

Council Members

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Bruce Huff

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Council Chambers
C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

February 24, 2026
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding

INVOCATION: Offered by Dallas Sims- Director of Victory Mission Columbus

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the February 10, 2026, Council Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

2. A Resolution authorizing a general operational audit of the Golf Course Authority by the Internal Auditor. *(Requested by Councilor Toyia Tucker, as Chair of the Auditor Committee)*

PRESENTATIONS:

3. Internal Audit of the Office of Crime Prevention – Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor and Compliance Office (ADD-ON)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

- 1. 2nd Reading-** An ordinance regulating the vehicular traffic in Columbus, Georgia, by amending City Code Section 20-8.1.1 **Through Streets Designated** by deleting "Averette drive" as an intersecting street with the through street of Preston Drive; by amending Columbus Code Section 20-8.1.2 **Multi-way Stops Designated** for the purpose of establishing a multi-way stop at the intersection of Preston Drive and Averett Drive; authorizing the installation of official traffic control devices indicating said stop intersections and repealing any conflicting ordinances and for other purposes. (Councilors Garrett and Crabb)

- 2. 1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:
 - 1) **2317 Forsyth Street** (Trevonte Johnson, Owner);
 - 2) **5 Patton Drive** (Edward Hickey, Owner);
 - 3) **3810 16th Avenue** (Virginia Royal, Owner);
 - 4) **1543 Floyd Road** (Marrina Jo Amerson, Owner);
 - 5) **222 21st Avenue** (W & D Ventures LLC, Owner);
 - 6) **3016 3rd Avenue** (Benjamin Hardy, Owner);
 - 7) **2801 Baldwin Street** (Taryn Daniel Araos, Owner);
 - 8) **1344 16th Street** (William Glenn Perkins, Owner);
 - 9) **928 Lawyers Lane** (Sammie T. Harvey & King Bernice Harvey, Owner); and
 - 10) **828 1st Avenue** (FF Asset Fund I, LLC, Owner) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

- 3. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance repealing various ordinances in order to abolish the Civic Center Advisory Board; and for other purposes. (Councilor Crabb)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Kayce Burdett, Re: Environmental and Community Impacts of Data Centers
2. Mr. David Gibbs, Re: Mismanagement
3. Mrs. Alyssa Nia Williams, Re: Public Agenda Process
4. Ms. Marietta W. Helms, Re: Requesting entitlement for property damage due to source / runoff water.
5. Mr. Max Burnett, Re: The proposed data center investment, "Project Ruby".
6. Mr. Troy Keller, Re: Moratorium on new data centers.
7. Ms. Patricia Stephens, Re: Economic Development
8. Ms. Pamela Moss, Re: Data Center
9. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: Data Center Coming to Columbus

10. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: Governance Standards and Enforcement Consistency

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Street Acceptance – James Way and that portion of Charleston Way

Approval is requested for the acceptance of James Way and that portion of Charleston Way located in Section Three, Charleston Place.

2. 2026 Legislative Agenda Items – Additional Proposed Items

Consideration is requested of the resolutions for the 2026 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly.

3. FY2027 Family Connection Grant

Approval is requested to continue to serve as fiscal agent and to submit an application and, if approved, accept a grant for \$52,500, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Human Services with no local match required. Approval is also requested to amend the Family Connection Partnership Fund (Fund 0985) by the amount of the award.

4. Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) Grant Request

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, funds made available to METRA by the State Fiscal Year 2026 (SFY26) Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) in the amount of \$298,215 to be used for the procurement and installation of up to forty-eight (48) 5G routers and up to forty-eight (48) Roof-mounted 5G antennas on METRA’s buses. These items are needed on each bus to run “tap-to-pay” features on METRA’s new “Fast Fare” fareboxes and to run a live view capability for METRA’s bus security cameras.

5. FY27 Sec. 5307 and Sec. 5339 Annual Grant Applications for Capital and Planning Assistance

Approval is requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funding from the Federal Transit Administration’s Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 Formula Grant Program for Capital and Planning Assistance in an amount up to \$2,696,849, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. Approval is also requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funds from the Federal Transit Administration’s Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5339 Formula Grant Program for Capital Assistance in an amount up to \$279,031 or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. Both grants require a 20% local match.

6. Juvenile Accountability Court State Grant Request

Approval is requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile and Family Treatment Courts up to \$500,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award. There is a 15% local match requirement, and the grant period is from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

7. Bureau of Justice Assistance - FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program Grant

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant to the Columbus Police Department from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the FY25 Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities, in the amount of \$150,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. This will be used to fund the AngelSense Program, which utilizes state-of-the-art proactive GPS monitoring and real-time mapping to track at risk individuals.

8. PURCHASES

- A. Dump Truck Rental (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0025
- B. Two (2) Ford Explorers for Information Technology Department- Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- C. Dragonfly Trail – Midtown Connector Phase I – RFB No. 26-0003
- D. Rifles And Accessories for the Sheriff’s Office – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- E. Declaration Of Surplus and Donation of Fareboxes
- F. Radio Equipment Replacement for Muscogee County Prison –Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

9. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. 8th Ave. Streetscapes Update - Scott Holmes, Principal, Architect, McMillan, Pazdan, Smith

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

- 1.** Resignation(s): James Barker, Dannell Mastream Marks, and Philip Badcock have submitted their resignations from the Airport Commission.
- 2.** Travel Authorization Request: Authorization is being requested for Councilor Bruce Huff to attend the 2026 ACCG Annual Conference during the month of April 2026.

3. Minutes of the following boards

457 Deferred Compensation Plan 02-05-26

Audit Committee Minutes 03-05-25, 07-07-25, 09-19-25, 01-08-26

Board of Elections and Registration 01-08-26

Board of Tax Assessor #04-26, 05-26

Board of Water Commissioners 01-12-26

Columbus Board of Health, 01-22-20, 04-22-20, 05-27-20, 06-24-20, 09-23-20, 10-28-20

Columbus Board of Health, 02-24-21, 08-25-21, 12-01-21

Columbus Board of Health, 01-26-22

Columbus Board of Health, 05-22-24, 08-28-24, 09-25-24, 10-23-24, 12-04-24

Columbus Board of Health, 05-28-25, 06-25-25

Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center Authority 01-23-25, 04-24-25, 09-25-25, 10-30-25, 11-20-25

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 01-12-26

Golf Authority 06-27-23

Hospital Authority of Columbus 01-27-26

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

3. MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant
Term Expires: March 1, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor’s Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2, except for Hockey Association President
Meetings:	Quarterly – 3rd Thursday (February, May, August & November)	
Women:	3	Senatorial District 15: 5
Vacancies:	3	Senatorial District 29: 4

B. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

Vacant
Term Expires: March 1, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 4 Year Term Limit: 2
Meetings: Monthly – 3rd Tuesday
Women: 6 Senatorial District 15: 5
Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 5

C. CONVENTION & VISITORS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (CVB):

Vacant
Restaurant / Retail Trade
Term Expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

**Mayor Henderson is nominating Hudson Terrell.*

(NOTE: The nominee confirmed on 10-14-2025 is unable to serve and was not sworn in.)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2
Meetings: Monthly – 3rd Wednesday
Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 4
Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 4

D. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Vacant
(Business Community)
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 4 Year Term Limit: n/a

Meetings: Monthly – 1st Wednesday
Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 9
Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 2

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** Alissa Neal was nominated to serve another term. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2029
- B. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Christopher Smith was nominated to serve another term. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: March 24, 2028
- C. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Olive Vidal-Kendall was nominated to serve another term. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: March 24, 2028
- D. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):** Mattie Hall was nominated to serve another term. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: March 1, 2030
- E. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION (PAC):** John R. Steed was nominated to serve another term. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2029

5. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. AIRPORT COMMISSION:

Vacant Waiting on Nominee
(Confirmed by Council)
Term Expires: December 31, 2028
****The Airport Commission has nominated Kevin Howard as recommended in Resolution No. 395-25, approved by Council on December 9, 2025.***

Vacant Waiting on Nominee
(Confirmed by Council)
Term Expires: December 31, 2029
****The Airport Commission has nominated Austin Gowar as recommended in Resolution No. 395-25, approved by Council on December 9, 2025.***

Vacant Waiting on Nominee
(Confirmed by Council)
Term Expires: December 31, 2026

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 5 Year Term Limit: n/a
Meetings: Monthly – 4th Wednesday
Women: 1 Senatorial District 15: 2
Vacancies: 3 Senatorial District 29: 0

B. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):

Vacant

Board of Realtors

Term Expires: January 31, 2026

**Waiting on potential nominee’s application.*

Waiting on Nominee
(Confirmed by Council)

Vacant

Columbus Homebuilders Association

Term Expires: January 31, 2028

Waiting on Nominee
(Confirmed by Council)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2
Meetings: Monthly – 2nd Monday
Women: 5 Senatorial District 15: 7
Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 2

6. COUNCIL DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 1 – Hickey)

Tracy Belt

Not Eligible

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 4 -Tucker)

Vacant
Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

John House
Eligible
Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 8 - Garrett)

Mike Welch
Eligible
Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 9 -Anker)

James Jordan
Eligible
Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 10 -Chambers)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year (Mayor Appts); 2 Year (Council Appts)	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Quarterly – 2nd Thursday (March, June, September & December)	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 7
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29: 3

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Paul T. Berry, III
Eligible
Term Expired: October 31, 2025
****Not interested in serving another term.***

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

Scott Taft
Not Eligible
Term Expired: October 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(District 9 – Anker)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3 rd Thursday	
Women:	3	Senatorial District 15: 4
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29: 3

7. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant
(Georgia Veterinary Technician)
Term Expires: October 15, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Animal Rescue Shelter Representative)
Term Expires: October 15, 2026
Recommendations are submitted by a licensed animal shelter.

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Note: The Animal Control Advisory Board is currently developing recommendations for Council's consideration regarding the board's composition.

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Semiannually	
Women:	7	Senatorial District 15: 3
Vacancies:	3	Senatorial District 29: 4

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:

Yasmine Cathright
Not Eligible
Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	5 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 4 th Wednesday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 0
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 5

C. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Open for Nominations

Vacant
Term Expires: March 24, 2027

(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit:	n/a
Meetings:	As needed.		
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15:	1
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29:	3

D. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant
Term Expired: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
Term Expired: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
Term Expired: August 14, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Civic Center Director Recommendation / Confirmed by Council)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	4 Year	Term Limit:	3
Meetings:	Bimonthly – 2nd Thursday (January, March, May, July, September & November)		
Women:	5	Senatorial District 15:	4
Vacancies:	4	Senatorial District 29:	4

E. NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD:

Judge David Ranieri
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expired: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	n/a
Meetings:	Monthly – 2nd Monday		
Women:	2	Senatorial District 15:	2
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29:	1

F. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Vacant
(Alternate Member 1)
Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Alternate Member 2)
Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Alternate Member 3)
Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Delano Leftwich
Not Eligible
(Alternate Member 4)
Term expired: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3rd Wednesday		
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15:	2
Vacancies:	4	Senatorial District 29:	4

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File Attachments for Item:

1. Approval of minutes for the February 10, 2026, Council Meeting.

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor
2960 Macon Road, Columbus, GA 31906

February 10, 2026
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors John Anker, Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, Byron Hickey, Bruce Huff and Toyia Tucker (via teleconference). Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

ABSENT: Councilor R. Walker Garrett was absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1)

MA#5: Columbus Consolidated Government Financial & Compliance Audit – June 30, 2025; (2)

MA#6: Columbus Police Department: Progress and Performance Update; (3) CA#7: Series 2026 Revenue Bonds Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) MA#5: FY25 Annual

Comprehensive Financial Report; (2) CA#7: Resolution of Columbus Water Works; (3) PA#5:

Government Trust and Government Follow-Through; (4) PA#10: ETAL Contact Portion of Heir Property

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding

INVOCATION: Offered by Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Henderson announced Councilor Toyia Tucker being in attendance virtually.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes for the January 27, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS

2. **Proclamation:** Arbor Day

Receiving: Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Allen read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Saturday, February 21, 2026, as *Arbor Day*, recognizing the City's longstanding Tree City USA designation and the 48th Anniversary Celebration to be held at Lake Bottom Park.

3. **Proclamation:** 211 Day

Receiving: Ben Moser, President & CEO of United Way, and Jennifer St John, Senior Vice President of Impact

Councilor Travis Chambers read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Wednesday, February 11, 2026, as *211 Day*, recognizing 211 of the Chattahoochee Valley for providing free, confidential, multilingual assistance connecting residents to essential community resources.

4. **Proclamation:** Brian Daniel Waters

Receiving: Family of Brian Daniel Waters

Councilor Charmaine Crabb read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Wednesday, January 28, 2026, as *Brian Daniel Waters Day*, honoring the life and legacy of Brian Daniel Waters, recognizing his dedicated service to Paws Humane, his creation of the Barks and Blues fundraiser, and his contributions to student broadcasting and the local music community.

PRESENTATIONS

5. FY25 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report – David Irwin, External Auditor, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Finance Director Angelica Alexander introduced David Irving of Mauldin & Jenkins, the City’s external independent auditors, to present the FY25 Financial and Compliance Audit. She also recognized Accounting Manager Sharita Wiggins for her leadership during what was her first audit cycle.

David Irwin, External Auditor, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC presented the FY25 financial and compliance audit, reporting that the City received a clean (unmodified) opinion with no audit findings, including unmodified opinions on required federal compliance reviews. He highlighted the City’s strong financial position, stable revenues and expenditures, and continued compliance with fund balance policies, noting the City also earned its 35th consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. While overall finances remain sound, he recommended periodic evaluation of certain enterprise funds, particularly waste management, to support long-term operational sustainability.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

- A request was made for an update on the Integrated Waste Fund to assess whether previously implemented corrective actions are effectively addressing the identified issues. Staff responded affirmatively. *(Councilor Crabb)*

6. 2025 Year-End Statistical Data & Accomplishments – Chief Stoney Mathis, Columbus Police Department

Chief Stoney Mathis, Columbus Police Department, addressed Council and highlighted recent recognitions received on behalf of the Columbus Police Department. He credited the men and women of the department for their dedication and frontline service, reporting reductions in crime, including historically low homicide numbers in 2025.

Deputy Chief Roderick Graham presented an overview of the Police Department’s recruiting, staffing, training, and community engagement efforts, highlighting significant improvements in sworn personnel vacancies. He also reported continued investments in training and leadership development, as well as reductions in major crime categories.

Assistant Chief Lance Deaton continued the presentation by highlighting proactive policing efforts. He reported that investigative clearance rates significantly exceeded national averages. He also cited strong clearance rates in robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, and motor vehicle theft cases.

Chief Stoney Mathis, Columbus Police Department reiterated the department's long-standing goal of reaching 400 sworn officers to sustain crime reduction efforts. He formally requested certification incentive pay for specialized roles, estimating an annual cost of approximately \$270,000. He also urged Council to consider future implementation of overtime compensation for officers called out for extended incidents.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE MAYOR:

- A request was made for a copy of the Police Department's presentation to be provided to Council.
(*Councilor Anker*)
- A request was made for an update on other law enforcement agencies and their current efforts.
(*Councilor Cogle*)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading- REZN-10-25-1931:** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2361 South Lumpkin Road** (parcel # 059-053-001) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Continued from 12-16-26) (Councilor Cogle) Councilor Cogle made a motion to deny the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.
2. **Ordinance (26-002) – 2nd Reading- REZN-11-25-2127:** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6213 and 6221 Macon Road** (parcel # 111-008-005) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb) Councilor Crabb made

a motion to add the following conditions: 1) There will be a buffer of 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs/ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet as specified by the City Arborist and a wood fence or masonry wall. 2) All lighting shall be directed internally and away from all residential housing, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

3. **Ordinance (26-003) – 2nd Reading:** REZN CUVA: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain portions of a district known as the Conversation Use Valuation Assessment, from RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning District to RE5 (Residential Estate 5) Zoning District. (Planning Department recommends approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilor Davis) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

4. **1st Reading:** REZN-11-25-2173: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3233 6th Avenue** (parcel # 014-018-028) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Continued on 1st Reading from 1-27-26.) (Councilor Garrett)

(Note: This item was withdrawn from the City Attorney's Agenda prior to consideration.)

5. **1st Reading-** REZN-12-25-2295: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4937 Macon Road** (parcel # 097-001-002) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) with conditions Zoning District. (Planning Department recommends approval with conditions. PAC recommends denial) (Councilor Hickey)

(Note: This item was withdrawn from the City Attorney's Agenda prior to consideration.)

6. **1st Reading-** An ordinance regulating the vehicular traffic in Columbus, Georgia, by amending City Code Section 20-8.1.1 **Through Streets Designated** by deleting "Averette drive" as an intersecting street with the through street of Preston Drive; by amending Columbus Code Section 20-8.1.2 **Multi-way Stops Designated** for the purpose of establishing a multi-way stop at the intersection of Preston Drive and Averett Drive; authorizing the installation of official traffic control devices indicating said stop intersections and repealing any conflicting ordinances and for other purposes. (Councilors Garrett and Crabb)

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge stated that the Director of Engineering provided information to Council regarding the requested four-way stop. She explained that installation of traffic control devices is governed by the national Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), and the intersection in question does not meet the required warrants for a four-way stop.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- *Sid Yarbrough* – Expressed concerns that increased traffic, speeding, and cut-through activity have created unsafe conditions for pedestrians and requested consideration of a traffic stop.

Engineering Director Vance Beck explained that four-way stops are typically reserved for high-traffic intersections, because drivers are less likely to comply in low-volume areas, and added that traffic counts at this location do not meet the national MUTCD criteria required to justify a four-way stop.

- *Ed Berry* – Expressed concerns about excessive speeding along creating unsafe conditions for pedestrians and neighborhood residents.

