

**GREENE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 11, 2025 8:00 a.m.
Greene County Administration Building
Commission Conference Room
1034 Silver Drive, Greensboro, GA 30642.**

Members present were Rabun Neal (Vice-Chairman), Sam Young (Secretary), Vincent Lewis (Assistant Secretary), Dee Lindsey, Mark Lipscomb, fulfilling requirements for a quorum. Others present were Mark Schulz (Chairman, Greene County Republican Party), Tommy Jeffords (Attorney), Otho Tucker (Chairman, Greene County Board of Education), Gilbert Valdez (Cushman & Wakefield), Linda Kimbell (NEGRC Age Friendly Communities Representative).

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Neal called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.

II. Approval of January 14, 2025 Minutes

Minutes of January 14, 2025 meeting reviewed by board members.

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2024 meeting was made by Dee Lindsey and seconded by Vincent Lewis.

VOTE: Motion was approved by unanimous vote of members present.

III. Review and Approval of Financial Reports as of February 11, 2025

Sam Young discussed details of the financial activities since the last meeting including recent monthly activities.

MOTION: Motion to approve financial report for informational purposes only was made by Vincent Lewis and seconded by Mark Lipscomb.

VOTE: Motion was approved by unanimous vote of members present.

IV. Business Items

A. Economic Development Report

David DuBois provided an overview of economic development activities including planned business expansion of Jerico Plastic Industries, meeting with Greensboro City Manager to discuss water and sewer needs for a planned multi-unit housing development, meeting with Georgia Power Community Development Manager to discuss workforce development and career paths at the Greene College & Career Academy, general legislative update of current session, new business Inspec Products looking for space to lease. Vice-Chairman Neal asked about the City of Greensboro's interest in leasing the Athens Tech building. This started a discussion of the board members about the pros and cons of leasing the facility including a discussion of market rate rent, insurance, and utilities.

V. Public Comments

A. Mark Schulz-mentioned that the board of elections is meeting today to consider closing two polling locations. Schulz also mentioned that the Greene County Republican Party is meeting on March 22nd to elect new officers.

- B. Otho Tucker-commented that the GCDA strategic plan approval soon is helpful for the board of education's planning efforts.
- C. Linda Kimbell commented that green space accessible to everyone and transportation are important for age friendly communities.
- D. Gilbert Valdez mentioned that a best practice in the industry is access agreements in lieu of a lease when considering the Athens Tech building. There are ongoing data center projects in Social Circle with dark fiber running down I-20. Dee Lindsey asked how many acres they require for a data center. Valdez replied, 70-90 acres of usable land and usually 240 kVa power lines (but this will decrease as data centers become more efficient).
- E. Mark Lipscomb mentioned the importance of the GCDA strategic plan approval.

VI. Executive Session

There was no need for an executive session at this time.

VII. Adjourn

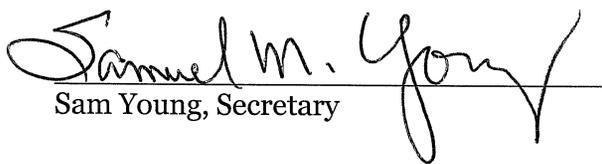
Vice-Chairman Neal asked if there was any further discussion needed and called for a motion to adjourn meeting.

MOTION: Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Vincent Lewis and seconded by Dee Lindsey.

VOTE: Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

I, Sam Young, Secretary of the Greene County Development Authority, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the session minutes of the Greene County Development Authority meeting held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

This the 11th day of March, 2025.


Sam Young, Secretary