

**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY
SPECIAL CALL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025 AT 12:00 P.M.
141 PRYOR STREET SW, SUITE 2052 (PEACHTREE LEVEL)
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303
VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELECONFERENCE**

MINUTES

The meeting was conducted via Zoom teleconference/videoconference in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-1(h).

Present were the following Members of the Authority:

Mr. Kwanza Hall – Chairman
Mr. Kyle Lamont – Vice Chairman
Ms. Laura Kurlander-Nagel – Secretary
Mr. Alvin Kendall – Board Member
Ms. Pinky Cole – Board Member
Ms. Erica Long – Board Member

Members absent:

Mayor Mike Bodker – Treasurer
Dr. Mike Looney – Board Member
Mayor David Belle Isle – Board Member

Also present were Ms. Sarah-Elizabeth Langford, Executive Director of the Authority, Ms. Sandy Zayac, Ms. Lauren Daniels and Ms. Ansly P. Moyer, attorneys for the Authority, and Ms. Doris Coleman and Ms. Marva Bryan, staff of the Authority.

Chairman Hall gave the invocation and called the meeting to order at approximately 12:02 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Also present were Mr. Jim Stevens of On-Call Accounting and Ms. Brandeis Parkman of The Malbrue Group, LLC.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: Upon a motion made by Secretary Kurlander-Nagel, which was seconded by Vice Chairman Lamont, the Authority approved the meeting agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ms. Coleman announced that the Authority's staff had received no public comments in advance of the meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL:

Budget Amendments. Ms. Coleman presented comments on behalf of Executive Director Langford, who was traveling internationally, and stated on her behalf that in addition to already having a very lean staff, Develop Fulton has been down 2 staff members over the last month. The Board embargoed certain budget items in the 2025 budget, including specific line items that related to hiring additional staff. While Develop Fulton is still working on hiring additional permanent staff, the Executive Director is in need of immediate temporary assistance and is requesting that the Board consider releasing the embargo under Salaries & Wages (line 6310) of the 2025 Budget in the amount of \$7,500 so that Develop Fulton may engage an independent contractor to provide executive assistance and support services for the Executive Director and the Develop Fulton team. This contract would be temporary while the Executive Director works on hiring additional staff. Upon a motion made by Secretary Kurlander-Nagel, as seconded by Vice Chairman

Lamont, the Authority approved (i) releasing the embargo under Salaries & Wages (line 6310) of the 2025 Budget in the amount of \$7,500; and (ii) authorizing Chairman Hall, in consultation with the Executive Director and legal counsel, to engage an independent contractor for executive assistance and support services and execute a contract for such services in the total amount not to exceed \$7,500.

Chairman Hall reported on the status of Senate Bill 151 that would create a Joint Development Authority of North Fulton. Secretary Kurlander-Nagel stated her disappointment that Senator Beach has introduced legislation to create a new development authority for North Fulton which may cannibalize the efforts of Develop Fulton in the north Fulton area and create division in the County. Upon a motion made by Secretary Kurlander-Nagel, which was seconded by Ms. Long, the Authority approved (i) authorizing Chairman Hall, in consultation with the Executive Director and legal counsel, to engage one or more lobbyists and execute one or more contracts for such lobbyist(s) in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the remaining 2025 calendar year; and (ii) a corresponding budget amendment in the 2025 Budget to take \$250,000 out of reserves and add to Professional Services (line item 6540).

NEXT MEETING:

Chairman Hall announced that the Authority's next Regular Meeting would be scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 2:00 p.m., and reminded the public to visit the Authority's website at <http://www.developfultoncounty.com> for updates on upcoming meetings.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice Chairman Lamont, seconded by Secretary Kurlander-Nagel, and approved by all Members present.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:14 p.m.

Laura Kurlander-Nagel
Laura Kurlander-Nagel, Secretary