation. Dr. Braddy then welcomed new Board member Dr. Keith Horton, who introduced himself to the Board.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Braddy presented the agenda for approval. He asked to move the executive session to immediately following the consent agenda. Jean-Pierre Bourget asked to add an item to the agenda. Dr. Hynes noted that he was out of order, since he is not a member of the Authority board. After a general discussion, upon motion by Dr. Tim Hynes, seconded by Emma Godbee, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the agenda be approved as amended. (Vote 6-0-0 in favor by Dr. Braddy, Dr. Baskin, Dr. Hynes, Dr. Horton, Mr. Burton, and Ms. Godbee.)

Approval of Consent Agenda

Dr. Braddy presented the consent agenda (items 1-3, minutes of the regular and executive session meetings held March 13, 2025, and Treasurer's report). After a general discussion, upon motion by Randy Burton, seconded by Terry Baskin, it was unanimously:

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RESOLVED: That the consent agenda be approved as presented. (Vote 6-0-0 in favor by Dr. Braddy, Dr. Baskin, Dr. Hynes, Dr. Horton, Mr. Burton, and Ms. Godbee.)

OTHER BUSINESS

12. <u>Executive Session</u>

Dr. Braddy requested an executive session for the purpose of discussion potential litigation. Upon motion by Randy Burton, seconded by Dr. Tim Hynes, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: To adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation. (Vote 6-0-0 in favor by Dr. Braddy, Dr. Baskin, Dr. Hynes, Dr. Horton, Mr. Burton, and Ms. Godbee.)

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned into executive session at 6:10 p.m.

The open meeting reconvened at 6:58 p.m.

13. <u>Consideration of items, if any, discussed in Executive Session</u>

There were no items to consider.

Public Comment

Members of the public addressed the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Valencia Williamson | Workforce Update Clayton County

Dr. Braddy introduced Valencia Williamson, President and CEO of the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Williamson discussed the workforce development efforts in which the Chamber is involved. They hosted a pilot program last year, teaching customer service and soft skills at no cost to the participants. There were 60 individuals who wanted to sign up, but only 20 spaces were available. They also are working with Clayton State University and displaced workers.

5. Accounting Services: Rushton CPA

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Dr. Braddy reminded the Board that it previously had approved retaining Rushton CPAs to provide accounting services. They have submitted two (2) scopes of work, one to clean up 2024 through the present (\$11,000), and the other for accounting services going forward (\$2,350 per month). After a general discussion, upon motion by Randy Burton, seconded by Emma Godbee, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the proposal from Rushton CPA be and hereby is approved, and the officers are hereby approved to execute and deliver all documents necessary to complete the engagement of Rushton as proposed.. (Vote 6-0-0 in favor by Dr. Braddy, Dr. Baskin, Dr. Hynes, Dr. Horton, Mr. Burton, and Ms. Godbee.)

6. Keith Barksdale | Burning Hearts Community Outreach Workforce Presentation

Dr. Braddy introduced Keith Barksdale, who discussed the workforce development efforts in which he is engaged through Burning Hearts Community Outreach. He stated that he did not have a specific request for the Authority, but wanted to introduce the Authority to his program and make the Board aware of their workforce development efforts.

7. Dr. Tillman | PAKI Talent Association Communities

Dr. Braddy called on Dr. Tillman for a presentation. Dr. Tillman described a project she is interested in developing to benefit veterans.

8. <u>Annual Meeting with BOC (IGA) Update</u>

Dr. Braddy reminded the Board of the upcoming joint meeting with the Board of Commissioners on April 29, 2025. He discussed the general logistics of the meeting and what he hoped would be accomplished.

Jean-Pierre Bourget mentioned the Bus Tour conducted by the Clayton County Office of Economic Development on April 8, 2025, and asked to update the Board on the tour. The Board agreed to hear Mr. Bourget's report. He proceeded to discuss his vision of economic development.

NEW BUSINESS

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All new business, including 2025 insurance renewal, DNR budget for FY2025-26, and Authority policies, was tabled to the next meeting, due to the length of the preceding presentations and the late hour.

Dr. Braddy inquired whether there was any further business to come before the Authority. There being none, after a general discussion, upon motion by Emma Godbee, seconded by Dr. Tim Hynes, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Terry Baskin, Secretary/Treasurer