RESOLUTIONS

7. **Resolution (029-26):** A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia authorizing the issuance of Columbus, Georgia Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds, Series 2026, in accordance with the request of the Columbus, Georgia Board of Water Commissioners; to authorize the Mayor and other officials of Columbus to take such further actions as are necessary to provide for the sale, issuance, and delivery of the bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$140,000,000 for the purpose of financing or refinancing certain additions, extensions, and improvements to the water and sewerage system and refunding a portion of the Series 2014A and the Series 2016 Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds; and for other purposes. (Request of Columbus, Georgia Board of Water Commissioners) Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

Jeremy Cummings, Chief Executive Officer of Columbus Water Works presented a proposal to issue up to \$140 million in revenue bonds. He provided additional details on the proposed bond issue and referenced the previously presented capital plan. He stated his request is for Council to adopt a parameter bond resolution authorizing issuance of Series 2026 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds

Brian Huskey, Managing Director of Stifel Public Finance, explained that the proposed transaction includes both a 30-year “new money” bond and a 10-year refunding bond and provided a market update noting that long-term municipal bond rates have remained relatively stable amid broader economic uncertainty.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Vickie C. Stafford, Re: The Proposed Rezoning of 4937 Macon Road.
2. Mrs. Monica Luker, Re: A presentation of thanks and appreciation for all that the Mayor of Columbus and City Council Members do for our AMAZING Columbus!
3. Mr. Johnathan Cole, representing Cole’s Towing, Re: Vehicle Towing Services Contract.
4. Mr. Nakia Lee, representing Topic Salon, Re: Road construction and the impact on businesses.
Not Present
5. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy, Re: Public Trust and Government Follow-Through.
6. Mr. Timothy Veals, Re: Head Street Safety Concerns and Property Owner Responsibilities.
7. Mr. Val McGowan, Re: Buena Vista Road & Spider Web Project – Quality of work, materials, and oversight.

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin advised that the City cannot enter active construction zones to perform cleanup, but will notify the responsible contractor and follow up to ensure the area is properly addressed.

8. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Planning Department, Inspections, Demolitions, and Land for Sale. *Not Present*
9. Mrs. Robyn Burnett, representing New Bethel AME Church, Re: Hazardous walkway and a need for stop light similar to other cities in Georgia.

REFERRAL(S):**FOR THE ENGINEERING DIRECTOR:**

- A request was for Director Beck to conduct a site visit to evaluate the identified area. (*Councilor Cogle*)

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge advised that concerns regarding Victory Drive would be referred to GDOT, as it is a state route, and staff will evaluate potential pedestrian improvements in coordination with the South Lumpkin Road project and consult with GDOT. She agreed to conduct an on-site meeting with the church congregation to assess the concerns firsthand.

10. Mrs. Audrey Holston-Palmore, Re: ETAL Contact Portion of Heir Property
11. Reverend Mark Lawrence, representing Mount Olive Baptist Church, Fortson, Re: Moving forward without looking back.
12. Mr. John Scott, Re: Destruction of property in Windsor Park and Tanglewood.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**1. 2026 Legislative Agenda Items – Additional Proposed Items**

Approval is requested of the resolutions for the 2026 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly.

5 (1). MUSCOGEE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CLERK – SALARIES:

The Columbus Council requests that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation to amend the local act found at Georgia Laws 1984, page 4314. The requested amendment would provide that the salary of the Muscogee County Superior Court Clerk shall be no less than 80% of the state base salary of the superior court judges for the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit or any future judicial circuit that includes Muscogee County. Based upon the terms of office served by the Muscogee County Superior Court Clerk, longevity and cost of living increases shall be added to the salary of the clerk of said court under the same provisions and in the same manner as provided for longevity and cost of living increases pursuant to general law. The salary of the Chief Deputy Clerk appointed pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-6-59 shall be recommended by the Muscogee County

Superior Court Clerk and approved in the Clerk of Superior Court's Budget. In no event shall such Chief Deputy Clerk's salary be less than 65% of the base salary of the Muscogee County Superior Court Clerk, excluding any longevity or cost of living increases. (*Request of Councilor Toyia Tucker*)

(Note: This item was withdrawn at the request of the Clerk of Superior Court.)

2. Department of Accountability Courts – CACJ Annual Grant

Resolution (030-26) - A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to submit and if approved, accept a grant of \$650,000 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to fund the Superior Court Accountability Courts from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 with a 15% cash local match requirement and also authorizing Dr. Andrew Cox as the sole provider for evaluation and clinical services for the program for fiscal year 2026/2027 and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the award amount. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

3. Department of Accountability Courts – Jail Screening Expansion Grant

Resolution (031-26) - A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to submit and, if approved, accept a grant of \$169,720 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to fund the Superior Court Accountability Courts jail screening project from February 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the award amount. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

4. Project Life Saver- BJA FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities

Resolution (032-26) - A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and city regulations, if awarded, a grant of \$150,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, BJA FY25 the Kevin and Avonte program: reducing injury and death of missing individuals with dementia and developmental disabilities grant, and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded. Funds will be utilized to purchase tracking technology used to find vulnerable missing persons. It also funds

wandering prevention, intervention, and rescue programs. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

5. PURCHASES

- A. Paint (Interior/Exterior) and Accessories (Annual Contract) – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (033-26) - A resolution authorizing the purchase of Paint, Interior/Exterior and Accessories from Sherwin Williams (Atlanta, GA), for the annual estimated contract value of \$25,000.00. The purchases will be accomplished by Cooperative contract, via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000223-0002. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- B. Two (2) Ford Transit Vans for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (034-26) - A resolution to authorizing the purchase two (2) Ford Transit Vans for the Public Works Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) at a unit price of \$60,980.00 and a total cost of \$121,960.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State Contract #99999-001-SPD-SPD0000218-0001. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- C. Refurbishment of Solid Waste Grapple Truck for Public Works

Resolution (035-26) - A resolution authorizing payment to Environmental Products Group, (Atlanta, GA), in the amount of \$59,375.31, for the refurbishment of a 2017 Grapple Truck, Vehicle #19041. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- D. Declaration of Surplus and Donation of Police Bicycles

Resolution (036-26) - A resolution declaring three (3) police bicycles from the Police Department, as surplus, in accordance with section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; and further authorized to donate the bicycles to the Wavely Hall, Georgia Police Department. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

F. Electric Buses for Metra - Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (037-27) - A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 40 ft Electric Bus, in the amount of \$1,376,275.00, and two (2) 35 ft Electric Buses, in the amount of \$2,725,960.00 (2 @ \$1,362,980.00 each), from Gillig (Livermore, CA); the grand total purchase amount is \$4,102,235.00, plus any price increases due to manufacturer changes or freight charges. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via the Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Contract #06719-01. Additionally, approval is requested to execute the cooperative purchasing agreement required by the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

G. Amendment – Alcohol Management Services for Columbus Civic Center Locations
(Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0005

Resolution (038-26) - A resolution authorizing the amendment of Resolution No. 181-25, which authorized the execution of a contract with Ovations Food Services, L.P. d/b/a OVG Hospitality (Philadelphia, PA) to provide Alcohol Management Services for Columbus Civic Center Locations. Further, this amendment specifically identifies that the award recommendation of the Evaluation Committee was based on Option 2 of the vendor's Financial Proposal. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

E. Drone System with Associated Software/Equipment and Installation for the Sheriff's Office

Resolution (039-26) - A resolution authorizing payment to Airworx Unmanned Solutions (Greenville, SC) in the amount of \$154,832.38 for the purchase of a Drone system with associated software/equipment and installation services for the Sheriff's Office. Further, the Mayor and/or his

designee is hereby authorized to render payment for the annual software license fee which will be budgeted in subsequent fiscal years. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

In response to questions raised by Councilor Anker, **Finance Director Alexander** clarified that the purchase was not included in the adopted budget and is being funded through school zone camera revenue, which is restricted for public safety purposes

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made for an update on the safety, maintenance, and possible sandblasting and repainting of the playground equipment on Old Dominion Road. (*Councilor Crabb*)
- A request to address missing or non-existent lane striping at the angled intersection on Norris Road at University Avenue. (*Councilor Crabb*)
- A request to verify the status and quality of the asphalt work, on I-185/Old Cusseta Road Project. (*Councilor Huff*)

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. **Memo:** Progress Update on Compliance with Board and Commission Minute Submissions.
2. **Minutes of the following boards:**

457 Deferred Compensation Board 01-18-24

457 Deferred Compensation Board 11-06-25

Airport Commission 06-08-20, 06-24-20, 07-10-20, 08-10-20, 08-26-20 & 09-23-20

Airport Commission 04-28-21, 05-26-21, 07-28-21, 08-25-21 & 09-22-21

Airport Commission 09-27-23

Airport Commission 01-22-25, 06-25-25, 07-23-25, 10-19-25, 11-19-25 & 12-07-25

Airport Commission 01-08-26

Animal Control Advisory Board 01-28-26

Board of Family and Children Services 11-19-20

Board of Family and Children Services 02-18-21

Board of Family and Children Services 04-??-23, 05-??-23 & 06-15-23

Board of Family and Children Services 12-??-24

Board of Family and Children Services 07-23-25 & 11-29-25

Board of Family and Children Services 01-21-26

Board of Tax Assessors #02-26 & 03-26

Board of Zoning 05-07-25, 06-04-25, 07-09-25 & 09-03-25

Civic Center Advisory Board 06-13-24, 08-15-24 & 11-21-24

Civic Center Advisory Board 02-20-25 & 08-21-25

Columbus Convention and Visitor Board (CVB) 02-19-25, 03-19-25, 09-17-25 & 11-19-25

Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) 10-08-20

Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) 09-09-21

Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) 03-17-22 & 12-08-22

Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) 06-13-24

Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) 09-11-25 & 12-11-25

Golf Course Authority 01-28-20, 02-25-20 & 10-27-20

Golf Course Authority 02-23-21, 03-23-21, 04-27-21, 05-25-21 & 09-28-21

Golf Course Authority 02-21-22, 03-22-22, 05-24-22, 07-26-22, 08-23-22, 10-25-22 & 11-22-22

Golf Course Authority 01-24-23, 04-25-23, 08-23-23 & 10-24-23

Golf Course Authority 01-19-24

Golf Course Authority 06-17-25, 07-22-25, 08-21-25 & 10-28-25

Golf Course Authority 01-06-26

Hospital Authority of Columbus, 10-28-25

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.)*

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

Resolution (040-26) - A resolution excusing the absence of Councilor Walker Garrett from the February 10, 2026, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.)*

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

3. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the vacant seat with a term expiring on March 1, 2026, on the Civic Center Advisory Board. *(Mayor's Appointment)*. There were none.

B. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

A nominee for the vacant seat with a term expiring on March 1, 2026, on Commission on International Relations and Cultural Liaison Encounters. *(Mayor's Appointment)*. There were none.

C. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

A nominee for a vacant seat with a term that expires on June 30, 2026, as a representative of the Business Community on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):** Fran Poole Carpenter was nominated to serve another term on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (BHAR). (*Councilor Cogle's nominee*) Term expires: January 31, 2029. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.
- B. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):** Shea E. Spencer was nominated to serve another term on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (BHAR). (*Councilor Cogle's nominee*) Term expires: January 31, 2029. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.
- C. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Monika Brown was nominated to fill a vacant seat on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: August 14, 2029. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- Request for a GDOT update on all current projects, specifically including the status of the diverging diamond project. (*Councilor Cogle*)

5. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Emily Flournoy (*Not Eligible*) with a term expiring on January 31, 2026, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*) Clerk of Council McLemore announced that Alan Udy has been recommended to succeed Emily Flournoy on the Historic & Architectural Review Board. Councilor Davis made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor

Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Board of Realtors Representative*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2026, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Columbus Home Builders Association Representative*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2028, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

6. COUNCIL DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Jacob T. Greer (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 5 Representative with a term expiring on March 1, 2026, on the Civic Center Advisory Board. (*District 5 – Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Jennifer Teague (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 6 Representative with a term expiring on March 1, 2026, on the Civic Center Advisory Board. (*District 6 – Allen*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 9 Representative with a term expiring on March 1, 2026, on the Civic Center Advisory Board. (*District 9 – Anker*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Katie Bishop (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 10 Representative with a term expiring on March 1, 2026, on the Civic Center Advisory Board. (*District 10 – Chambers*). There were none.

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin advised that at the recent Sports and Entertainment Authority meeting, a vote was taken to dissolve the Civic Center Advisory Board.

Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore stated for the record that because the Civic Center Advisory Board was created by ordinance, it must be formally dissolved through official action and proper documentation.

City Attorney Clifton Fay confirmed there was no issue moving forward and stated that a first reading to dissolve the board could be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 1 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 1 – Hickey*).

A nominee for the seat of Paul A. Wildes (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 2 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 2 – Davis*). Councilor Davis made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Xavier M. McCaskey (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 3 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 3 – Huff*). Councilor Huff renominated Xavier M. McCaskey to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Tracy Belt (*Not Eligible*) the District 4 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 4 – Tucker*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 5 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 5 – Crabb*).

A nominee for the seat of Shannon Rowe (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 6 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 6 – Allen*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen renominated Shannon Rowe to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Brandy Tolbert (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 7 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 7 – Cogle*). Councilor Cogle renominated Brandy Tolber to serve another term. Councilor Cogle made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of John House (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 8 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 8 – Garrett*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Mike Welch (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 9 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 9 – Anker*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of James Jordan (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 10 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 10 – Chambers*). There were none.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Paul T. Berry, III (*Not interested in serving another term*) for a term that expired on October 31, 2025, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 5 – Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Scott Taft (*Not Eligible*) for a term that expired on October 31, 2025, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 9 – Anker*). There were none.

7. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the vacant seat of the Georgia Veterinary Technician with a term expiring on October 15, 2026, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the Animal Rescue Shelter Representative with a term expiring on October 15, 2026, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:

A nominee for the seat of Yasmine Cathright (*Not Eligible*) with the term expiring on December 31, 2025, on the Board of Health (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of John House (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 8 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 8 – Garrett*). There were none.

C. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

A nominee for the seat of Alissa Neal (*Eligible for reappointment*) with a term expiring on March 31, 2026, on the Board of Zoning Appeal (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Alissa Neal to serve another term on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

D. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Christopher Smith (*Eligible for reappointment*) with a term expiring on March 24, 2026, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Christopher Smith to serve another term on the Building Authority of Columbus.

A nominee for the seat of Olive Vidal-Kendall (*Eligible for reappointment*) with a term expiring on March 24, 2026, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Olive Vidal-Kendall to serve another term on the Building Authority of Columbus.

A nominee for a vacant seat for *a* term that expires on March 24, 2026, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

E. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

A nominee for the seat of Mattie Hall (*Eligible for reappointment*) with a term expiring on March 1, 2026, on the Commission on International Relations and Cultural Liaison Encounters (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Mattie Hall to serve another term on the Commission on International Relations and Cultural Liaison Encounters.

F. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat for *a* term that expired on August 14, 2025, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff nominated Monica Brown to fill the vacant seat on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board.

A nominee for a vacant seat for *a* term that expires on August 14, 2026, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat for *a* term that expires on August 14, 2027, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Civic Center Director Recommendation / Confirmed by Council*). There were none.

G. NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Judge David Ranieri (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2025, on the New Horizons Behavioral Health – Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities – Community Service Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

H. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Alternate Member 1*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Alternate Member 2*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Alternate Member 3*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Delano Leftwich (*Not Eligible – Alternate Member 4*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2025, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

I. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION (PAC):

A nominee for the seat of John R. Steed (*Eligible for reappointment*) with a term expiring on March 31, 2026, on the Planning Advisory Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen renominated John R. Steed to serve another term on the Planning Advisory Commission.

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

10. Mrs. Audrey Holston-Palmore, Re: ETAL Contact Portion of Heir Property

(NOTE: Councilor Cogle left the meeting at 1:01 p.m.)

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Skip Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the February 10, 2026, Regular Council

Meeting, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting, with the time being 1:02 p.m.

Lindsey G. McLemore
Clerk of Council
Council of Columbus, Georgia

File Attachments for Item:

2. A Resolution authorizing a general operational audit of the Golf Course Authority by the Internal Auditor. *(Requested by Councilor Toyia Tucker, as Chair of the Auditor Committee)*

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

WHEREAS, Councilor Toyia Tucker, as Chair of the Auditor Committee, has requested a general operational audit of the Golf Course Authority by the Internal Auditor.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

We hereby confirm and approve the conduct of the audit listed above by the Internal Auditor. Reports shall be submitted upon completion as required by ordinance.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, held on the 24th of February 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote _____ members of Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Hickey voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

3. ADD-ON: Internal Audit of the Office of Crime Prevention – Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor and Compliance Office



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Item #3.

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AUDIT OF OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION FEBRUARY 24, 2026

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AUDIT AUTHORIZATION

An audit of the Office of Crime Prevention was requested and authorized by City Council on September 16, 2025.

MISSION/VISION/VALUES

The Office of Crime Prevention is committed to enhancing the lives of the residents of Muscogee County through grant-funded programming provided by non-profit organizations and agencies throughout the county. With a focus on community crime prevention, the Office strives to create a healthier community and enhance life for all our citizens. The department operates through collaboration, education, citizen programming and advocacy to preserve safe environments and communities for the citizens of Columbus. It's hoped that Columbus, as a safe and crime-free city, would set an example for other cities. The success of the Office of Crime Prevention is fueled by citizen support and integration. Crime Prevention focuses on 5 key components- Recreation, Education, Drug & Alcohol Intervention, Employment and Community Policing. Many supported initiatives have been launched at the grass-roots level. The Office of Crime Prevention works closely with the 7-member Crime Prevention Board. The Board carefully evaluates annual funding applications for funding, and awards funding each year, applying consistent actions & vision. Board members are thorough in their evaluations, distributing funds to established, institutional programs as well as newly launched grass-roots programs.

