



**City of East Point  
Meeting Summary**

**Webinar ID: 847 7759 8994**

**Business and Industrial Development Authority**

Thursday, September 7, 2023

Zoom Webinar

East Point, GA 30344

6:30 pm

**I. Call to Order**

Vice Chairperson Gloria Speed called the September 7, 2023, meeting of the East Point Business and Industrial Development Authority to order at 6:41 pm.

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

Ms. Beth Mc Millan made a motion to approve the current agenda. Mr. Alexander Gothard seconded the motion. **The motion was approved unanimously, the motion carried.**

**III. Approval of the June 1, 2023, Meeting Summaries**

Ms. Beth McMillan made a motion to approve the June 1, 2023, summary and Ms. Gloria Speed seconded the motion. **The motion was approved unanimously, the motion carried.**

**IV. Chairperson Report**

None

**V. Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Carter stated the CHASE Bank account cleared only one check within the three months of June, July and August which was payable to attorney Kirby Glaze.

**VI. Legal Report**

Mr. Kirby Glaze informed the board that the Department of Community Affairs registration report has been completed and submitted for the fiscal year 2022. As a result, the report completion has satisfied the State Authority Registration. Mr. Glaze also informed the board of the RISE Academy restatement of their charter. However, they did not miss any of their bond payments during the restatement process.

Ms. McMillan asked the question concerning the number of bond deals required for the authority to complete each year. Mr. Glaze responded that he did not recall of any specific number of bond deals required by the charter. In addition, Ms. James ask about the amount of outstanding bond deals. Kirby stated that was part of the Department of Community Affairs registration report therefore he would forward a copy of the report next month for their review.

**VII. Old Business**

None

**VIII. New Business**

Mr. Maceo Rogers informed the board of various Economic Development announcements as follows:

- a. The Scile Cell Walk/Run would be this coming Saturday at 5:00 pm with a start and finish at the East Point City Hall with a Jazz Festival following the race. So, Maceo asked the board to come out and support or participate in the event.
- b. On September 14, 2023, the Economic Development Department will host a citywide Compost Program with four city site locations which are posted on the city website.
- c. There are a couple of grand openings scheduled: Eat My Biscuits located on Main Street is set to open and Cultured South the city Brewery on R N Martin was awarded their alcohol license and therefore will open with their new license.
- d. Mr. Rogers had a meeting with the Georgia Department of Economic Development, Georgia Power, the State of Georgia's Quick Start Program, and a consultant for an Entity that would like to create an inbound call center in the city of East Point. The state is very interested in this multimillion-dollar investment project. It is slated to bring 500 jobs to start and hoping to increase up to 5,000 jobs as they integrate AI technology. They are looking to take over the old Federal Aviation Center at the Camp Creek Business Center which has been vacant for quite some time.
- e. Mr. Glaze stated the Authority does not have a policy to set for local job requirements; however, the board can establish such policy if they would like to and be able to pull from a three-county minimal. He also stated that when the state is involved, they usually bring in their Quick Start Program to get the hiring process started. Maceo answered the salary question to say the beginning salary discussion was at \$17 to \$17.50 per hour prior to the Pandemic however, it is currently at \$21 per hour.

Mr. Alexander Gothard started the discussion in reference to BIDA ideas and direction. This discussion led to a conversation of possible area tours of Atlanta Pittsburg area, Krog Street and East Point Central Ave for possible ideas. Kirby mentioned several ideas concerning his management company he has outside of his attorney hat for food for thought. One of his ideas was the possible ghost kitchens in which a client area built a large commercial kitchen in a building that served restaurants which was sectioned off as an incubator space. He also spoke of the Woodstock, GA downtown retail incubator in which the authority owned, staffed and leased the building to primarily small space rentals. The Woodstock Authority purchased the building and used the leases to pay the operational cost. Kirby offered his assistance with several different opportunity ideas. Mr. Gothard stated he would love to place these ideas on the next month's agenda to further discussion.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

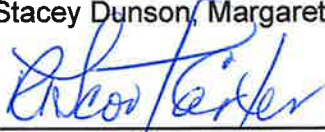
**Board Members Present on September 7, 2023:**

Alexander Gothard, Falatta James, Beth McMillan, Gloria Speed, Margaret McClure, Helen Simmons and Gloria Speed

**Others Present:**

Kirby Glaze, Maceo Rogers, and Regina Carter

This summary was approved by Board Members In attendance on October 5, 2023:  
Stacey Dunson, Margaret McClure, Kristen Pritz, Helen Simmons, and Gloria Speed.



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Regina T. Scott-Carter  
Secretary/Treasurer  
October 12, 2023