Waycross-Ware County
Development Authority

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WWDA Board of Directors
November 4, 2026
9:00 AM
2855 Forest Drive, Waycross, GA 31503

Board Members Present
Rusty Hall
Kim Bennett-Callahan
Brian Jackson
Dan Good

Board Members Absent:
Daniel Morris
James Willis

Staff Members Present
Jason Rubenbauer
Frances Golder

Guests Present:
Hillary Stringfellow
Taylor Hereford

Board Members Present Remotely:
Dr. Michael-Angelo James

- **Call to Order**
  In the absence of Chairman Daniel Morris, Rusty Hall presided and called the November 4, 2026, regular meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

- **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
  Michael-Angelo James provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Approval of Agenda**
  Dan Good moved to approve the agenda. Michael-Angelo James seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Approval of Minutes**
  Michael-Angelo James moved to approve the October 7, 2026, regular meeting minutes as presented. Brian Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Approval of Financial Reports**
  Jason Rubenbauer informed the board that the Authority remains in good standing. Dan Good moved to approve the September 30, 2026, financial reports. Kim Bennett Callahan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Community Reports**

  • Waycross-Ware County Chamber of Commerce -None Present

  • Downtown Waycross Development Authority -None Present

  • Waycross Convention & Visitors Bureau – None Present

  • Coastal Pines Technical College- None Present

  • South Georgia State College -Taylor Hereford reported that Dr. Tanner's leadership at South Georgia State College had attracted the attention of the Board of Regents in Atlanta, which planned to tour the campus on December 1, 2026. He expressed hope that the visit would further benefit the community

  • Ware County Board of Education - Lynn Barber thanked everyone who attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the middle school.

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- **Old Business**

  There was no old business.

- **New Business**

- **2026 Budget Amendments**

  Brian Jackson moved to approve the proposed 2026 budget amendments. Dan Good seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- **2027 Proposed Budget**

  Michael-Angelo James moved to approve the proposed 2027 budget. Kim Bennett Callahan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- **2027 Meeting Schedule**

  Following discussion of moving the April 7 meeting to April 14 and the July 7 meeting to July 14, Brian Jackson moved to approve the 2027 meeting schedule with those changes. Dan Good seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Election of FY2027 Officers**

  The election of officers was tabled until the next meeting due to the absence of James Willis and Daniel Morris. No motion or vote was taken.

- **Fraud Prevention and Awareness Policy**

  Dan Good moved to approve the Fraud Prevention and Awareness Policy for FY2027. Brian Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- **2026 Employee Handbook**

  Kim Bennett Callahan moved to approve the 2026 Employee Handbook. Dan Good seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Attorney's Items**

  No attorney's report was presented.

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- **Chairman's Report**

  Chairman Daniel Morris was absent.

- **Executive Session**

  Michael-Angelo James moved to enter executive session. Dan Good seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The regular session ended at 9:47 a.m., and executive session began at 9:51 a.m.

- **Conclusion of Executive Session**

  Kim Bennett Callahan moved to conclude executive session at 10:31 a.m. Brian Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Adjournment**

  Brian Jackson moved to adjourn the meeting. Kim Bennett Callahan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.