

**Athens Downtown Development Authority
Special Called Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, June 17, 2025
10:00am
250 W. Broad St, Suite 108**

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Bishop, David Bradley, Kelly Girtz, Mike Hamby, and Jason Leonard

OTHERS PRESENT: Blake Aued, Charles Hardy, Linda Ford, David Lynn, Greg Sowell, and Rachel Swartz

1. Approval of Minutes – Kelly Girtz motioned to accept the April 9, 2025, minutes and Jeff Bishop seconded. Motion passed.

2. Public Input – Charles Hardy spoke about the importance of keeping the playground at Lay Park and how important it is for the residents in the area to have a safe and accessible playground.

3. Directors' Report

Planning and Outreach

A. FY26 CEP Applications – David Lynn presented the board with CEP (Community Enhancement Program) funding recommendations for the 2025/2026 fiscal year. Jeff Bishop motioned to approve the FY26 CEP funding allocation and authorized the directors to present the funding request to ACCGov Mayor and Commission for consideration and approval. David Bradley seconded. Motion passed.

B. Core IGA – Mike Hamby motioned to approve the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between Athens-Clarke County and the Athens Downtown Development Authority to facilitate a public/private partnership for the redevelopment of the surface parking lot east of Jackson Street. Jeff Bishop seconded. Motion passed.

C. Holiday Lights – At the ADDA retreat the Board asked the Directors to look into enhanced lighting in Downtown for the holidays. The Directors reached out to Josh Koons with Koons Environmental Design (KED), who designed the lights and programming at the Georgia Botanical Gardens. Mr. Koons' proposal is divided into four phases. David Bradley motioned to approve the Scope of Services from KED and authorized the directors to execute a payment not to exceed \$11,800 for the completion of the remainder of the project design phase. Kelly Girtz seconded. Motion passed.

Business Services

D. FY26 Budget – Linda Ford presented the Board with the recommended ADDA FY26 Budget. There were a few significant items that were highlighted including an increase in the management fee from 20% to 40%, an increase in the programming budget, the College Square design and project management, and the College Square redesign loan repayment. Kelly Girtz motioned to approve the FY26 ADDA Budget and Jeff Bishop seconded. Motion passed.

5. Executive Session – Kelly Girtz made a motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of Legal, Personnel, or Real Estate matters. Jeff Bishop seconded. Kelly Girtz motioned to adjourn executive session and Mike Hamby seconded. Motioned passed.

Upon exiting executive session, David Bradley motioned to renew the Directors' contracts through June 10, 2026, with salaries of \$90,000/year. Jeff Bishop seconded. Motion passed.

6. Adjourn – David Bradley motioned to adjourn the meeting and Kelly Girtz seconded. Motion passed.

Jason Leonard, Board Chair

Linda Ford, Director of Business Services

David Lynn, Director of Planning and Outreach