The Crime Prevention Board is led by Chairman Danny Arencibia and includes Erika N. Cottingham, Sgt. Angela Florence, Dr. Michael Forte', Richard J. Kelly, Ralph King and Rocky R. Marsh.

AUDIT SCOPE

The scope of the audit included a brief budget review, as the department currently has one employee, our Director. The scope was focused on our funded non-profit organizations, with a review of each application record, You Tube presentations, and a review of related IRS Form

990 filings, confirming program compliance. Field visits also provided insight into community impact.

GENERAL AUDIT PROCESS

The audit process began on October 8, 2025, with the Internal Audit Team reviewing online program material, along with an initial office site visit with Internal Auditor Donna McGinnis and Director Seth Brown. During the initial office visit, we addressed access to the application portal, review of Form 990s, programming growth over the years as well as challenges in the process and hopes for future growth. Fieldwork began on October 8, 2025, and concluded on February 4, 2026.

On November 26, 2025, Internal Auditor Donna McGinnis interviewed Crime Prevention Board Chairman Danny Arencibia, discussing his experience with the programming, challenges encountered, accomplishments achieved and hopes for future program development.

On December 5, 2025, Forensic Auditors Jonathan Smith, Benjamin Meadow and Grant Conaway were in the Crime Prevention Office confirming paper program file records with Director Brown.

On December 9, 2025, Internal Auditor Donna McGinnis interviewed Crime Prevention Board Member Dr. Rocky Marsh. During the interview we focused on programming and its related challenges as well as opportunities to broaden the impact of programming.

On December 31, 2025, Internal Audit received the Department's Strategic Plan for our review, which led to additional SWOT focused discussion in the Internal Auditor's Office with Director Brown on January 2, 2026.

On January 6, 2026, Director Brown shared a list of recommended sites for field auditor visits so that we could witness program dollars in action. The recommended programs were: Overflo, A Second Chance W O R K S, Columbus Technical College and Voices of the Valley Children's Chorus (VOV). Each Internal Audit team member visited a site. Observations from each visit are summarized below:

Voices of the Valley Children's Chorus (VOV)

On January 12, 2026, Internal Auditor Donna McGinnis visited with Dr. Michelle Folta of Columbus State University's Schwob School of Music. Dr. Folta directs the Chorus. The Chorus is established as a 501 C (3) non-profit organization that provides the children of the

Chattahoochee Valley with excellent choral training and performance opportunities. The organization has an active Board of Directors, and our Internal Auditor had an opportunity to meet Board Director Sally Baker.

Our Internal Auditor has viewed several taped performances but also visited rehearsal that day at the CSU Downtown Campus at 900 Broadway. It was a wonderful opportunity to visit with participating children, reading choral sheet music with them for a few hours. This program is certainly making an impact and growing with the development of a South Campus. Our Internal Auditor agrees with Dr. Folta that VOV promotes community engagement and developing musicians are learning accountability while becoming life-learners of music. Our Internal Auditor grew up in Chorus, Band & Orchestra activities so it was a real delight to share a rehearsal with the young participants. Over the years, Voices of the Valley have performed across the community and the state, as well as a performance at the American Choral Directors Southern Division Conference in 2022 in Raleigh, North Carolina. They have also traveled internationally, traveling to England in 2018, and to Italy in 2024 where they performed at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. This year, VOV is looking forward to a performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Columbus Technical College

On January 14, 2026, Forensic Auditor Jonathan Smith visited with Mr. James Loyd at the Columbus Tech Transport Blvd. location for a meeting relating to crime prevention grants that Columbus Tech receives. Columbus Tech works with inmates in different trade fields (HVAC, welding, plumbing, electrical) to teach them skills and get them real world certifications that they can then use to get jobs once released from prison.

Mr. Loyd showed Forensic Auditor Smith around the building, which included different classrooms that they use for the learning sections, and then led the tour to the area where the prisoners completed hands-on jobs. It was evident that Mr. Loyd as well as the instructors of these courses love what they do, and it was evident that the inmates respect and listen to the instructors as these certifications will help them once released. Forensic Auditor Smith, along with Mr. Loyd believes that this program is a vital part of crime prevention as having a stable job/employment helps reduce re-conviction among ex-prisoners. During further discussion with Mr. Loyd, it was made clear that he would love to to keep track, maintaining statistics relating to graduates of their program compared with re-conviction rates, but it is very difficult to track people once they leave the prison system. Our Forensic Auditor asked Mr. Loyd if there was anything that would additionally benefit their program and it's operation, and he cited a need for assistance with statistical tracking. It is difficult to work with the U.S. Department of Labor to get some of these statistics. While

Forensic Auditor Smith's visit was a few hours, he saw the potential that these courses have in preventing crime through reducing re-conviction rates.

Overflo

On January 23, 2026, Forensic Auditor Benjamin Meadow arrived on-site and was warmly greeted by Ms. Catasha Riley, who introduced him to several members of the program's board, along with multiple at-risk youths. She shared that the young members attend weekly workshops which are hosted every Saturday. Any of the children are welcome to spend time at the salon after school and are provided with transportation if needed. Our Forensic Auditor was walked through a sound physical application process, sharing evidence and photos of their outreach wherein they frequent schools in districts in "rough areas" with elevated crime. Throughout the salon there were rooms featuring crafts completed by the youth. Five children were observed working through tasks upon finishing their homework. Some children assisted with shop chores such as sweeping up and throwing out hair, while others worked through personal projects of their choice. One young gentleman displayed furniture for the Forensic Auditor, as he was in the process of sanding and finishing the furniture. It's the opinion of Forensic Auditor Meadow that time spent in the program seems engaging and productive for the youth. It is effective in providing a safe alternative to hanging around potentially dangerous neighborhoods while being surrounded by positive influences. There are some space constraints that may lead the board to consider relocating their headquarters, if possible, to provide additional space to accommodate more youth after school.

A Second Chance W.O.R.K.S

Forensic Auditor Grant Conaway met with the head of the program, Dr. Charles Flowers, on February 2, 2026, to better understand how funds are being used and how the program operates. The program is designed to provide students with an opportunity to take accountability for their actions and work toward redemption, and its home-like setting helps create a safe, welcoming environment for both students and parents. Parents are required to participate in seminars and meetings alongside their children, reinforcing the lessons at home and ensuring accountability.

The organization also offers mentorship for youth who may need distance from unhealthy home environments, further supporting their overall well-being.

Following the initial visit, on February 4, 2026, Grant attended several school-based sessions and met with multiple staff members, all of whom were compassionate and clearly committed to their roles. I observed sessions with both girls and boys, where presenters used discussions, scenarios, and visual aids to reinforce key messages and build strong relationships with students.

Grant also attended a one-on-one parent session involving a child who had received disciplinary action. Through guided exercises, the presenter helped the student understand the impact of his behavior on others, resulting in noticeable reflection and growth. Overall, everything he observed appeared intentional, thoughtful, and genuinely focused on the betterment of youth within the school system.

AUDIT FINDINGS

- It was learned that the Crime Prevention Director actively manages liability re: community program funding by distributing funds to awarded organizations monthly throughout the year. If necessary, there is the ability to suspend distribution.
- Additionally, the Director is active across the community in Risk Management and organizes neighborhood meetings that involve collaboration with law enforcement, special enforcement and Inspections & Codes officials, coordinates teams re: developing areas of concern such as Bay Ave. and is exploring a potential partnership with the Sports Council.
- Program funding is provided to both institutional non-profit organizations as well as smaller “grassroots” organizations.
- There is a deliberate effort made by the Director and the Board to reduce the level of awarded funding to an organization after several years of funding, to inspire and support the development of new additional “grass roots” programming initiatives.
- Both the Board members and the Crime Prevention Director encounter a great deal of community pressure and scrutiny re: award decisions that are made annually. Unlike other CCG spending decisions, these dollars have become quite politicized. Decisions are criticized because a friend may have received too little or too much.
- The Crime Prevention website has developed over time, and currently includes You Tube presentations from recipient organizations as well as a link to recent application materials.
- The program funding supports several silos of community care- programming for at-risk youth in athletics or music, prison to workforce tech or GED oriented training,

assistance for families in need, and programming to support recovery for the victims of domestic violence.

- The Crime Prevention Program has not previously successfully developed access to crime statistics, or related impact statistics. Such access can involve hurdles re: the disclosure of relevant data.
- The Crime Prevention Director also provides assistance and tutoring to young “grass roots” organization, seeking to position them for success when reviewed and evaluated by the Crime Prevention Board.

AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

- As programming messaging is challenged, a re-design of the department's website is recommended. It's suggested that the website spotlight the silos of community care, with recent recipients identified by silo. YouTube presentations are still meaningful, along with access to recently filed, reviewed and awarded application support.
- It is recommended that program criteria be revised to provide one level of potential annual funding opportunity for larger, developed, institutional programs with a lower tier of proposed annual funding for young “grass roots” organizations.
- It's recommended that the Crime Prevention Director work in collaboration with the Columbus Police Department on the development and distribution of a quarterly Flash Impact Statistical Report, with an initial release on June 30, 2026. The released reports should be posted on the departmental website, addressing any transparency concerns that the community may have. Data sources will need to be developed as there are some known challenges re: the public release of some data. As an example, local school districts may need parental waivers. Data would ideally be compiled at the zip code level, with age-based demographic categories.
- It's recommended that an Administrative Assistant be added to the FY27 Budget as the Crime Prevention Program has grown dramatically in recent years, with a 400% increase in program funding and a 600% increase in applicants.

Auditee Response

Director McGinnis,

I recently reviewed the report and want to express my appreciation for the hard work you and your team dedicated to it. We plan to implement the recommendations over the course of this year. Moreover, I propose that we repeat this process in the future to monitor our progress. I firmly believe that regular audits are essential for our growth and future projects.

Thank you once again.

Seth Brown
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Mayors Executive Staff
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Operational
Audit of the
Crime Prevention
Department
Office
February 24, 2026

Presented by: Donna L.
McGinnis, CPA, CFE
Internal Auditor/Compliance
Officer, Jonathan Smith,
Benjamin Meadow & Grant
Conaway, Forensic Auditors

2 Audit Authorization

The audit was authorized by City Council on September 16, 2025.

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Audit Process

Authorization of Audit

Development of Audit Program

Entrance Conference With Auditee

Conduct of Fieldwork

4

Audit Process (Continued)



5

Audit Scope

Budget Review.

Review of website presentations and linked application records.

Review of IRS 990 filings , confirming program compliance.

Program field visits, observing impact.



Program awards are distributed monthly, managing liability.



The Crime Prevention Director is active in the community, organizing neighborhood meetings, partnerships and response teams as needed.



Program funding is provided to both institutional non-profit organizations as well as smaller "grassroots".



Program awards are managed annually, providing smaller awards in successive years to allow for funding for new 'grassroots' programming.



The Crime Prevention Director and the Crime Prevention Board members encounter a great deal of community pressure and scrutiny re: award decisions that are made annually.



The Crime Prevention website has developed over time, and currently includes YouTube presentations from recipient organizations as well as a link to recent application materials.



Program funding supports several silos of community care: at-risk youth activities, prison to workforce programming, assistance for families in need and recovery support for domestic violence victims.



The Crime Prevention has not previously successfully developed access to crime or impact statistics. Such access can involve hurdles re: the disclosure of relevant data.



The Crime Prevention Director also provides assistance and tutoring to young “grass roots” organizations, seeking to position them for success in the Board review & approval process.



Recommend re-design of the department's website with a focus on the community silos of care, with recent recipients identified by silo. You Tube material and application records should still be displayed.



Recommend revising program criteria, providing one level of potential annual funding for developed institutional programs, with a lower tier of proposed annual funding for young "grass roots" organizations.



Recommend collaboration between Crime Prevention and the Columbus Police Department re: the development and distribution of a quarterly Flash Impact Statistical Report, with an initial release on June 30, 2026.



Recommend the addition of an Administrative Assistant for Crime Prevention as the program has seen a 400% increase in program funding, and a 600% increase in applicants in recent years.

Voices of the Valley Visit



11 Questions

Are there any questions from City Council or Executive Management regarding this report?

File Attachments for Item:

1. 2nd Reading- An ordinance regulating the vehicular traffic in Columbus, Georgia, by amending City Code Section 20-8.1.1 **Through Streets Designated** by deleting "Averette drive" as an intersecting street with the through street of Preston Drive; by amending Columbus Code Section 20-8.1.2 **Multi-way Stops Designated** for the purpose of establishing a multi-way stop at the intersection of Preston Drive and Averett Drive; authorizing the installation of official traffic control devices indicating said stop intersections and repealing any conflicting ordinances and for other purposes. (Councilors Garrett and Crabb)

**ORDINANCE
NO. _____**

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IN COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, BY AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 20-8.1.1 THROUGH STREETS DESIGNATED BY DELETING "AVERETTE DRIVE" AS AN INTERSECTING STREET WITH THE THROUGH STREET OF PRESTON DRIVE; BY AMENDING COLUMBUS CODE SECTION 20-8.1.2 MULTI-WAY STOPS DESIGNATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A MULTI-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF PRESTON DRIVE AND AVERETT DRIVE; AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES INDICATING SAID STOP INTERSECTIONS AND REPEALING ANY CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

That the City Code Section 20-8.1.1, Through Streets Designated be amended by deleting "Averette Drive" as an intersecting street with the thru street of Preston Drive.

SECTION 2.

That the City Code Section 20-8.1.2, Multi-way Stop Designated be amended by establishing Preston Drive and Averett Drive as a Multi-way Stop intersection for all approaches.

SECTION 3.

That the official traffic control signs indicating said Stop conditions shall be installed for the intersections as described herewith in Section 2.

SECTION 4.

That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 10th day of February 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
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- Councilor Hickey voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G Mclemore
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

2. 1st Reading- An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:

1)

2317 Forsyth Street (Trevonte Johnson, Owner); 2) **5 Patton Drive** (Edward Hickey, Owner); 3) **3810 16th Avenue** (Virginia Royal, Owner); 4) **1543 Floyd Road** (Marrina Jo Amerson, Owner); 5) **222 21st Avenue** (W & D Ventures LLC, Owner); 6) **3016 3rd Avenue** (Benjamin Hardy, Owner); 7) **2801 Baldwin Street** (Taryn Daniel Araos, Owner); 8) **1344 16th Street** (William Glenn Perkins, Owner); 9) **928 Lawyers Lane** (Sammie T. Harvey & King Bernice Harvey, Owner); and 10) **828 1st Avenue** (FF Asset Fund I, LLC, Owner) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:

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and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet.

WHEREAS, Section 8-81 through 8-90 of the Columbus Code specifies the procedure and requirements for removal of buildings unsafe or unfit for human habitation;

WHEREAS, these provisions and requirements have been and are fully complied with on the properties listed below;

WHEREAS, administrative implementation instructions pertaining to this Ordinance are on file in the Finance Department, Accounting Division, the Inspections and Code Department, the Clerk of Council's Office, and the City Manager's Office;

WHEREAS, W.T. Miller is the contractor for the demolition of all structures located at:

- 1) **2317 Forsyth Street** (Trevonte Johnson, Owner)
- 2) **5 Patton Drive** (Edward Hickey, Owner)
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in the total amount of **\$142,091.78** for demolition services; and

WHEREAS, funds are budgeted in the FY26 Budget, in the General Fund (0101-240-2200-6381).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

After adoption and approval of this Ordinance and compliance with such required procedures, including the notices and hearings set forth, the demolition of the structures listed above, and for total costs listed above, in accordance with Sections 8-81 through 8-90 of the Columbus Code, is hereby authorized.

SECTION 2.

After validation by signature of duly appointed officials, the City's Chief Accountant shall cause the assessments to be entered in the Demolition Lien Book located in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court.

SECTION 3.

