



September 15, 2023

Large Board Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

CHRISTY JORDAN
BILL DAWSON
DAREN PIETSCH
RICHARD NIXON
GREER ANDERSON

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

SHERRI PRUITT, STAFF
JOAN HEARN, STAFF
REES SUMERFORD, COUNSEL
DORIE BACON, GEORGIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
LINA BARINO, GOLDEN ISLES CHILDREN'S BUSINESS FAIR
ALBERTO BARINO, GOLDEN ISLES CHILDREN'S BUSINESS FAIR
TERRA WINSLETT, GCAC
PAM SHIERLING, THE ISLANDER NEWS
BEN LEE,
MATHEW HILL, DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BO MANN, WAKE UP COFFEE
ERICA, ABUNDANCE OF LOVE
BRIAN BENNETT, LIVE OAK FIBER

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Christy Jordan called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

INVOCATION

Chairman Christy Jordan gave an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Christy Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Bill Dawson, seconded by Daren Pietsch, and passed unanimously to accept the agenda as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 5-0.

WELCOME & RECOGNIZE GUESTS

Chairman Christy Jordan welcomed guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lina Barino with Golden Isles Children's Business Fair gave a presentation on the second annual upcoming children's business fair at Mary Ross Park on October 15th beginning at 11am. They have 22 young entrepreneurs signed up to date. More to come.

NEW BOARD MEMBER OATH – Greer Anderson

Rees Sumerford had Greer Anderson take the oath as a new board member for a 3-year term, beginning 9/15/23 and expiring 7/31/26 or when her successor is appointed.

CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

No items to discuss.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Daren Pietsch and seconded by Richard Nixon to approve the August 1st, 2023, Minutes as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 5-0.

FINANCIALS

Audit – Ben Palmer Lee, CPA LLC

Ben Lee reported that the 2023 audit was smooth with no issues and thanked Joan Hearn for her hard work in getting it completed.

A MOTION was made by Daren Pietsch and seconded Bill Dawson to approve the audit as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 5-0.

Approve July Financials

Joan Hearn reviewed the financials with the board with little activity for the month of July.

A MOTION was made by Greer Anderson and seconded Richard Nixon to approve the July financials as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Share the Future Grant for Burnem Real Estate Investments - Placemaking

Chairman Christy Jordan differed to next month.

Consideration of Share the Future Grant for Wake-Up Coffee - Innovating

Sherrri Pruitt presented the Share the Future request for Innovating by Wake-Up Coffee not to exceed \$10,000 with a total project cost of \$70,000. The grant will be used for a roasting machine to increase production to keep up with demand.

A **MOTION** was made by Richard Nixon and seconded by Daren Pietsch to approve the Share the Future grant as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

GCAC

Informational Items

Terra Winslett reported on the GCAC orientation for the Golden Isles Development Authority's new board members. The tour included GCAC facilities, Gulfstream, and Manning aviation.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Development Authority Board Meeting – October 3rd, at 9 am in Large Board Room

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session - Real Estate OCGA Section §50-14-3(b)(1)(B)

Closed Session – Pending or Potential Litigation OCGA Section §50-14-2

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Dawson and seconded by Daren Pietsch to enter into Closed Session to discuss Real Estate, Pending or Potential Litigation. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

A **MOTION** was made by Richard Nixon and seconded by Daren Pietsch to return to Open Session. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

Returned to Open Session

A **MOTION** was made by Richard Nixon and seconded by Bill Dawson authorizing the officers of the Authority to execute all documents necessary to facilitate the closing of the sale to the United States Government of the FLETC dorms and underlying land, including but not limited to, the termination of the three subleases between the Authority and the United States Government for the three FLETC dorms, the termination of the 2000 sublease, as modified, between the Authority and H&P Investments, the release of the FLETC property, the Vogel Road property and the railroad right-of-way property from the 1988 lease, as amended, between Glynn County and the Authority, and the MOU between the Authority and the Glynn County Airport Commission outlining the disbursement of the funds from the FLETC sales, all subject to approval by legal counsel. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0

ADJOURN

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Bill Dawson and seconded by Daren Pietsch. The MOTION carried unanimously: 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Chairman Christy Jordan

Attest:

Sherri Pruitt

Director of BR&E / Golden Isles Development Authority