



Don Ryan Center for Innovation Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, August 08, 2024 at 5:00 PM

The Don Ryan Center for Innovation, 7 Venture Drive, Suite #100, Bluffton, SC

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[1.](#) April 11, 2024 Minutes

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Board of Directors: New Ex Officio Discussion
2. Buckwalter Childcare RFP
3. Buckwalter Place Development Update

VIII. STAFF REPORT

1. Innovation Center Update

IX. DISCUSSION

X. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024

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Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker.

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April 11, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Davis called the meeting to order at 5:23pm

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chair Berl Davis

Director Jim Biggs

Director Michael Czymbor

Director Kevin Ryan

Director Larry Toomer

Director Walter Nester

Ex-Officio John O'Toole

Ex-Officio Rod Casavant

Ex-Officio Chris Trott

Ex-Officio Houssam Aboukhater

Ex-Officio Tom Henz

ABSENT

Vice Chair Matt Green

Director Bernie Traywick

Director Edward Taylor

Director Deborah Edmondson

Director Latoya Salters

Ex-Officio Lindsey Mueller

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Director Nester, Seconded by Director Czymbor.

Voting Yea: Chair Davis, Director Biggs, Director Czymbor, Director Ryan, Director Toomer, Director Nester, Ex-Officio O'Toole, Ex-Officio Casavant, Ex-Officio Trott, Ex-Officio Aboukhater, Ex-Officio Henz

All were in favor and the motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 14, 2023

Motion made by Director Czymbor, Seconded by Director Sulka.

Voting Yea: Chair Davis, Director Biggs, Director Czymbor, Director Ryan, Director Toomer, Director Nester, Ex-Officio O'Toole, Ex-Officio Casavant, Ex-Officio Trott, Ex-Officio Aboukhater, Ex-Officio Henz

All were in favor and the motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT**VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD****VII. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Financials

990 Review

Marjorkiewicz presented the FY25 proposed budget. Czymbor made a motion to recommend to Town Council to approve the proposed FY 2025 support for the Don Ryan Center for Innovation as presented.

Motion made by Director Czymbor, Seconded by Director Nester.

Voting Yea: Chair Davis, Director Biggs, Director Czymbor, Director Ryan, Director Toomer, Director Nester, Ex-Officio O'Toole, Ex-Officio Casavant, Ex-Officio Trott, Ex-Officio Aboukhater, Ex-Officio Henz

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- Economic Development Incentive Plan Update
- Buckwalter Place Update

Staff discussed the Economic Development Incentive Plan, Buckwalter Place.

IX. STAFF REPORT

- DRCI in the Community
- Company Updates
- Hardeeville Update

Staff presented DRCI in the community and an update on the contract with Hardeeville.

X. DISCUSSION

Henz asked about the mentor program and staff reported that there are currently 70 mentors at the DRCI.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Director Toomer, Seconded by Director Nester.

Voting Yea: Chair Davis, Director Biggs, Director Czymbor, Director Ryan, Director Toomer, Director Nester, Ex-Officio O'Toole, Ex-Officio Casavant, Ex-Officio Trott, Ex-Officio Aboukhater, Ex-Officio Henz

All were in favor and the motion passed.

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