A copy of this Ordinance shall be mailed to each property owner immediately after entry with a noted date, page, and line number of the Demolition Lien Book.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 24th day of February 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said council held on the 10th day of March 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmation vote of ___ members of Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
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Lindsey G Mclemore
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor

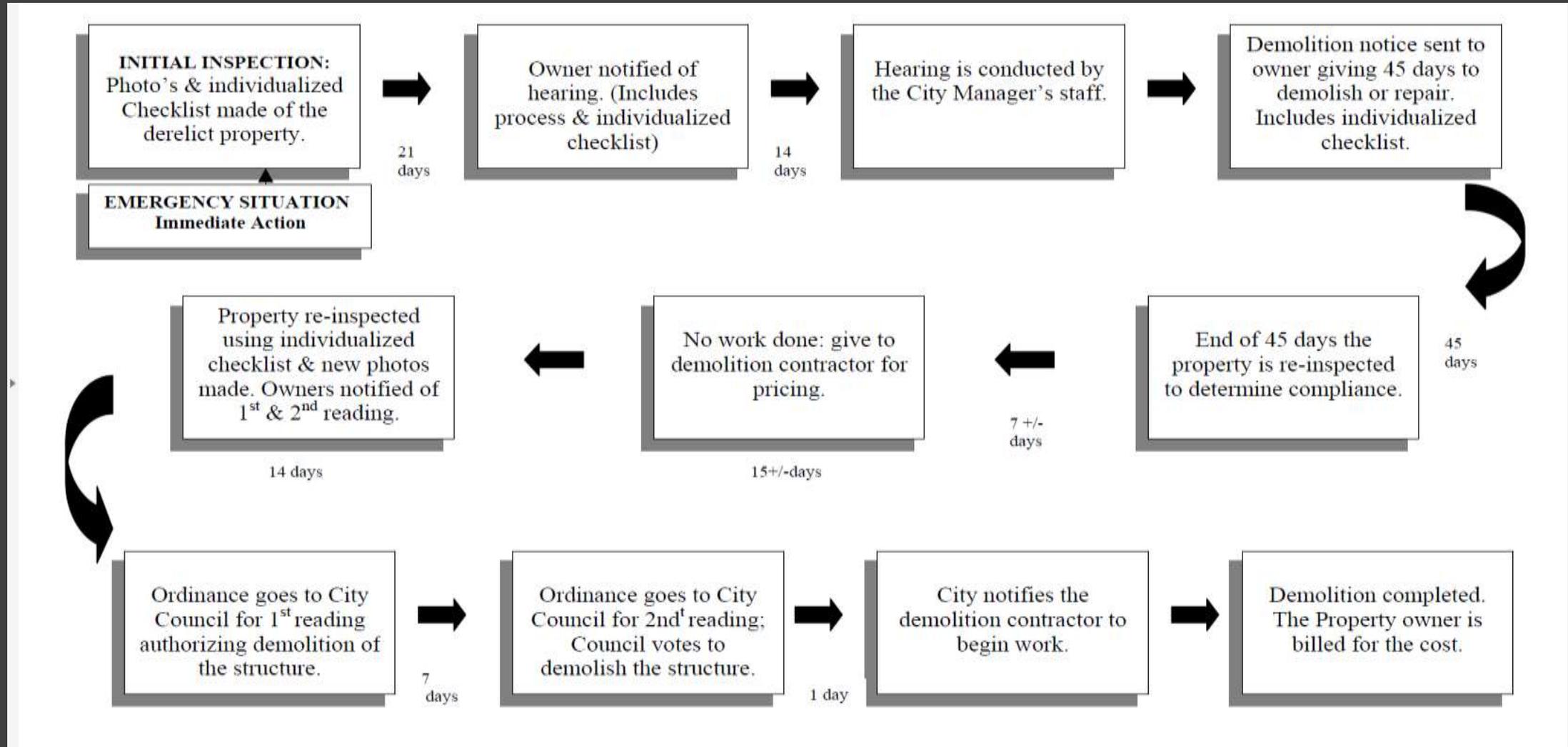
February 2026 Demolition Bid Tabulation Sheet	
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2) 5 Patton Drive (Edward Hickey, Owner)	\$6,378.52
3) 3810 16th Avenue (Virginia Royal, Owner)	\$24,905.42
4) 1543 Floyd Road (Marrina Jo Amerson, Owner)	\$14,576.04
5) 222 21st Avenue (W & D Ventures LLC, Owner)	\$9,342.00
6) 3016 3rd Avenue (Benjamin Hardy, Owner)	\$10,251.54
7) 2801 Baldwin Street (Taryn Daniel Araos, Owner)	\$10,805.16
8) 1344 16th Street (William Glenn Perkins, Owner)	\$16,216.12
9) 928 Lawyers Lane (Sammie T. Harvey & King Bernice Harvey, Owner)	\$30,948.20
10) 828 1st Avenue (FF Asset Fund I, LLC, Owner)	\$11,948.24
Total	\$142,091.78



INSPECTIONS & CODE DEPARTMENT

Demolition Properties

Demolition Process



Tabulation Bid Sheet – WT Miller February 2026

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Proposed
Properties to
be Demolished

2317 Forsyth Street (Trevonte Johnson, Owner)



Property has delinquent taxes for 2023, 2024, and 2025.

5 Patton Drive (Edward Hickey, Owner)



Property has delinquent taxes for 2025.

3810 16th Avenue (Virginia Royal, Owner)



Property has no delinquent taxes.

1543 Floyd Road (Marrina Jo Amerson, Owner)



Property has delinquent taxes for 2024 and 2025.

222 21st Avenue (W & D Ventures LLC, Owner)



Property has delinquent taxes for 2016-2025.

3016 3rd Avenue (Benjamin Hardy, Owner)



Property has delinquent taxes for 2021-2025.

2801 Baldwin Street (Taryn Daniel Araos, Owner)



Property has delinquent taxes for 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

1344 16th Street (William Glenn Perkins, Owner)

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Property has delinquent taxes for 2024 and 2025.

928 Lawyers Lane (Sammie T. Harvey & King Bernice Harvey, Owner)



Property has delinquent taxes for 2023, 2024, and 2025.

828 1st Avenue (FF Asset Fund I, LLC, Owner)



Property has delinquent taxes for 2025.



INSPECTIONS & CODE DEPARTMENT

Questions?

File Attachments for Item:

3. 1st Reading- An Ordinance repealing various ordinances in order to abolish the Civic Center Advisory Board; and for other purposes. (Councilor Crabb)

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An Ordinance repealing various ordinances to abolish the Civic Center Advisory Board; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

This Council hereby determines that any functions previously carried out by the Civic Center Advisory Board now fall within the jurisdiction of the Columbus Sports and Entertainment Authority which was created by Ordinance No. 25-011, to be codified as Article XXXIII of the Columbus Code.

Section 2.

Ordinance Nos. 01-077, 11-061, 12-012, and 20-037, which pertain to the creation of and membership on the Civic Center Advisory Board, are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 3.

All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance shall be repealed.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 24th day of February 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
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- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G Mclemore
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

1. Street Acceptance – James Way and that portion of Charleston Way

Approval is requested for the acceptance of James Way and that portion of Charleston Way located in Section Three, Charleston Place.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #1.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Street Acceptance – James Way and that portion of Charleston Way
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the acceptance of James Way and that portion of Charleston Way located in Section Three, Charleston Place.
INITIATED BY:	Engineering Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the acceptance of James Way and that portion of Charleston Way located in Section Three, Charleston Place.

Background. James Way and that portion of Charleston Way located in Section Three, Charleston Place has (40) Forty residential lots. The streets have been improved and meet the required specifications for acceptance by the City.

Analysis: A deed has been tendered to the City for “All of James Way and that portion of Charleston Way both lying in part of Land Lots 17 & 48, 18th District and Land lot 266, 19th District, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia”. The above described roads and rights-of-way are shown on the map or plat entitled “Section Three Charleston Place, Part of Land Lot 17 & 48, 18th District and Land Lot 266, 19th District, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia,” dated April 16, 2021 made by Hobbs Smith & Assoc., Inc., and recorded in Plat Book 137, Page 239, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia.

Financial Considerations: No City funds are involved until maintenance is assumed after the two-year warranty.

Legal Considerations: In accordance with Section 18-3 of the Columbus Code, all dedicated right-of-way must be accepted by Council.

Recommendation/Action: Approve the acceptance of James Way and that portion of Charleston Way located in Section Three, Charleston Place.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO JAMES WAY AND THAT PORTION OF CHARLESTON WAY LOCATED IN SECTION THREE, CHARLESTON PLACE, ON BEHALF OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.

WHEREAS, Columbus, Georgia, has been submitted a deed to James Way and that portion of Charleston Way located in Section Three, Charleston Place, a full description of property on said deed; and,

WHEREAS, said streets have been improved and meet the required specifications for acceptance by the City; and,

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department received a bond warranting the condition of the streets for a period of two years; and,

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department has inspected said streets and recommends acceptance of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That certain deed dated April 16, 2021, conveying to Columbus, Georgia, “James Way and that portion of Charleston Way, Section Three, Charleston Place”, is hereby accepted. The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized to have said deed recorded in the Deed Records in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Muscogee County. A copy of the deed is hereto attached and by this reference made a part of this resolution.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the _____ day of _____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Anker voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor Hickey voting _____.

Councilor Huff voting
Councilor Tucker voting

Item #1.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor



File Attachments for Item:

2. 2026 Legislative Agenda Items – Additional Proposed Items

Consideration is requested of the resolutions for the 2026 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	2026 Legislative Agenda Items – Additional Proposed Items
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Consideration is requested of the resolutions for the 2026 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager’s Office

Recommendation: Consideration is requested of the additional proposed resolutions for the 2026 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly.

Background: Each year elected and appointed officials of the Columbus Consolidated Government develop a list of issues important to the citizens of Columbus that require action by the Local Legislative Delegation. Once approved, a meeting will be held with the Delegation to explain the rationale behind these issues and to solicit their support. The Hometown Connection and Legislative Agenda meeting was held on October 15, 2025.

Analysis: Staff, elected, and appointed officials were asked to present issues they felt were important to the operation of the city government. Research and justification for these issues were presented to the City Manager, and a list was prepared for presentation to the Mayor/Council.

Recommendations/Actions: Consider the attached resolution.

1. MUSCOGEE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CLERK – SALARIES

The Columbus Council requests that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation to amend the local act found at Georgia Laws 1984, page 4314. The requested amendment would provide that the salary of the Muscogee County Superior Court Clerk shall be no less than 75% of the state base salary of the superior court judges for the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit or any future judicial circuit that includes Muscogee County. Based upon the terms of office served by the Muscogee County Superior Court Clerk, longevity and cost of living increases shall be added to the salary of the clerk of said court under the same provisions and in the same manner as provided for longevity and cost of living increases pursuant to general law. The salary of the Chief Deputy Clerk appointed pursuant to O, C.G.A. § 15-6-59 shall be recommended by the Muscogee County Superior Court Clerk and approved in the Clerk of Superior Court's Budget. In no event shall such Chief Deputy Clerk's salary be less than 70% of the base salary of the Muscogee County Superior Court Clerk, excluding any longevity or cost of living increases. (*Request of Councilor Toyia Tucker*)

Explanation:

The salaries for the Muscogee County Superior Court Clerk and Chief Deputy Clerk are established by an Act of the Georgia General Assembly at Georgia Laws 1984, page 4314 ("the Local Act"). The Local Act sets the Muscogee County Superior Court Clerk's salary as follows: "the salary of the clerk of the superior court shall be increased by the amount necessary to equal the salary of the sheriff as computed under said Code section." The salary for the Chief Deputy Clerk is set at \$30,000 per year. The Muscogee County Superior Court Clerk has requested a revision of the salary structure of her office to keep pace with current economic conditions and other similarly situated county superior clerks for a more efficient operation of her office.

A RESOLUTION**NO. _____**

WHEREAS, the salaries for the Muscogee County Superior Court Clerk and Chief Deputy Clerk are established by an Act of the Georgia General Assembly at Georgia Laws 1984, page 4314 (“the Local Act”); and,

WHEREAS, the Local Act requires that the Clerk of Superior Court’s salary shall always be as much as the salary paid the Sheriff as calculated under O.C.G.A. § 15-16-20; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Act set the salary of the Chief Deputy Clerk at no more than \$30,000; and,

WHEREAS, the Clerk of Superior Court has requested a revision of the salary structure in her office to keep pace with current economic conditions and remove the obsolete calculations required by the Local Act; and,

WHEREAS, this Council desires that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation to amend the Local Act to contain the provisions set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

We hereby respectfully request that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation to amend the local act found at Georgia Laws 1984, p. 4314 to provide as follows:

1. The salary of the Clerk of Superior Court shall be no less than 75% of the state base salary of the Judges of the Superior Court of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit or any future judicial circuit that includes Muscogee County.
2. The salary of the Chief Deputy Clerk appointed pursuant to O, C.G.A. § 15-6-59 shall be as recommended by the Clerk and approved in the annual budget by the Columbus Council, but in no event shall it be less than 70% of the base salary of the Superior Court Clerk without longevity or cost of living increases attributed to the Clerk’s years of service.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 24th day of February 2026, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Anker voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor Hickey voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

3. FY2027 Family Connection Grant

Approval is requested to continue to serve as fiscal agent and to submit an application and, if approved, accept a grant for \$52,500, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Human Services with no local match required. Approval is also requested to amend the Family Connection Partnership Fund (Fund 0985) by the amount of the award.

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Item #3.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY2027 Family Connection Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to continue to serve as fiscal agent and to submit an application and, if approved, accept a grant for \$52,500, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Human Services with no local match required. Approval is also requested to amend the Family Connection Partnership Fund (Fund 0985) by the amount of the award.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to continue to serve as fiscal agent and to submit an application and, if approved, accept a grant for \$52,500, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Human Services with no local match required. Approval is also requested to amend the Family Connection Partnership Fund (Fund 0985) by the amount of the award.

Background: The Children, Youth and Family Coalition exists to provide Family Connection activities in order to improve child health, including reduced incidences of teenage pregnancy, child abuse, neglect, and other risk factors that impact the well-being of Columbus children, youth, and families. The Columbus Consolidated Government has served as fiscal agent since the inception of the Family Connection program.

Analysis: Funds are available from the Georgia Department of Human Services to provide assistance to the Children, Youth, and Family Coalition by providing funds to establish Columbus as a Family Connection Community.

Financial Considerations: The grant amount is \$52,500, but may be lower or higher depending on state budgetary conditions, and may be increased or decreased during the year as allowed or required. No matching funds are required. Funds will be available for Fiscal Year 2027 (July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027).

Projected Annual Fiscal Impact Statement: There will be no annual fiscal impact to the City with the approval of this request.

Legal Considerations: The City is qualified to apply for funds under this program on behalf of The Columbus Children, Youth and Family Coalition, with Council approval.

Recommendation/Action: Authorize the Mayor or his designee to submit, and if awarded, accept a grant in the amount of \$52,500, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Human Services and continue to serve as fiscal agent.

**A RESOLUTION
NO.**

Item #3.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS FISCAL AGENT AND TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND, IF APPROVED, ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,500, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027, TO SUPPORT THE COLUMBUS/MUSCOGEE COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTION COLLABORATIVE FOR IMPROVING CHILD HEALTH AND WELFARE, SCHOOL PERFORMANCE, FAMILY STABILITY, FAMILY ECONOMIC CAPACITY, AND TO REDUCE CHILD ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND TEENAGE PREGNANCY, AND TO AMEND THE FAMILY CONNECTION PARTNERSHIP FUND (FUND 985) BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

WHEREAS, funds have been made available from the Georgia Department of Human Services for the purpose of establishing and continuing Family Connection communities, and the Columbus Consolidated Government has served as fiscal agent for Columbus/Muscogee Family Connection since its inception; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Children, Youth and Family Coalition will provide the collaborative framework for measurable results of programs implemented by community organizations that address the needs of children, youth, and families; and,

WHEREAS, this process will provide the communication link between agencies to impact positively on child abuse, neglect, teenage pregnancy, and high school graduation rates; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Children, Youth, and Family Coalition will apply for a grant of \$52,5000 or as otherwise awarded, and with no matching funds required. Funds will be available from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

That the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to serve as fiscal agent and to submit an application and, if approved, accept a grant from the Georgia Department of Human Services for \$52,500, or as otherwise awarded, to continue Columbus, Georgia as a Family Connection community for improving child health, school performance, family stability, family economic capacity, and to reduce child abuse, neglect and teenage pregnancy.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Anker voting _____.
- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor Hickey voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Lindsey, G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

4. Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) Grant Request

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, funds made available to METRA by the State Fiscal Year 2026 (SFY26) Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) in the amount of \$298,215 to be used for the procurement and installation of up to forty-eight (48) 5G routers and up to forty-eight (48) Roof-mounted 5G antennas on METRA's buses. These items are needed on each bus to run "tap-to-pay" features on METRA's new "Fast Fare" fareboxes and to run a live view capability for METRA's bus security cameras.

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Item #4.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) Grant Request
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, funds made available to METRA by the State Fiscal Year 2026 (SFY26) Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) in the amount of \$298,215 to be used for the procurement and installation of up to forty-eight (48) 5G routers and up to forty-eight (48) Roof-mounted 5G antennas on METRA’s buses. These items are needed on each bus to run “tap-to-pay” features on METRA’s new “Fast Fare” fareboxes and to run a live view capability for METRA’s bus security cameras.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Transportation/METRA

Recommendations: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, funds made available to METRA by the State Fiscal Year 2026 (SFY26) Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) in the amount of \$298,215 to be used for the procurement and installation of up to forty-eight (48) 5G routers and up to forty-eight (48) Roof-mounted 5G antennas on METRA’s buses. These items are needed on each bus to run “tap-to-pay” credit and debit card features on METRA’s new “Fast Fare” fareboxes and to run a live view capability for METRA’s bus security cameras.

Background: During the 2021 legislative session, the Georgia General Assembly passed HB 511 (as codified at O.C.G.A. § 48-13-141), establishing a Georgia Transit Trust Fund Program as a separate fund in the State Treasury, with annual appropriations made to this fund. Funding is generated by fees placed on for-hire ground transport service and is to be used to fund transit projects within the State of Georgia. Projects proposed must be new, innovative, and enhance public transit in Georgia. This funding program is administered through the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

Analysis: By approving this request, METRA will be able to apply for this grant and, if awarded, use funds to procure and install up to forty-eight (48) 5G routers and up to forty-eight (48) roof-mounted 5G antennas on METRA’s buses. These items are needed on each bus to run “tap-to-pay” credit and debit card features on METRA’s new “Fast Fare” fareboxes and to run a live view capability for METRA’s bus security cameras. Grant applications are due by March 2, 2026.

Financial Considerations: The Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) requires no local match.

Legal Considerations: METRA Transit System has been allocated \$298,215 through the Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP). METRA is eligible to apply for these funds.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, funds made available to METRA by the State Fiscal Year 2026 (SFY26) Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) in the amount of \$298,215 to be used for the procurement and installation of up to forty-eight (48) 5G routers and up to forty-eight (48) Roof-mounted 5G antennas on METRA’s buses. These items are needed on each bus to run “tap-to-pay” credit and debit card features on METRA’s new “Fast Fare” fareboxes and to run a live view capability for METRA’s bus security cameras.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE TRANSIT TRUST FUND PROGRAM (TTFP) IN AN AMOUNT OF \$298,215 AWARDED TO BE USED FOR THE PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF UP TO FORTY-EIGHT (48) 5G ROUTERS AND UP TO FORTY-EIGHT (48) ROOF-MOUNTED 5G ANTENNAS ON METRA’S BUSES.

