

HARRIS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

REGULAR SESSION

March 10, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Craig Greenhaw, Rob Grant, Charles Sweat, Harry Boyd, Chris Butzon (arrived at 6:12 p.m.), Lauren Dimitri. Members Absent: Mark Smith, Meghan Guenther. Staff Present: Greg Panzer, Economic Development Director; Andrea Dzioba, County Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Greenhaw called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Chairman Greenhaw welcomed Lauren Dimitri to the Development Authority. Ms. Dimitri informed the Authority that she has been working as in-house counsel for Kia Georgia for five years and was previously employed by Hall Booth Smith and in private practice for thirteen years.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026 Regular Session was made by Vice-Chairman Sweat, seconded by Ms. Dimitri, and passed unanimously.
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **FY 2026-2027 Budget.** Economic Development Director Greg Panzer provided an overview in the Development Authority FY 2026-2027 proposed budget. He stated that he increased training by \$2,000.00 and advised that there is a yearly mandated 2 hour training requirement for Development Authority members. Mr. Panzer further advised that he added back \$1,000.00 for small equipment, decreased Advertising and Travel each by \$1,000.00 and Other Services by \$500.00. Mr. Panzer stated that departments were asked to decrease their operational budgets by 25% and that their proposed budget is 24.72% for operational expenses plus \$500,000 for capital outlays. The motion to approve the proposed Development Authority FY 2026-2027 budget for submission was made by Chairman Greenhaw, seconded by Mr. Butzon, and passed unanimously.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Site Selectors Guild Spring Conference.** Economic Development Director Greg Panzer informed the Authority members that the Site Selectors Guild Spring Conference in Atlanta will allow him to network with project managers and other economic developers; that this conference is separate from the Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA) conference; that it does have a higher cost of \$2,500.00; that he will treat the conference as advertising; and that he would like the Authority to consider approval of his attendance. Chairman Greenhaw advised that this conference is a good way to “step out” and meet different people. Ms. Dimitri stated that this conference is similar to what attorneys do to build relationships. The motion to approve Mr. Panzer’s attendance at the Site Selectors Guild Spring Conference was made by Ms. Dimitri, seconded by Vice-Chairman Sweat, and passed unanimously.
5. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR.**
 - A. **Economic Development Director Update.** Economic Development Director Greg Panzer informed the Authority that pre-application for the grant is due this Friday; that he will be working with RVRC and Thomas & Hutton, a premier GRAD engineer in the State of Georgia; that Terracon has continued its work in the Northwest Harris Business Park; that paths have been cut on Parcel G; and that Harris County Public Works has been mowing the brush on Parcel A. Mr. Grant stated that at a recent meeting with the Commissioners that they have had a consensus to move the property at the Northwest Harris Business Park to the Development Authority. Mr. Panzer further stated that he has had two calls about potential projects recently; that he attended the Harris County Chamber’s Gala; that speakers at the Gala included Neal Thurman, Vice-President and General Manager at Callaway Resort & Gardens; Gloria Boyer, Harris County Chamber of Commerce President & CEO; and David Hawkins, Chair of the Harris County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; that he attended the First Peoples Bank ribbon cutting in LaGrange; that he attended the Business Round Table in Hamilton; that he met with Pine Mountain Mayor Mary Ruth Mullins; and that he wanted to remind Authority members about a 2-hour training opportunity on March 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**. The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Greenhaw, seconded by Mr. Butzon, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Craig Greenhaw, Chairman

Prepared by:

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