



**REGULAR MEETING Minutes**  
**WWDA Board of Directors**  
**April 1, 2026**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**2855 Forest Drive**  
**Waycross, Ga 31503**

**Board Members Present:**

Daniel Morris  
James Willis  
Stephen Burse  
Dan Good  
Brian Jackson  
Kim Bennett-Callahan

**Digital Presence:**

Michael-Angelo James

**Board Members Absent:**

Rusty Hall

**Staff Members Present:**

Jason Rubenbauer  
Frances Golder

**Guests Present:**

Hillary Stringfellow  
Lonnie Roberts  
Taylor Hereford

• **Call to Order**

Daniel Morris called the April 1, 2026, to order at 9:04 A.M.

• **Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

James Willis provided the invocation and led the board in the pledge of allegiance.

• **Approval of Agenda**

Dan Good motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Stephen Burse seconded the motion. All present members voted aye, and the motion passed unanimously.

• **Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Meeting March 4, 2026

Dan Good motioned to approve the March 4, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Brian Jackson seconded the motion. All present members voted aye, and the motion passed unanimously.

• **Approval of Financial Reports**

- January 31, 2026
- February 28, 2026

Jason Rubenbauer notified the board that the financial reports for both months were finally ready to be presented and that the delay of presentation was partly due to tax season with the accounting firms and he not being quite ready last month. With no further questions or concerns, James Willis motioned to approve the financial reports as presented. Dan Good seconded the motion. All present members voted aye, and the motion passed unanimously.



- **Community Reports**

- **Waycross-Ware County Chamber of Commerce**-Not Present
- **Downtown Waycross Development Authority**- Not Present
- **Waycross Convention & Visitors Bureau**- Not Present
- **Coastal Pines Technical College**- Lonnie Roberts reported to the board that there are 7 campuses with a total of roughly 4,000 students and that 1,000 of those are here at the largest campus, Waycross. He stated that if enrollment in the summer semester remains on the current trend, They will set an all time record for annual enrollment. This is very exciting for the community. Also the annual horticulture department plant sale is underway and he encourages anyone to come by the sale as it helps out the students. Next week is there will be a tour of the Hyundai meta-plant to make sure training classes are on par with industry need. He also said that there are still openings for the Technical and Industrial Day Camp for 9th graders if anyone is interested.
- **South Georgia State College**-Taylor Hereford presented that the Pickleball Court ribbon cutting is April 2nd 2026 at 11 AM. He also learned yesterday that a conversation is starting with UGA to offer a Masters program on their Waycross campus. This will be far in the future but the conversation has begun.
- **Ware County Board of Education**-No Report

- **Old Business**

- **Ford Expedition Max discussion** Jason presented the board with the new Authority vehicle. He advised that it is registered and insured. Dan Good asked about decals and Jason said he will be contacting local businesses to get the new logo on the doors and maybe something in the back window.

- **New Business**

- **Presentation, discussion, and request for action pertaining to Airport Industrial Park Land Clearing Contract Award** Jason said he received 12 bids and had them on the display. The lowest price per parcel to the highest. Dan Good made a motion to award the bid to SEC, since they had the lowest price bid per acre. Mayor Michael-Angelo James seconded the motion. All present members voted aye, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Presentation, discussion, and request for action pertaining to Airport Industrial Park GRAD Due Diligence Contract Award** Jason stated that he also got great interest in this project. Michael-Angelo James motioned to award the bid to Terracon for this project. Kim Callahan seconded the motion. All present members voted aye, and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Attorney's Items-Hillary Stringfellow**-Nothing to report

- **President's Report—Jason Rubenbauer**-Jason advised the board that the Authority's 2025 Audit has almost concluded. There are only 2 more items that have to be finished. He also said that the auditor was pleased with his personal visit to the office last week. He also informed the board on projects that are moving forward. Rizo hired heir first employee. Hard Hat received their first rail cars last week.

- **Chairman's Report—Daniel Morris**-Nothing to report



- Executive Session

- **For discussion of land/lease and acquisition matters pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(1)(B)**

With no more business to be discussed in regular session James Willis motioned to enter Executive Session Stephen Burse seconded the motion. All present members voted aye, and the motion passed unanimously. The board entered executive session at 9:34 A.M.

With no more business to discuss in executive session Michael-Angelo James motioned to enter back into regular session. Kim Callahan seconded the motion. All present members voted aye, and the motion passed unanimously. The board entered back into regular session at 9:46 A.M.

- **Adjournment**

With no more business to discuss, James Willis motioned to adjourn. Brian James seconded the motion. All present members voted aye, and the motion passed unanimously. Daniel Morris adjourned the April 1, 2026, meeting at 9:46A.M.