WHEREAS, during the 2021 legislative session, the Georgia General Assembly passed HB 511 (as codified at O.C.G.A. § 48-13-141), establishing a Georgia Transit Trust Fund Program as a separate fund in the State Treasury, with annual appropriations made to this fund; and,

WHEREAS, funds in the amount up to \$298,215 have been allocated from the State fiscal Year (SFY) 2026 Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) to the Department of Transportation/METRA; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation/METRA shall apply for these funds for the procurement and installation of up to forty-eight (48) 5G routers and up to forty-eight (48) roof-mounted 5G antennas on METRA’s buses; and,

WHEREAS, the Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) requires no local match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to submit an application to Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) in an amount up to \$298,215 and if awarded, use funds for the procurement and installation of up to forty-eight (48) 5G routers and up to forty-eight (48) Roof-mounted 5G antennas on METRA’s buses.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the _____ day of _____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Anker voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor Hickey voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

File Attachments for Item:

5. FY27 Sec. 5307 and Sec. 5339 Annual Grant Applications for Capital and Planning Assistance

Approval is requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funding from the Federal Transit Administration's Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 Formula Grant Program for Capital and Planning Assistance in an amount up to \$2,696,849, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. Approval is also requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funds from the Federal Transit Administration's Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5339 Formula Grant Program for Capital Assistance in an amount up to \$279,031 or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. Both grants require a 20% local match.

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TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY27 Sec. 5307 and Sec. 5339 Annual Grant Applications for Capital and Planning Assistance
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funding from the Federal Transit Administration’s Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 Formula Grant Program for Capital and Planning Assistance in an amount up to \$2,696,849, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. Approval is also requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funds from the Federal Transit Administration’s Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5339 Formula Grant Program for Capital Assistance in an amount up to \$279,031 or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. Both grants require a 20% local match.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Transportation/METRA

Recommendations: Approval is requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funding from the Federal Transit Administration’s Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 Formula Grant Program for Capital and Planning Assistance in an amount up to \$2,696,849, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. Approval is also requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funds from the Federal Transit Administration’s Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5339 Formula Grant Program for Capital Assistance in an amount up to \$279,031 or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. Both grants require a 20% local match.

Background: The City has applied for federally funded transit capital and planning grants since 1972. FTA Section 5307 and Section 5339 are annual formula grants that require a 20% local match. Local match funding for FY27 5307 and 5339 is budgeted and available in the Transportation Fund. METRA utilizes this funding to meet annual capital and planning commitments in order to benefit public transit in Columbus.

Analysis: Funding is projected to be:

FY 2027 Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 and 5339 Formula Grant Program

FY27 Grant	City (20%) - TSLPOST	FTA (80%)	Total (100%)
5307 Capital & Planning	\$674,212	\$2,696,849	\$3,371,061
5339 Capital	\$69,758	\$279,031	\$348,789

Financial Considerations: If the City does not apply for the grant funding requested, then Columbus would turn down a total of \$2,975,880 in federal funds to support public transportation in our community. FTA Section 5307 and Section 5339 are annual formula grants that require a 20% local match.

The required local match funding for FY27 Sec. 5307 and Sec. 5339 is budgeted and available in the Transportation Fund.

Legal Considerations: The intent to apply for a Federal Transit Grant (FTA) grant, along with a listing of the program of projects, must be advertised in a local newspaper. A resolution from Council must be submitted with the application to FTA, authorizing the grant application and authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Federal Transit Administration. The resolution must identify the source of the required local matching funds.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funding from the Federal Transit Administration's Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 Formula Grant Program for Capital and Planning Assistance in an amount up to \$2,696,849, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. Approval is also requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funds from the Federal Transit Administration's Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5339 Formula Grant Program for Capital Assistance in an amount up to \$279,031 or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. Both grants require a 20% local match.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND, IF AWARDED, ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION’S TITLE 49 U.S.C. SECTION 5307 FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM FOR CAPITAL AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$2,696,849, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, AND AMEND THE TRANSPORTATION FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT AWARD. METRA IS ALSO AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND, IF AWARDED, ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION’S TITLE 49 U.S.C. SECTION 5339 FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM FOR CAPITAL ASSISTANCE IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$279,031 OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, AND AMEND THE TRANSPORTATION FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT AWARD.

WHEREAS, under Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 and Section 5339, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation of the United States (USDOT) is authorized to make grants for mass transit planning and capital improvement; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Department of Transportation/METRA is the designated recipient of these transit funds; and,

WHEREAS, the City owns and operates the Columbus Department of Transportation/METRA, the public transit operator in Columbus, Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, the City may apply to FTA for an assistance contract covering up to eighty percent (80%) of the eligible planning and capital improvement expenses; and,

WHEREAS, such contracts will impose certain obligations upon the City, including the provision of the local share of project costs; and,

WHEREAS, the local match for these projects will be funded with Transportation Investment Act (TIA) funds; and,

WHEREAS, the FY 2027 shares for these programs are projected to be:

FY 2027 Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 & Section 5339 Formula Grant Programs

FY27 Grant	City (20%)	FTA (80%)	Total (100%)
5307 Capital & Planning	\$674,212	\$2,696,849	\$3,371,061
5339 Capital	\$69,758	\$279,031	\$348,789

WHEREAS, in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under the Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 and Section 5339, USDOT requires, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that the applicant give an assurance that they will comply with Title VI and all USDOT requirements thereunder; and,

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the City to implement a disadvantage businesses enterprise (DBE) program pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 26, as amended by the USDOT Interim Final Rule issued October 3, 2025, and the DBE IFR FAQs issued December 1, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

(1)

That METRA is authorized to apply on behalf of the City for FY 2027 Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 capital and planning financial assistance and for FY 2027 Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5339 capital assistance;

(2)

That METRA is authorized to execute contracts in accordance with FY 2027 expenses and on behalf of the City with FTA and for the purpose of receiving FTA funds should the applications be approved;

(3)

That the City gives assurance that, should such a contract be executed, it is the intent of the Council to commit its local share of capital, planning, and operating costs under the FY 2027 Program of Projects;

(4)

That METRA is authorized to execute (or to delegate to the Department of Transportation/METRA) and file with such application any assurance or other documents required by USDOT or FTA in connection with the application, including any assurance concerning the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;

(5)

That the Department of Transportation/METRA is authorized to furnish such additional information as may be required in connection with the application, and to requisition federal or state funds to reimburse the City for eligible expenses under any resulting grant contract; and

(6)

That the DBE Coordinator, as the DBE Liaison Officer for the City, is authorized to establish and administer DBE policies in compliance with 49 C.F.R. Part 26, as amended by the USDOT Interim Final Rule issued October 3, 2025, and the DBE IFR FAQs issued December 1, 2025.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the ____ day of _____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____.
Councilor Anker voting _____.
Councilor Chambers voting _____.
Councilor Cogle voting _____.
Councilor Crabb voting _____.
Councilor Davis voting _____.
Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor Hickey voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Lindsey G Mclemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

6. Juvenile Accountability Court State Grant Request

Approval is requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile and Family Treatment Courts up to \$500,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award. There is a 15% local match requirement, and the grant period is from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

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Item #6.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Juvenile Accountability Court State Grant Request
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile and Family Treatment Courts up to \$500,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award. There is a 15% local match requirement, and the grant period is from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.
INITIATED BY:	Juvenile Court

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile and Family Treatment Courts up to \$500,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award. There is a 15% local match requirement, and the grant period is from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

Background: The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is charged with the fiscal oversight of all Georgia Accountability Court Grant Programs.

Analysis: Muscogee County Juvenile Accountability Courts is requesting funds for personnel, treatment, and operations for the Muscogee County Juvenile and Family Treatment Courts.

Financial Considerations: The City is required to provide a 15% cash match to participate in this grant program. Cash match is available through a case manager's salary in the Juvenile Court departmental budget and DATE funds.

Projected Annual Fiscal Impact Statement: Muscogee County Juvenile Court is requesting funds for personnel and operations for the Muscogee County Juvenile and Family Treatment Courts.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to apply for funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile and Family Treatment Courts up to \$500,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award. There is a 15% local match requirement, and the grant period is from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR A GRANT TO FUND THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY JUVENILE AND FAMILY TREATMENT COURTS IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$500,000.00 AND IF AWARDED, AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT AWARD. THERE IS A 15% LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT AND THE GRANT PERIOD IS FROM JULY 1, 2026, TO JUNE 30, 2027.

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WHEREAS, funds have been made available from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the Juvenile Drug Court from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027; and,

WHEREAS, the funds are being made available to provide support for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile and Family Treatment Courts; and,

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council requires a 15% cash match, and a cash match is available through case manager allocations in the Juvenile Court departmental budget and DATE funds allocations.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

That the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to submit an application for a grant to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to fund the Muscogee County Juvenile and Family Treatment Courts and, if awarded, accept a grant for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 with a 15% local match requirement and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Anker voting _____.
- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor Hickey voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Lindsey, G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

7. Bureau of Justice Assistance - FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program Grant

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant to the Columbus Police Department from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the FY25 Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities, in the amount of \$150,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. This will be used to fund the AngelSense Program, which utilizes state-of-the-art proactive GPS monitoring and real-time mapping to track at risk individuals.

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Item #7.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Bureau of Justice Assistance - FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant to the Columbus Police Department from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the FY25 Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities, in the amount of \$150,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. This will be used to fund the AngelSense Program, which utilizes state-of-the-art proactive GPS monitoring and real-time mapping to track at risk individuals.
INITIATED BY:	Columbus Police Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant to the Columbus Police Department from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the FY25 Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities, in the amount of \$150,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. This will be used to fund the AngelSense Program, which utilizes state-of-the-art proactive GPS monitoring and real-time mapping to track at risk individuals.

Background: the BJA FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities grant program was created for the purpose of supporting local efforts to reduce the number of deaths and injuries of individuals with forms of dementia, Alzheimer’s, or developmental disabilities such as autism, who, due to their condition, wander from safe environments and is intended for funding programs that will reduce wandering, enhance safety for those who wander, and assist in the rapid location and safe recovery of those at risk individuals.

Analysis: The Columbus Police Department will operate this grant program according to grant guidelines with the purpose of funding the AngelSense program, which utilizes state-of-the-art proactive GPS monitoring and real-time mapping to track at risk individuals.

Financial Considerations: This grant program has no local match requirement.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to apply for this grant on behalf of the Columbus Police Department and if awarded, will be obligated by the terms and conditions of the grant award.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant to the Columbus Police Department from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the FY25 Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities, in the amount of \$150,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. This will be used to fund the AngelSense Program, which utilizes state-of-the-art proactive GPS monitoring and real-time mapping to track at risk individuals.

Item #7.

A RESOLUTION

Item #7.

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED, FROM THE BJA FY25 THE KEVIN AND AVONTE PROGRAM: REDUCING INJURY AND DEATH OF MISSING INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROGRAM, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to apply for a BJA FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities, grant on behalf of the Columbus Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, this grant program is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and will be awarded and administered by BJA; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Police Department will use the funding from this award for the funding of AngelSense Assistive Technologies; and,

WHEREAS, this grant requires no matching funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That the Mayor or their designee is authorized to apply for and accept, if awarded, a BJA FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities grant in the amount of \$150,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount awarded.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Item #7.

Councilor Allen voting _____.
Councilor Anker voting _____.
Councilor Chambers voting _____.
Councilor Cogle voting _____.
Councilor Crabb voting _____.
Councilor Davis voting _____.
Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor Hickey voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

A. DUMP TRUCK RENTAL (ANNUAL CONTRACT) – RFB NO. 26-0025

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	DUMP TRUCK RENTAL (ANNUAL CONTRACT) – RFB NO. 26-0025
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the Annual Contract for Dump Truck Rental Services, on an “as needed” basis, with D.A.T. Trucking, Inc. (Smiths, AL) as the primary contractor, and with Definitive Trucking Co. LLC (McDonough, GA) as the secondary contractor. The Primary Contractor will be contacted first. If the Primary Contractor is unable to provide the required services, then the City will contact the Secondary Contractor to render the services needed. The Public Works Department budgets approximately \$25,000.00 annually for these services.

The vendors will provide trucks and operators, on an “as needed basis,” which will be used when City trucks are being serviced, or if an unforeseen project arises. Public Works will rent the trucks for approximately ten weeks per contract year. The contract period will be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

Bid specifications were posted on the web pages of the Purchasing Division and Georgia Procurement Registry. Three bids were received on January 14, 2026. This Request for Bids (RFB) has been advertised, opened and reviewed. The bidders were:

Description/Vendor	Rental Cost Per Hour/Per Unit	Rental Cost Per Week/Per Unit
D.A.T. Trucking, Inc. (Smiths, AL)	\$115.00	\$3,200.00
Definitive Trucking Company, LLC (McDonough, GA)	\$135.00	\$5,400.00
Naturally Golden Services ¹ (Augusta, GA)	Non-Responsive	

¹Vendor deemed non-responsive due to missing mandatory submission requirements: Bid Form, Federal Compliance, Conflict of Interest Affidavit, Addenda Acknowledgment, Contract Signature Page, Insurance Checklist, Business License and, W-9 Rev 2024.
One “No Bid” Response was received from Associated Fuel Systems.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: Paving Fund – Public Works – Right of Way Maintenance – Contractual Services; 0203-260-3120-ROWM-6319

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR DUMP TRUCK RENTAL SERVICES, ON AN "AS NEEDED" BASIS, WITH D.A.T. TRUCKING, INC. (SMITHS, AL) AS THE PRIMARY CONTRACTOR, AND WITH DEFINITIVE TRUCKING CO. LLC (MCDONOUGH, GA) AS THE SECONDARY CONTRACTOR. THE PRIMARY CONTRACTOR WILL BE CONTACTED FIRST. IF THE PRIMARY CONTRACTOR IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SERVICES, THEN THE CITY WILL CONTACT THE SECONDARY CONTRACTOR TO RENDER THE SERVICES NEEDED. THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BUDGETS APPROXIMATELY \$25,000.00 ANNUALLY FOR THESE SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the vendors will provide trucks and operators, on an "as needed basis", which will be used when City trucks are being serviced, or if an unforeseen project arises; and,

WHEREAS, Public Works will rent the trucks for approximately ten weeks per contract year.

WHEREAS, the contract period will be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for Dump Truck Rental Services, on an "as needed" basis, with D.A.T. Trucking, Inc. (Smiths, AL) as the contractor, and with Definitive Trucking Co. LLC (McDonough, GA) as the secondary contractor. The Primary Contractor will be contacted first. If the Primary Contractor is unable to provide the required services, then the City will contact the Secondary Contractor to render the services needed. The Public Works Department budgets approximately \$25,000.00 annually for these services. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: Paving Fund – Public Works – Right of Way Maintenance – Contractual Services; 0203-260-3120-ROWM-6319.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Hickey voting _____

Councilor Huff voting _____
Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

B. TWO (2) FORD EXPLORERS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT- GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT COOPERATIVE PURCHASE

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	TWO (2) FORD EXPLORERS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT- GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT COOPERATIVE PURCHASE
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of two (2) Ford Explorers for the Information Technology Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, Georgia) at a unit price of \$40,515.00 and a total cost of \$81,030.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State Contract #99999-001-SPD-SPD0000218-0001.

The Ford Explorers will be used by IT Technicians and Engineers to transport both personnel and equipment to various locations within the Columbus Consolidated Government. This will facilitate their tasks and ensure timely support across all sites. These are new vehicles.

Georgia State Contract #99999-001-SPD-SPD0000218-0001 is a cooperative contract whereby Wade Ford is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Administrative Vehicles. The term of the contract is good through June 15, 2027. These contracts are available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are budgeted in the FY26 Budget: General Fund – Information Technology - Information Technology Administration - Automobiles; 0101 – 210 – 1000 - ISS - 7721.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) FORD EXPLORERS FOR THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT FROM WADE FORD (SMYRNA, GA) AT A UNIT PRICE OF \$40,515.00 AND A TOTAL COST OF \$81,030.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT #99999-001-SPD-SPD0000218-0001.

WHEREAS, the Ford Explorers will be used by IT Technicians and Engineers to transport both personnel and equipment to various locations within the Columbus Consolidated Government. This will facilitate their tasks and ensure timely support across all sites. These are new vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD-SPD0000218-0001 is a cooperative contract whereby Wade Ford is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide cargo vans. The term of the contract is good through June 15, 2027. The contract is available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase two (2) Ford Explorers for the Information Technology Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) at a unit price of \$40,515.00 and a total cost of \$81,030.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State Contract #99999-001-SPD-SPD0000218-0001. Funds are budgeted in the FY26 Budget: General Fund – Information Technology - Information Technology Administration - Automobiles; 0101 – 210 – 1000 - ISS - 7721.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
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- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Hickey voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

C. DRAGONFLY TRAIL – MIDTOWN CONNECTOR PHASE I – RFB NO. 26-0003

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	DRAGONFLY TRAIL – MIDTOWN CONNECTOR PHASE I – RFB NO. 26-0003
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of a construction contract with IP Construction, LLC (Kennesaw, GA) in the amount of \$1,495,236.19 for Dragonfly Trail – Midtown Connector Phase I.

This project consists of constructing a connection from the existing trail at the intersection of Warren Williams Road and Wyntonn Road following Bradley Street and Warren Williams Road to Dinglewood Park. The trail also travels through Dinglewood Park to the intersection of 18th Avenue and 13th Street. The project is within the City of Columbus Property and Right of Way. The project length is approximately 4,956 LF and includes a 10' wide concrete trail, landscape improvements, stormwater improvements, and trail amenities. Additional work associated with the project includes minor demolition and clearing, erosion control, grading, and signage.

