



**JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF METROPOLITAN ATLANTA**

**Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

**July 12, 2022 at 12:00 pm**

**Hosted by the Development Authority of Henry County**

Via Zoom Platform

**Participants can also join via zoom**

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Meeting ID: 867 7852 4500

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**Members Present: (4)**

- Mr. Don Bolia, Chair, DeKalb County
- Mrs. Regina Deloach, Chair, Clayton County
- Mr. Michel Turpeau, Chair, Fulton County
- Mr. Irv Culpepper, Chair, Henry County

**Others Present Via Zoom: (16)**

- Ms. Marva Bryan
- Ms. Mikisha Calloway-Harden
- Ms. Doris Coleman
- Ms. Sarah Elizabeth Langford
- Mr. Josh Fenn
- Ms. Sabrina Kirkland
- Ms. Eunice Lim
- Mr. Blake Sharpton
- Ms. Breezy Straton
- Mr. Mike Sullivan
- Mr. Larry Vincent
- Ms. Michelle Youngblood
- Mr. Hanish Patel
- Ms. Sunny Anderson
- Ms. Lauren Daniels
- Mr. Rod Meadows

- I. Call to Order – Mr. Don Bolia**  
Mr. Don Bolia convened the meeting at 12:01 pm
- II. Welcome-Mr. Josh Fenn, Executive Director, Henry County**  
Mr. Josh Fenn welcomed both in person and Zoom platform guest.
- III. Invocation-Mr. Irv Culpepper, Chair, Henry County**  
Mr. Irv Culpepper of Henry County presented the invocation
- IV. Recognition of Visitors-Mr. Don Bolia, Chair, Decide DeKalb**

Mr. Don Bolia allowed all visitors to via Zoom and those attending in person to introduce themselves.

**New Business**

V. Authorities Quarterly Report-Douglas, Fulton, DeKalb, Henry, Clayton and Rockdale  
Ms. Breezy Stratton presented the quarterly report on behalf of Douglas County. Ms. Stratton reported that Douglas has been actively working on several projects. She reported that there will be several announcements being made in the upcoming week.

Ms. Sarah Elizabeth Langford presented on behalf of Fulton County. Ms. Langford reported that Fulton recently induced teacher's village which is a mixed-use project which will have over 400 units of housing for teachers, seniors, and other educational professionals. Fulton has also partnered with Select Fulton and the State to expand the Life Science industry. This project will bring over 300 new jobs. She concluded they are focused on creating new opportunities within Fulton County.

Ms. Sunny Anderson presented on behalf of Decide DeKalb. Ms. Anderson reported they recently hired a new Business Retention and Expansions person by the name of Katrina Young. They are looking forward to new candidates for open positions. She also reported that their strategic plan is being thoroughly worked. Mr. Bolia added that they recently finalized their IGA which consist of a 5-year agreement.

Mr. Josh Fenn reported on behalf of Henry County. Mr. Fenn reported they recently were approved for a budge increase. The past week they hosted NASCAR at the Atlanta Motor Speedway which was a great boost in sales tax. Henry welcomed over 70,000 people for the event. They are seeing a strong engagement of manufacturers and logistics companies. Mr. Fenn reported they have recently contracted with a firm to research and provide a report on the retail strategies within the county. Mr. Fenn concluded they have hired new team members.

Mr. Larry Vincent reported on behalf of Clayton County. Mr. Vincent reported they have also benefited from the NASCAR visitors. Clayton is seeing unbelievable growth from the residence increase. Clayton State University will be adding Class A office space and residential. Every major road is currently under construction in Clayton. He reported they recently launched a new small business grant. Mr. Vincent reported that Clayton had the highest drop in unemployment numbers. He concluded that they are also finalizing an IGA.

There was no one present from Rockdale County to provide a report.

**VI. Marketing vs. Program Discussion-Mr. Don Bolia**

Mr. Don Bolia reported that he'd like to form a sub-committee within this group. He asked that for those interested in joining the sub-committee to reach out directly to Mikisha Calloway. Mr. Michel Turpeau asked the Board if they had any knowledge of what this organization can do that may be limited by each County's resolutions put in place. Mr. Bolia requested that Mr. Blake Sharpton provide additional information based on the abilities of the Board. Mr. Bolia requested that the documents circulated to the Board be resent to everyone for their viewing. Ms. Breezy Straton added that many are involved in the regional marketing alliance which is a dedicated group of ten or eleven counties which focus solely on marketing. With this information she wanted to be sure this group is intentional on their efforts and that the efforts are not being duplicated among the two groups. Mr. Bolia added that he wanted to be sure that everyone was aware those interested in serving on the subcommittee are not required to be Board members.

**V. Approval of April 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Don Bolia presented the April 12, 2022 meeting minutes. Ms. Regina Deloach motioned for the approval of the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Michel Turpeau. The April 12, 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Approval of the Treasury Report**

Mr. Don Bolia presented the treasury report ending May 31, 2022. Mr. Irv Culpepper motioned for approval of the treasury report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Regina Deloach. The treasury report was unanimously approved.

**VIII. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on October 11, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. hosted by Fulton County Development Authority.

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