Bid specifications were posted on the web page of the Purchasing Division, the Georgia Procurement Registry and DemandStar on October 15, 2025. This bid has been advertised, opened, and reviewed. Eight (8) bids were received on the due date January 14, 2026. The bidders were:

VENDOR	TOTAL BASE BID	CONTINGENCY 10%	TOTAL UNIT PRICE BID
IP Construction (Kennesaw, GA)	\$ 1,359,305.63	\$ 135,930.56	\$ 1,495,236.19
Alexander Contracting Co., Inc. (Fortson, GA)	\$ 1,948,353.60	\$ 194,835.36	\$ 2,143,188.96
DAF Concrete, Inc. (Jonesboro, GA)	\$ 1,985,729.50	\$ 198,572.95	\$ 2,184,302.45
JHC Corporation (Newnan, GA)	\$ 2,282,434.00	\$ 228,243.40	\$ 2,510,677.40
Pound-Clark Contractors, LLC (Columbus, GA)	\$ 2,330,799.00	\$ 233,079.90	\$ 2,563,878.90
Southeastern Site Development, Inc. (Newnan, GA)	\$ 1,867,740.10	\$ 186,774.01	\$ 2,054,514.11

VENDOR	TOTAL BASE BID	CONTINGENCY 10%	TOTAL UNIT PRICE BID
Hasbun Construction ¹ (Alpharetta, GA)	\$ 1,750,387.37	\$ 175,038.74	\$ 1,925,426.11
Piedmont Paving, Inc. ² (Newnan, GA)	\$ 2,550,042.89	\$ 255,004.29	\$ 2,805,047.18

¹ Vendor deemed non-responsive due to missing 'Communication Concerning This Solicitation' form, a mandatory submission requirement.

² Vendor deemed non-responsive due to missing E-Verify Affidavit and 'Communication Concerning This Solicitation' form, mandatory submission requirements.

In accordance with the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Muscogee County School District approved by Resolution No. 452-16 and the Tax Allocation District (TAD) Policies and Guidelines adopted with Ordinance No. 15-51, the TAD Advisory Committee must accept the project before it can move forward for submission to City Council. The TAD Advisory Committee met on Feb. 5, 2026, and voted 4-0 to accept the Dinglewood Park portion of the Dragonfly Trail's Midtown Connector as a public sector project and to utilize \$1,122,851.19 of the Midtown West TAD funding towards the project. The remaining balance for the project will be covered by a \$200,000 grant from the Department of Natural Resources in addition to a \$172,385 cash match from the Dragonfly Trail System.

**A RESOLUTION
NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH IP CONSTRUCTION, LLC (KENNESAW, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,495,236.19 FOR DRAGONFLY TRAIL – MIDTOWN CONNECTOR PHASE I.

WHEREAS, this project consists of constructing a connection from the existing trail at the intersection of Warren Williams Road and Wyntonn Road following Bradley Street and Warren Williams Road to Dinglewood Park. The trail also travels through Dinglewood Park to the intersection of 18th Avenue and 13th Street. The project is within the City of Columbus Property and Right of Way. The project length is approximately 4,956 LF and includes a 10’ wide concrete trail, landscape improvements, stormwater improvements, and trail amenities. Additional work associated with the project includes minor demolition and clearing, erosion control, grading, and signage.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute a construction contract with IP Construction, LLC (Kennesaw, GA) in the amount of \$1,495,236.19 for Dragonfly Trail – Midtown Connector Phase I. In accordance with the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Muscogee County School District approved by Resolution No. 452-16 and the Tax Allocation District (TAD) Policies and Guidelines adopted with Ordinance No. 15-51, the TAD Advisory Committee must accept the project before it can move forward for submission to City Council. The TAD Advisory Committee met on Feb. 5, 2026, and voted 4-0 to accept the Dinglewood Park portion of the Dragonfly Trail’s Midtown Connector as a public sector project and to utilize \$1,122,851.19 of the Midtown West TAD funding towards the project. The remaining balance for the project will be covered by a \$200,000 grant from the Department of Natural Resources in addition to a \$172,385 cash match from the Dragonfly Trail System.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Hickey voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

D. RIFLES AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE – GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT
COOPERATIVE PURCHASE

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	RIFLES AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE – GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT COOPERATIVE PURCHASE
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of thirty (30) HK Patrol Rifles & Accessories from Clyde Armory (Athens, GA) in the amount of \$97,350.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Contract Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001- SPD0000209-0004.

The rifles will be used to enhance officer safety, improve accuracy at greater distances, and provide necessary firepower against suspects armed with high-powered weapons or body armor. These rifles will allow officers to engage from a safer distance and are considered more manageable than shotguns.

Georgia State Contract #99999-001-SPD-SPD0000209-0004 is a cooperative contract whereby Clyde Armory is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Guns, Ammunition, and Accessories. The term of the contract is good through January 7, 2027. Georgia State-Wide contracts are available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are available in the FY26 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Capital Expenditures – over \$5,000 - Public Safety Vehicles/Equipment - Sheriff; 0567-696-3111-STPS-7761-54153-20260.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THIRTY (30) HK PATROL RIFLES & ACCESSORIES FROM CLYDE ARMORY (ATHENS, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,350.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASE VIA GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT #99999-001- SPD0000209-0004.

WHEREAS, the rifles will be used to enhance officer safety, improve accuracy at greater distances, and provide necessary firepower against suspects armed with high-powered weapons or body armor. These rifles will allow officers to engage from a safer distance and are considered more manageable than shotguns; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia State Contract #99999-001-SPD-SPD0000209-0004 is a cooperative contract whereby Clyde Armory is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Guns, Ammunition, and Accessories. The term of the contract is good through January 7, 2027. Georgia State-Wide contracts are available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase thirty (30) HK Patrol Rifles & Accessories from Clyde Armory (Athens, GA) in the amount of \$97,350.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Contract Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001- SPD0000209-0004. Funds are available in the FY26 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Capital Expenditures – over \$5,000 - Public Safety Vehicles/Equipment - Sheriff; 0567-696-3111-STPS-7761-54153-20260.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Hickey voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

E. DECLARATION OF SURPLUS AND DONATION OF FAREBOXES

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	DECLARATION OF SURPLUS AND DONATION OF FAREBOXES
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council declare twenty (20) fareboxes from METRA, as surplus, in accordance with section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; and authorize the donation of the fareboxes to Augusta Transit in Augusta, GA. The fareboxes to be deemed surplus and donated are as follows:

- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD046274
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD041332
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD041333
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD041334
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD041335
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD041319
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD041320
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD046273
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD046275
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD046276
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD061655
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD061656
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD061657
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD061658
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD061746
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD061743
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD061744
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD061860
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD061861
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD064608

The fareboxes have reached their useful life for METRA and are no longer in service. If approved the units will be utilized by Augusta Transit in Augusta, GA to maintain their transit services.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION DECLARING TWENTY (20) FAREBOXES FROM METRA, AS SURPLUS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7-501 OF THE CHARTER OF COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF THE FAREBOXES TO AUGUSTA TRANSIT IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA. THE FAREBOXES TO BE DEEMED SURPLUS AND DONATED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- GENFARE ODYSSEY FAREBOX SERIAL# OD046274
- GENFARE ODYSSEY FAREBOX SERIAL# OD041332
- GENFARE ODYSSEY FAREBOX SERIAL# OD041333
- GENFARE ODYSSEY FAREBOX SERIAL# OD041334
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- GENFARE ODYSSEY FAREBOX SERIAL# OD061860
- GENFARE ODYSSEY FAREBOX SERIAL# OD061861
- GENFARE ODYSSEY FAREBOX SERIAL# OD064608

WHEREAS, the fareboxes have reached their useful life for METRA and are no longer in service. If approved the units will be utilized by Augusta Transit in Augusta, GA to maintain their transit services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to declare twenty (20) fareboxes from METRA, as surplus, in accordance with section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; and further authorized to donate the fareboxes to the Augusta Transit in Augusta, GA. The fareboxes to be deemed surplus and donated are as follows:

- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD046274
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD041332
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD041333
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- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD061861
- Genfare Odyssey Farebox serial# OD064608

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of February 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Anker	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Hickey	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

F. RADIO EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FOR MUSCOGEE COUNTY PRISON –SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASE

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	RADIO EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FOR MUSCOGEE COUNTY PRISON –SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASE
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase and installation of replacement radio equipment from Mobile Communications America (Columbus, GA) in the amount of \$48,517.90. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Sourcewell Contract #020624-MCA.

On February 10, 2026, Warden Walker notified the Mayor requesting an emergency purchase to replace radio equipment that had become obsolete within the Prison facility. Warden Walker recently requested an audit of the current equipment by Mobile Communications America due to continuously losing radio reception and the facility radio repeater box losing power. What was revealed is that Muscogee County Prison did not upgrade when suggested from “analog to digital” service, some years ago. Due to safety concerns of the facility currently using analog service, the Prison’s frequency can be easily detected without any protection, and staff cannot communicate inside the prison efficiently and without static. The Information Technology Department, who handles Radio maintenance, confirmed that the radio setup of the Muscogee County Prison is outdated and requires immediate attention and recommends the emergency replacement.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #020624, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Mobile Communications America, was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Private Wireless Services and Related Solutions. The contract, which commenced May 3, 2024, is good through May 7, 2028, with an option for three one year extension upon the request of Sourcewell and written agreement by Supplier. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

The Mayor approved the emergency purchase on February 16, 2026, as a matter of public safety. However, funding is not available in the current budget for Muscogee County Prison. Therefore, the purchase will be funded from OLOST reserves and expenses will be charged to: Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund – MCP - Public Safety - LOST – Capital Equipment over \$5,000; 0102 – 420 – 9900 – LOST – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF REPLACEMENT RADIO EQUIPMENT FROM MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA (COLUMBUS, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,517.90. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE, VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #020624-MCA. THIS RESOLUTION ALSO AUTHORIZES THE USE OF OLOST RESERVE FUNDING FOR THE RADIO REPLACEMENT AND INSTALLATION.

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2026, Warden Walker notified the Mayor requesting an emergency purchase to replace radio equipment that had become obsolete within the Prison facility. Warden Walker recently requested an audit of the current equipment by Mobile Communications America due to continuously losing radio reception and the facility radio repeater box losing power. What was revealed is that Muscogee County Prison did not upgrade when suggested from “analog to digital” service, some years ago. Due to safety concerns of the facility currently using analog service, the Prison’s frequency can be easily detected without any protection, and staff cannot communicate inside the prison efficiently and without static. The Information Technology Department, who handles Radio maintenance, confirmed that the radio setup of the Muscogee County Prison is outdated and requires immediate attention and recommends the emergency replacement. Therefore, the Mayor approved the emergency purchase on February 16, 2026, as a matter of public safety; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #020624, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Mobile Communications America, was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Private Wireless Services and Related Solutions. The contract, which commenced May 3, 2024, is good through May 7, 2028, with an option for three one year extension upon the request of Sourcewell and written agreement by Supplier. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase and have installed replacement radio equipment from Mobile Communications America (Columbus, GA) in the amount of \$48,517.90. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Sourcewell Contract #020624-MCA. Further, the Mayor and/or his designee is authorized to utilize OLOST Reserve funding for radio replacement and installation. The

expenses will be charged to: Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund – MCP - Public Safety - LOST – Capital Equipment over \$5,000; 0102 – 420 – 9900 – LOST – 7761.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

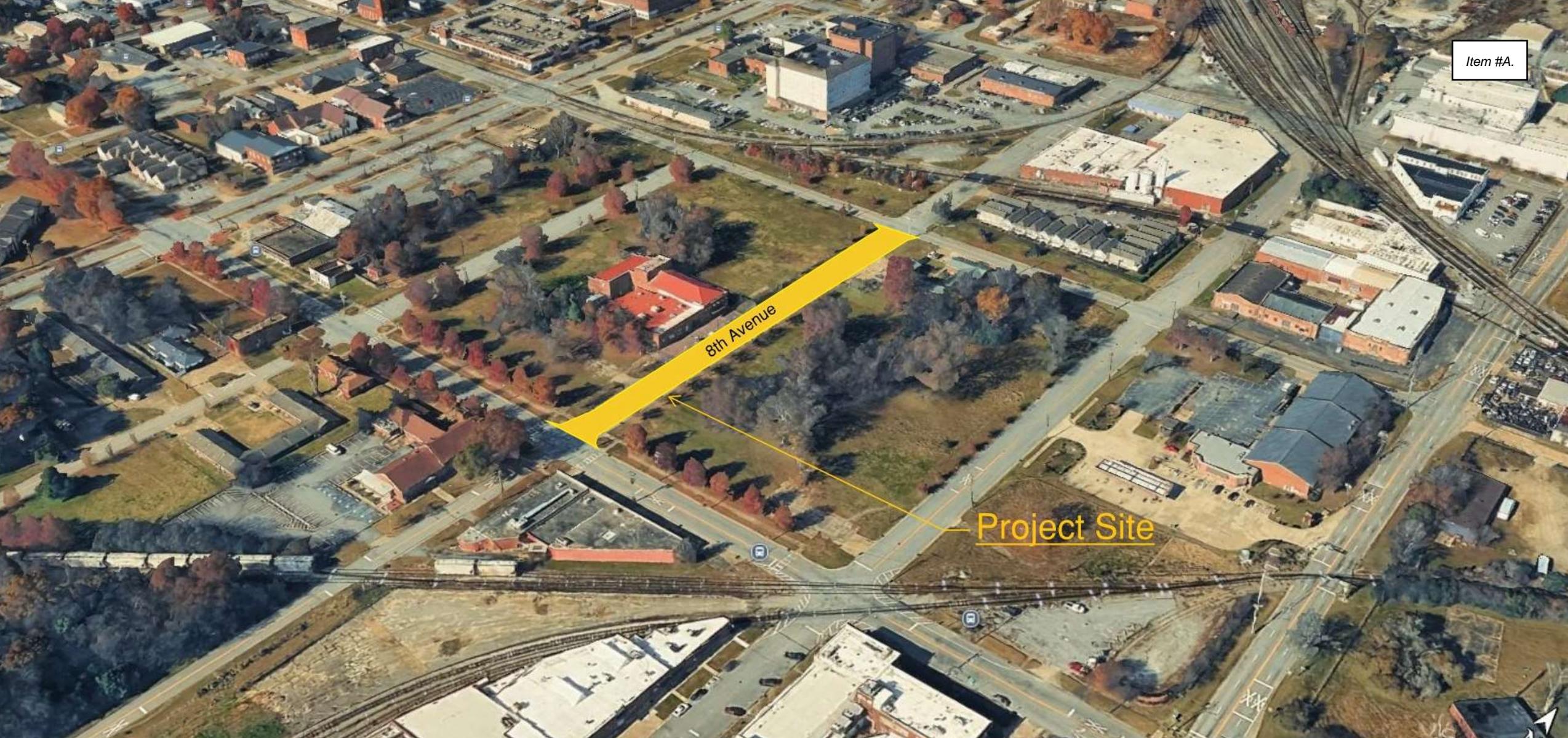
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Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Hickey	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

A. 8th Ave. Streetscapes Update - Scott Holmes, Principal , Architect, McMillan, Pazdan, Smith



AGENDA

Item #A.

- 1. Project Team**
- 2. Liberty Streetscapes Project Description**
- 3. Proposed Layout**
- 4. Schedule and Budget**
- 5. Conclusion**

Project Team

Item #A.



Electrical



Civil + Landscape

Project Description

Item #A.

- The Project will reconstruct a part of the 8th Avenue Road, between 8th and 9th street.
- Project Scope:

Removal of existing roadway, sidewalks, trees, curb and gutter, surface drainage structures and power poles.

New roadway, curb and gutter, sidewalks, interpretive / historical panels, landscaping, trees, seat walls, trash cans, benches, speed table, entry plaza and underground power and utilities servicing existing and future uses.

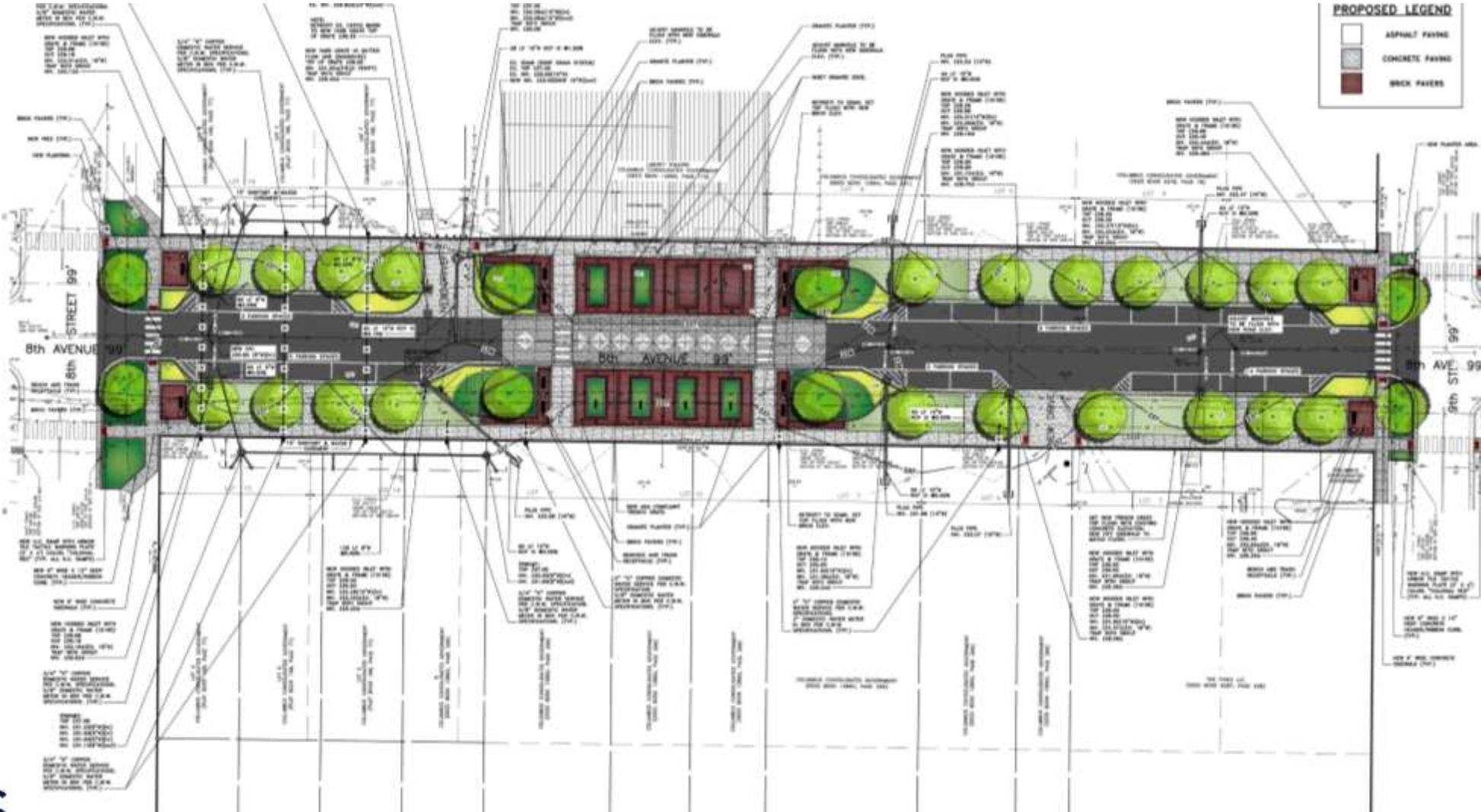
Utility Involvement

Item #A.

Multiple - AT&T, WOW, Etc.	Telecommunications
Liberty Utilities of Georgia	Gas
Columbus Water Works	Water
Columbus Water Works	Sewer
Georgia Power	Electric

Overall Proposed Layout

Item #A.



Speed Table Enlarged Plan

Item #A.



Entry Element Enlarged Plans

Item #A.



Schedule

Item #A.

- Out for Bid Late April 2026
- Open Bids Late May 2026
- Construction Begins July 2026
- Construction Ends Spring 2027

Budget

- Project Budget : \$3.6 – 4.0 Million

Questions?

THANK YOU



mcmillan | pazdan | smith
ARCHITECTURE



ideas taking shape

File Attachments for Item:

BID ADVERTISEMENTS_RFPs_RFQs

DATE: February 24, 2026

Item #

TO: Mayor and Councilors

FROM: Finance Department

SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

February 25, 2026

1. Arts & Craft, Hobby & Recreational Supplies (Annual Contract)-RFB 26-0014

Scope of RFB

Provide arts and craft, hobby and recreational supplies for the Columbus Consolidated Government's Department of Parks and Recreation on an "as needed" basis. The contract term shall be for three (3) years with the option to renew for two (2) additional twelve-month periods.

2. Comprehensive Generator Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0023

Scope of RFB

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government to establish an annual contract with a qualified licensed contractor to provide, maintain and/or repair generators at various locations. The contract term shall be for three (3) years with the option to renew for two (2) additional twelve-month periods.

February 27, 2026

1. Third-Party Administration Services for the Community Cares Program Servicing Medically Underserved Persons in Muscogee County (Annual Contract) – RFP 26-0023

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) is seeking proposals from qualified Third-Party Administrator (TPA) to manage administrative services for the Community Care Program, which serves medically underserved persons in Muscogee County.

The requested administrative services include the management of claims related to medical, pharmaceutical, and mental health services. These services may include, but are not limited to, claims for acute inpatient and outpatient hospital care, x-ray, laboratory, and primary medical care. The TPA will be responsible for processing and managing claims, verifying eligibility, coordinating payments, and reporting to the City.

March 4, 2026

1. Aerial, Ground Ladder & Apparatus Pumps Inspection & Testing Services (Annual Contract) -RFP 26-0010

Scope of RFP

Provide aerial, ground ladder and Apparatus Pumps inspection and testing services to the Columbus Consolidated Government Fire and EMS Department. The contract period shall be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

March 6, 2026

2. Security Services for Parks and Recreation Facilities And Events (Annual Contract) -RFP 26-0026

Scope of RFP

Provide Security Services for the Parks and Recreation at various facilities, programs and events. The contract term will be two (2) years with an option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

March 11, 2026

1. Alternators & Starters for Metra (Annual Contract) – RFB 26-0029

Scope of RFB

Provide alternators and starters to METRA Transit System on an “as needed” basis. The contract term will be three years.

Item #

2. Transmission Services Contract for METRA (Annual Contract)- RFB No. 26-0031

Scope of RFB

Provide Transmission Services on an “as needed” basis for METRA Transit System. The contract term will be for three years.

3. Oil & Lubricants for METRA (Annual Contract)- RFB No. 26-0030

Scope of RFB

Provide various types of oil & lubricants on an “as needed” basis to the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to be utilized by METRA Transit System. The contract term will be for three years.

March 27, 2026

1. Pine Grove Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Phase 5: Cells 5A – 5C – RFP No. 26-0017

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (Owner) is soliciting proposals from Proposers to provide the Work associated with the construction of the Pine Grove MSW Landfill, Phase 5 Cells 5A–5C as designed by Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc. (Engineer).

The Project consists of construction of approximately 195,500 CY of excavation, 50,110 CY of structural fill; 492,400 SF of low permeability linear base, HDPE geomembrane and leachate collection layer material; 1,998 LF of leachate collection pipe; 1,908 LF of dual-contained HDPE forcemain; leachate pump station; sediment pond cleaning; 9,217 square yards of all-weather access road, and erosion and sedimentation control items.

A Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 1:00 PM on March 11, 2026, in the Columbus Recycling and Sustainability Center, **which is located at 8001 Pine Grove Way, Columbus, Georgia 31907**. Any vendors who are not present for the mandatory pre-proposal conference/site visit, shall not be allowed to participate any further in the bid process.

File Attachments for Item:

1. Resignation(s): James Barker, Dannell Mastream Marks, and Philip Badcock have submitted their resignations from the Airport Commission.

Good afternoon Lindsey,

I am writing to formally inform you that during today's special called meeting of the Columbus Airport Commission, three Commissioners submitted their resignations: James Barker, Dannell Mastrean Marks, and Philip Badcock.

Following the resignations, the Commission approved a nomination for Kevin Howard to fill the remainder of James Barker's unexpired term. The Commission also approved the nomination of Austin Gower to fill the remainder of Philip Badcock's unexpired term.

At this time, no nomination has been made to fill Ms. Mastrean Marks' remaining term. The Commission is actively working to identify and approve a nominee and will submit that name to City Council as soon as the nomination is finalized.

The Commission respectfully requests that the nominations of Kevin Howard and Austin Gower be submitted to the City Council for consideration and approval at the next City Council meeting, if possible.

Please let me know if any additional documentation or information is needed.

Sincerely,

Amber Clark, A.A.E.

Airport Director

Office: (706)-324-2449

3250 W. Britt David Road

Columbus, Georgia 31909

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File Attachments for Item:

2. Travel Authorization Request: Authorization is being requested for Councilor Bruce Huff to attend the 2026 ACCG Annual Conference during the month of April 2026.



**COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED
GOVERNMENT**

P.O. Box 1340
Columbus, Georgia 31902-1340

Item #2.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
CITY COUNCILOR**

Name of Traveler / Registrant	Councilor Bruce Huff
Month of Travel	April 2026

Sponsored Organization and Conference / Training	<u>2025 ACCG Annual Conference</u>
Estimated Cost	<p><u>Registration</u> - \$665.00</p> <p><u>Hotel</u> - \$300 x 4 nights = \$1,200 / Parking \$80.00 / Resort Fee \$132.00 = \$1,412.00 TOTAL</p> <p><u>Reimbursable Amount</u> - \$350.00 mileage + per diem \$120.00 = \$470.00</p> <p>TOTAL ESTIMATED COST: \$2,547.00</p>
Conference/Travel Budget	Beginning Balance - \$5,000; Current Balance - \$5,000
Education/Training (0101-100-1000-CNCL-6601)	Beginning Balance - \$10,000; Current Balance (Approximate)- \$6,088.61
Travel, Schools & Conferences (0101-100-1000-CNCL-6641)	Annual Travel Allowance - \$3,500 Councilor's FY26 Travel Expenses - \$0 Annual Travel Allowance Available (Approximate) - \$3,500

In accordance with the **Travel Policy and Procedures of the Columbus Consolidated Government, dated September 16, 2013**, which states:

“City Councilors should submit their travel requests to the Clerk of Council. The Clerk of Council will list a request to approve travel on his/her agenda for a vote at a regular City Council meeting. All travel requests must conform to the requirements, terms and conditions of this Policy.”

Pursuant to **Resolution No. 205-25**, this request shall be applied to the **\$3,500 annual travel allowance** designated for each Councilor for approved travel and training outside the city limits of Columbus, Georgia.

Lindsey G. McLemore
Clerk of Council
Council of Columbus, Georgia

Date

File Attachments for Item:

3. Minutes of the following boards

457 Deferred Compensation Plan 02-05-26

Audit Committee Minutes 03-05-25, 07-07-25, 09-19-25, 01-08-26

Board of Elections and Registration 01-08-26

Board of Tax Assessor #04-26, #05-26

Board of Water Commissioners 01-12-26

Columbus Board of Health, 01-22-20, 04-22-20, 05-27-20, 06-24-20, 09-23-20, 10-28-20

Columbus Board of Health, 02-24-21, 08-25-21, 12-01-21

Columbus Board of Health, 01-26-22

Columbus Board of Health, 05-22-24, 08-28-24, 09-25-24, 10-23-24, 12-04-24

Columbus Board of Health, 05-28-25, 06-25-25

Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center Authority 01-23-25, 04-24-25, 09-25-25,
10-30-25,11-20-25

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 01-12-26

Golf Authority 06-27-23

Hospital Authority of Columbus 01-27-26

Columbus Consolidated Government

Human Resources Department

BOARD NOTICE

To: Clerk of Council's Office

From: Destiny D. Chisolm

CC: Sheila Risper

Please be advised that the

o 457 DCP Board

that was scheduled for February (Month) 5 (Day) 1:30 (Time) has been cancelled.

Reason for meeting cancellation: **No agenda items to discuss.**

Details on meeting minutes reviewed during the previous meeting will be submitted once confirmed.

Contact Destiny Chisolm, Administrative Assistant –
HR at 706.225.3654 or Chisolm.Destiny@columbusga.org

1111 1st Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901

Main: (706) 225-4059

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March 5, 2025

Audit Committee Minutes

10:00 AM

City Hall Building – 1111 1st Ave., 1st Floor,

Members: Chairman John Redmond, Vice Chairperson Toyia Tucker (*via teleconference*), Mike Baker, Councilor Glenn Davis (*joined at 10:28 a.m. via teleconference*) and Recording Secretary Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert. Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore was also present.

Visitors: Deputy City Manager Pamela Hodge David Roberts Partner with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC and David Irwin, External Auditor, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Absent: Mike Bruder

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Audit Committee was called to order by Chairman John Redmond at 10:01 a.m.

The following documents were distributed to each of the Committee Members:

(1) Mauldin & Jenkins Government Advisory Practice Operational and Performance Assessment Presentation

ORDERS OF BUSINESS

I. New Business

A. **Review of FY24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR):**

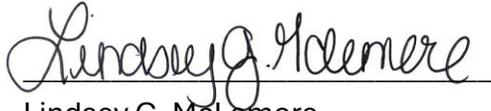
David Irwin, External Auditor, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC began his presentation explaining he is providing the Audit Committee a preview of what will be presented to Council the next day. Feedback was encouraged as he went through the Independent Auditor's Report, compliance reports, and financial statements. The opinion provided on internal controls was there are no findings, meaning no deficiencies were identified.

B. **Next Meeting Date:**

The committee came to a consensus to schedule the next meeting for March 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Vice Chairperson Tucker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Bruder and carried unanimously by the five members present, with the time being 3:15 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsey G. McLemore". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Lindsey G. McLemore
Deputy Clerk of Council

Audit Committee

September 19, 2025
11:00 AM

City Hall Building – Uptown Conference Room – 1st Floor
1111 1st Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901

Members: Vice Chair Councilor Toyia Tucker, Mike Baker, Tyson Begly, Mike Bruder and Councilor Glenn Davis

Recording Secretary: Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore

CCG Staff: Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge (*via teleconference*), Mayor Skip Henderson (*via teleconference; joined at 11:43 a.m.*)

Mauldin & Jenkins Representatives: Director Craig Carter, Information System Auditor Ben Barendse (*via teleconference*), Government Advisory Consultant Austin Hickox (*via teleconference*), and Director Jon Hightown (*via teleconference*)

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Audit Committee was called to order by Councilor Toyia Tucker, Vice Chair, at 11:12 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. Minutes

Approval of minutes for July 7, 2025, Audit Committee Meeting. (*NOTE: Committee called for the update. Minutes were not addressed and no vote was taken.*)

II. Update – Mauldin & Jenkins

Craig Carter, Director, Mauldin & Jenkins, provided a draft presentation (*2025 IA Risk Assessment & Annual Audit Plan*) agenda listing key topics for discussion; (A) Executive Summary, (B) Project Approach, (C) Risk Assessment Results, (D) Developing the Annual Plan, (E) Next Steps, and (F) Risk Based Internal Audit Approach – Appendix A.

A. Executive Summary

The risk assessment was completed through 15 interviews and review of 87 government documents, defining the Risk Universe as of June 30, 2025, and establishing the Audit Universe with 90 rated entities.

A nine-category risk taxonomy was developed, producing a Risk Register of 630 unique risks, with departments assessed for inherent risk (likelihood, impact, and fraud risk).

Results identified six critical-risk and 32 high-risk departments/offices and highlighted the top 30 risks based on City Council minutes from the past 12 months; observations and recommendations were included in the draft report.

Tools and processes were established to support the Annual Internal Audit Plan, annual risk updates, and implementation of a risk-based internal audit approach.

B. Project Approach

The Risk Assessment identified, assessed, and prioritized the Government's strategic, financial, operational, and legal/regulatory risks to support development of a risk-based Annual Audit Plan.

The project included initiation and planning (kickoff with stakeholders, interview scheduling, and development of an information request list).

Information was gathered through management interviews and review of documentation related to strategic initiatives, financial performance, staffing, operations, and citizen concerns.

Fieldwork and analysis involved reviewing interview and document results and scoring auditable units based on likelihood and impact to identify higher-risk entities and potential audit activities.

The process concluded with validation and reporting, including sharing preliminary observations, gathering stakeholder feedback, conducting additional analysis as needed, and preparing the final report for presentation.

C. Risk Assessment Results

Major Changes

Several key changes were identified as significant risk drivers affecting governance, operations, financial stability, workforce capacity, and service delivery.

- Organizational changes
- Turnover in leadership
- Ongoing financial investigations
- Workforce retirements
- Challenges in recruiting and retaining qualified staff
- Shifts in organizational culture
- Federal funding priorities
- Increase in large capital projects
- Operational challenges related to fleet maintenance and solid waste collection

- Procedural and control changes
- Cybersecurity
- Legal settlements related to public safety

Risk Taxonomy & Risk Register

A Risk Taxonomy was developed grouping risks into nine categories to better organize risks impacting the government and to establish a risk “library.”

Barriers to Meeting Goals & Objectives

Barriers were identified as impacting the Government’s ability to achieve objectives and strategic initiatives, with the intent to identify key impediments and primary drivers.

- Most frequently cited challenges included:
 1. Staffing constraints
 2. Limited skills/knowledge/experience/training
 3. Financial constraints
 4. State and federal regulations
 5. Securing alternative funding sources
 6. Infrastructure maintenance needs
 7. Recruiting challenges (access to experienced, certified resources such as heavy equipment operators and mechanics)
 8. Employee retention and satisfaction
 9. Interdepartmental collaboration
 10. Resistance to change

Common Themes & Interdependencies

A review of major risk themes and evaluated interdependencies to better understand how risks impact one another across the organization.

The objective included identifying and documenting emerging risks and new concerns influenced by market dynamics and evaluating alignment with the Government’s strategy and plans.

Thirteen (13) areas were identified as persistent challenges, along with the emerging threats these challenges may pose to achieving organizational goals and objectives.

Critical & High Risks

Critical and high risks were identified and rated using the following scale:

- Low: Scores 1–4
- Medium: Scores 5–6
- High: Scores 7–9
- Critical: Scores 10 or higher

Thirteen (13) departments/offices were rated as critical and/or high-risk entities.

FOLLOW-UP:

- Recommend a third-party cybersecurity audit for the IT Department. (*Councilor Tucker, Vice Chair*)

Observations & Recommendations

Recent organizational changes highlight the need to strengthen decision-making and oversight to rebuild public trust and improve transparency and accountability.

Recommended establishing a sustainable Governance, Risk, and Control (GRC) framework to assess internal control maturity, guide improvements, evidence compliance, support strategic objectives, and strengthen SOPs.

Noted that new leadership creates an opportunity to reset organizational direction, recommended reinforcing tone at the top across the organization.

Recommended the repositioning Internal Audit by revising the IA Charter to clarify authority and access, implementing a risk-based audit approach, reducing forensic emphasis, and documenting processes consistent with IIA standards.

Recommended strengthening Audit Committee governance by formalizing procedures, expanding the AC Charter, establishing executive session protocols per Georgia OMA/ORR, providing governance/internal control and GRC training, and conducting annual self-assessments.

Recommended improving department-level process maturity through Process Analysis/Business Process Optimization to support continuous improvement and address staffing and funding challenges.

Recommended establishing IT governance and oversight through an IT Steering Committee to create technology standards, ensure IT involvement in technology purchases/projects, monitor compliance and key metrics, and assess staffing/consulting needs.

Identified cybersecurity capacity and tooling gaps (24/7 monitoring and lack of SIEM); recommended evaluating service models, conducting penetration testing within one year, and completing a NIST 800-53 audit within two years, including Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery controls.

D. Developing the Annual Audit Plan

Foundational Elements – Effective Internal Audit

Foundational elements are required for an effective Internal Audit (IA) function, noting that each element is critical and that additional enhancements should build upon strong execution of these fundamentals.

Emphasis was placed on maintaining good supporting documentation and ensuring the IA function is right-sized, fit for purpose, and aligned with regulatory requirements.

The Internal Audit Annual Cycle

It was noted that the Risk Assessment should be refreshed annually to reflect changes in the new fiscal year's Strategic Plan, Budget, and priorities.

A full, de novo Risk Assessment should be conducted every three to five years.

Internal Audit Plan Development – Internal Audit Activities by Phase

Internal Audit Cycle / Phases: (1) Audit Planning, (2) Audit Kick-off, (3) Audit Fieldwork, (4) Findings & Recommendations Development, (5) Audit Report Development & Issuance, and (6) Audit Assessment & Audit Committee Reporting.

- Phase 1 – Audit Planning (Key Activities): Form audit team; draft planning memo; send announcement memo; issue information and interview request lists; and develop a communication plan.
- Phase 2 – Audit Kick-off (Key Activities): Review client documentation; understand processes and identify risks; draft audit program; conduct entrance meeting; and update planning memo/scope as needed.

- Phase 3 – Audit Fieldwork (Key Activities): Execute audit program; hold status meetings with management; document preliminary issues and evidentiary support; and organize workpapers.
- Phase 4 – Findings & Recommendations (Key Activities): Discuss and validate preliminary issues with process/control owners; draft recommendations; and review with management.
- Phase 5 – Report Development & Issuance (Key Activities): Issue draft report; request and incorporate management responses; finalize responses; issue final report; and conduct closing meeting.
- Phase 6 – Audit Assessment & Committee Reporting (Key Activities): Conduct audit debriefs and engagement assessments; summarize results for Audit Committee reporting; and incorporate results into the Internal Audit Value Scorecard.

Audit Metrics/Timelines:

- Planning begins 4 weeks before fieldwork; announcement memo sent 3 weeks prior; information request list sent 2 weeks prior; interview request list 1 week prior.
- Planning memo and audit program completed before fieldwork; fieldwork completed within 6 weeks with weekly status updates.
- Draft report issued within 10 days of fieldwork completion; final report issued within 15 days; rewrites limited to three drafts.
- Workpaper reviews completed within 2 days; engagement assessment completed within 15 days of report issuance; issues entered tracking database and summarized for Audit Committee reporting.

E. Next Steps

Continuous Improvement

Continuous Enhancement (FY2025 and Beyond): The Committee discussed the need for ongoing monitoring, analysis, and assessment of the Government's client-facing service delivery and support processes to achieve and maintain an improved and effective control environment.

F. Risk Based Internal Audit Approach

Internal Audit Role: Internal Audit will advise stakeholders on risk and control matters based on the Government's overall risk profile, supporting continuous improvement in the control

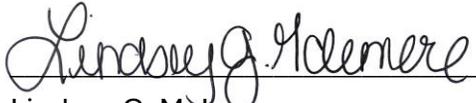
environment and contributing to a reduction in the Government's overall risk exposure over time.

Discussion & Comments:

- **Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore** shared her perspective on the struggles faced particularly by the Clerk of Council's Office with no history of Standard Operating Procedures being in place and limited to no cross training. These are the same structural issues impacting many departments, and have contributed to the boards, commissions and authorities being out of compliance.
- **Committee Member Mike Bruder** shared the importance of the implementation of succession planning.
- **Vice Chair Toyia Tucker, Councilor**, suggested looking into restructuring personnel to ensure the most effective output.

Adjournment

The meeting was declared adjourned at 1:15 p.m.



Lindsey G. McLemore
Clerk of Council

Audit Committee

Thursday, January 8, 2026, 11:00 AM

City Hall, Executive Tower, Clerk of Council Conference Room – 2nd Floor
1111 1st Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901

Members: Vice Chair Councilor Toyia Tucker, Mike Baker, Tyson Begly, Mike Bruder and Councilor Glenn Davis

Recording Secretary: Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore

CCG Staff: Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, Internal Auditor & Compliance Officer Donna McGinnis

Document(s) Provided: (1) Charter of Columbus, Georgia – Section 7-405; (2) Internal Audit Risk Assessment – Submitted by Mauldin & Jenkins – Dated October 23, 2025; (3) Internal Audit CCG Departmental Action Plans: Jan. 2019 – Nov. 2025.

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Audit Committee was called to order by Councilor Toyia Tucker, Vice Chair, at 11:00 a.m.

I. Minutes

Approval of minutes for July 7, 2025, and September 19, 2025, Audit Committee Meetings.

M. Bruder made a motion to approve the July 7, 2025, minutes and to allow T. Begly to abstain from the vote, as the meeting was held prior to his appointment. The motion was seconded by M. Baker and carried unanimously by the four members present, with T. Begly abstaining.

T. Begly made a motion to approve the September 19, 2025, minutes, seconded by M. Bruder and carried unanimously by the five members present.

II. Discussion

a. Risk Assessment – Status Update

A brief discussion was held regarding the Risk Assessment conducted by Mauldin & Jenkins. During the discussion, a copy of the assessment report was provided to Audit Committee members upon request.

b. Operational Assessment – Status Update

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge provided a brief update on the Operational Assessment being conducted by Mauldin & Jenkins. She stated that the assessment is currently ongoing and that the draft report is expected to be provided by the end of the month. The most recent update she received was on December 8, and she is scheduled to receive another update later this week.

c. Audit Plan and Process

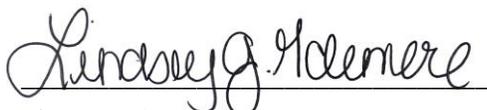
Discussion was held regarding the internal audit and transition audit processes for City departments. M. Bruder recommended establishing a formal process for conducting transition audits for departments led by non-elected officials. The Internal Auditor, in coordination with the Audit Committee, was tasked with developing this plan.

Councilor Davis emphasized the need for a Compliance Officer position. Councilor Tucker stated that the Compliance Officer should fall between the Forensic Auditors and the Internal Auditor.

A follow-up will be conducted with Mauldin & Jenkins to request templates related to the structure and implementation of a standardized audit process and audit committee framework.

Adjournment

Councilor T. Tucker entertained a motion to adjourn the January 8, 2026, Audit Committee Meeting. T. Begly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by M. Baker and carried unanimously by the five members present, with the time being 3:24 p.m.



Lindsey G. McLemore

Clerk of Council



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

Item #3.

GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

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Columbus, GA 31906

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Vice Chairman

Chief Appraiser
Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #04-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, Jan 28th, 2026 at 9:02 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar
Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
Assessor Kathy Jones
Assessor Doug Jefcoat
Assessor Clay Hood
Chief Appraiser/Secretary Suzanne Widenhouse
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Jones motions to accept the agenda. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Assessor Jefcoat motions to accept minutes as presented. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- CAVEAT 2026 details released by Dept of Revenue discussed. Registration will be open in March.

At 9:15, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Motor Vehicle Appeal - Signed & Approved.
- 2026 Marine Blue Book - reviewed & approved last week, brought back for approval signatures.
- Aircraft Blue Book Approval - reviewed & approved last week, brought back for approval signatures.
- VREF Aircraft Valuation Approval - reviewed & approved last week, brought back for approval signatures.

At 9:18, Administrative Manager Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Certified Appeal to BOE - placed into record.
- Homesteads - #088 032 003; 066 039 006; 109 002 027; 191 024 017; 101 014 044; 093 012 084; 115 020 013; 110 004 017; 068 035 006 - Signed & Approved.

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At 9:47, Real Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- Late Appeals Agenda - placed into record.
- Waiver & Release # 004 011 006B; 066 041 001; 087 028 001; 028 023 007; 028 023 004; 073 021 037 - Signed by Chairman Govar.
- BOE Results - placed into record.
- Exemption Release - # 044 002 043 - Signed & Approved.

At 10:06, Deputy Chief Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - #193 001 038, 038H; 048; 178 013014, 015 - Signed & Approved.

At 10:09, Chief Appraiser Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Discussion of Detention Ponds - will revisit next month.

Assessor Hood motions to adjourn the meeting. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries. At 10:53, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

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Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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MINUTES #05-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, Feb 4th, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar
Assessor Kathy Jones
Assessor Doug Jefcoat
Assessor Clay Hood
Chief Appraiser/Secretary Suzanne Widenhouse
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Jefcoat motions to accept the agenda with noted change. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Assessor Jones motions to accept minutes as presented. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Assessor Jones motions to excuse the absence of Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks today. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:04, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Audit Results - Signed & Approved.
- No Change Audit Results - placed into record.

At 9:09, Administrative Manager Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Homestead Removal Requests - 192 017 018; 030 024 012; 178 009 - Signed & Approved.
- Homesteads - #083 010 071; 098 008 012; 072 006 017 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:15, Real Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- BOE Results - placed into record.
- Waiver & Releases - # 012 007 002, 063 001 044, 062 062 022,046 004 009,031 023 006A, 031 022 007; 028 013 015; 012 007 005; 063 001 043 - Chairman Govar recused herself from & assigned Assessor Hood to sign documents in the absence of Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks.

- Waiver & Releases - # 032 044 001 & 015 034 007 - Assessor Hood motions to approve all waiver & releases as presented today. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.
- Assessor Jefcoat motions to add Waiver & Releases to Real Property agenda for this meeting. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:21, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Public Utility Appeal - placed into record.
- Map Splits - #079 001 044, 048, 073 021 009, 047, 048, 052, 061, 062, 065 024 003, 004, 187 002 001, 021 to 024 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:40, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

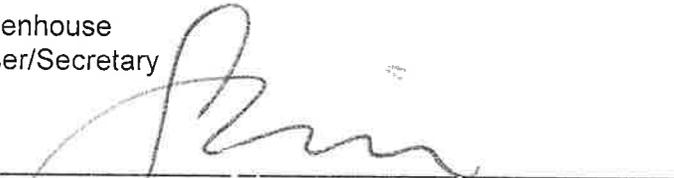
- Legislative Session Update - Discussion only.

Assessor Jefcoat motions to adjourn the meeting. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

At 10:14, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED:



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**Columbus Board of Health Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2020**

Presiding: Rajinder Chhokar-MD
Attending Board Members: James Lopez-DMD, Devica Alappan-MD, Rebecca Covington (Mayor’s Office), Isaiah Hugley, Yasmin Cathright
Excused Absences: Sylvester McRae-MD
Others Present: Beverley Townsend-MD, Gwen Cunningham, Tori Endres, Asante’ Hilts, Steve Gunby-Atty, Kimberly Fuller-RN, Ashley Bassett, Joie Gosa, Brandi Nelson, Peggy Hallmark

In keeping with CDC/GDPH COVID-19 Community Mitigation Recommendations this board of health meeting was held by conference call. Attendees verified by roll call.

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	Dr. Chhokar called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.	None	None
Approval of Minutes	Dr. Chhokar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged a quorum was present. Asked attending members to refer to minutes from the March meeting. With no questions or discussion from the members, Dr. Chhokar asked for a motion of approval. With nothing on the agenda for voting, called for the Director’s report and COVID-19 status. 	Motion made by Dr. Lopez, seconded by Mr. Hugley, and approved by all members present.	None
District Health Director’s Report	Dr. Townsend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stated that COVID-19 updates are being sent to the board members daily and as received through Peggy Hallmark and Pam Kirkland. Currently 237 cases in Muscogee County and 4 deaths. For the West Central Health District, the total is 1,169 cases and 61 recorded deaths, which covers the entirety of 16 counties. Figures are from the CDC after counties submit the data. COVID Testing has ramped up as more test kits come in and now have opportunity to get faster turnaround for results: 24-48 hours versus 7-10 days. CDC is 	None	None

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Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
<p>District Health Director Report Cont'd</p>	<p>constantly updating information including changing test criteria to get 1st responders and infrastructure workers tested and back to work sooner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information from the Governor came on Monday regarding phased re-opening of businesses starting on Friday with hair salons, barber shops and gyms and Monday for restaurants. Order is still in place to shelter at home until the end of the month and the order for public health state of emergency is in place through May 13th. Governor is recommending that elderly (age 60 and above) be careful to stay at home and shelter in place until May 13th. • Public Health standpoint is to admonish people to be very careful when going out, to practice social distancing, wear masks and be safe. • Specimen collection center out back of this building is running well. Day to day have had National Guard on site as well as law enforcement to assist. National Guard help with nursing home cleaning, decontamination and with testing across the state. All counties in WCHD are testing and testing is free. Thanks go to city and state law enforcement officers for manning our test sites and keeping control to ensure safety. Testing at public health departments are totally free to patrons, funded by the state. Health department does take referrals and does not turn anyone away unless they do not meet test criteria. The test site is both drive up and walk up, PUI number or no PUI number. 		

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<p>District Health Director Report Cont'd</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of information is out regarding COVID-19 treatment, but there are none that are approved by the FDA yet. Not all information out there is reliable. Be sure to go by the CDC guidelines. • All public health staff have been directed to COVID-19 response. Permission was needed to redirect staff that are in federally funded programs. Contact tracing has started and is a monumental job. Extra staff is needed to ensure we get done all that needs to be done. • The call center is answering calls from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Friday. The test site is open from 8:30 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday and from 9 am to 12 pm on Saturdays. • Planning to have another test site in South Columbus using National Guard, for those who are not able to get here. NG have been currently reassigned, so we are still working on that. We do not readily have the capacity to meet the need. 		
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Phased Openings Communication/Education - Mr. Hugley: Understands the Governor’s order about opening businesses but is concerned about barber shops, salons and similar businesses reopening. Many are in areas where they are not clear on how serious this is, such as in our low-income areas, perhaps from a lack of understanding or healthcare. Expressed his concern that there may be more concern about making money than concern about the risk. Mr. Hugley is concerned that we are not communicating the seriousness of this virus in certain segments of our community and that we may see an expanded spread of the virus with openings.</p>		

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Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
<p>New Business Cont'd</p>	<p>RESPONSE: Dr. Townsend – It would be important for the Mayor and his officials to get out information with clarity to the street. Some mayors are speaking differently than the decision made. Our consolidated government will need to make a statement on their decision. Public Health is all about educating and are doing so to the best of our ability. We will be happy to educate and let them know how important it is to stay safe.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Mr. Hugley – Still concerned that it is easy to say open and practice social distancing, but in areas like Cusseta Road or Andrews Road, they will just go back to business as usual and their safety is a serious concern.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Chhokar – Asked that the health department, or board of health, request that the Mayor make a statement to emphasize that CDC recommendations still should be followed even though businesses are opening. Stressed that it must be repeated often and strongly on the television. The board strongly agrees with the concern. Requested this be put in the form of a motion to be brought to the Mayor during the 3pm conference call. Asked to hear from others on this recommendation.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Lopez – Informed that his practice has been totally shut down due to ADA and CDC guidelines since March 16th. Stated the recent Governor’s order is problematic for dentists. The CDC has issued an order for dentists only to perform emergency treatment. Some dentists are now adamant to open full blast. They fail to understand the CDC restriction is mentioned in the executive order and it is a dentistry board violation to violate the CDC guidelines. Dentists are high risk to be infected or to infect others.</p>		

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Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
<p>New Business Cont'd</p>	<p>Georgia Dental Association is asking for clarification from the Governor today. It could happen that a dentist infects or is accused of infecting a patient or staff member. Dentistry would pay the price nationwide as when the oral surgeon years ago infected others with HIV. (cited case facts). Questioned what is about to happen in Georgia and encouraged this board to go to the Governor as the Georgia Dental Association is doing.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Chhokar – Thanked Dr. Lopez and requested this to be brought to the Mayor’s attention and to express the concern during the conference call. Stated the board’s duty is to the public’s health. Asked that someone make a motion to ask the Mayor to emphasize the CDC guidelines.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Rebecca Covington – Stated she is taking notes and will bring this to the Mayor’s attention.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Ms. Cathright – Stated it is not just businesses, also religious organizations that are impacted. Emphasized the Mayor should pinpoint the specific issues of concern and specifically state what CDC guidelines say and what they mean, not just for businesses but for religious organization as well.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Alappan – Agreed and shares the concerns and brought the motion.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Chhokar – Thanked the board members. Stated that the board will make the recommendation to the Mayor to make a public statement advising the people CDC guidelines should be strictly followed to be safe and that places that are allowed to open are to continue with CDC recommendations.</p>	<p>Motion made by Dr. Alappan for the board to recommend to the Mayor that he should issue an emphasized message that it is strongly urged by the Columbus Dept of Public Health to take precautions and to adhere to the CDC recommendations for COVID-19 safety and social distancing guidelines as businesses and organizations reopen.</p> <p>Dr. Lopez seconded the motion.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Members to attend the Mayor’s 3pm conference call and state the board of health position and decision of recommendation.</p>

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New Business Cont'd	<p>RESPONSE: Rebecca Covington – The Mayor cannot make people follow the guidelines.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Chhokar – The board understands the Mayor cannot mandate or force people but asks as a courtesy that he emphasize the importance when he informs the people of openings.</p>		
Excused Absences	Dr. Sylvester McRae	None	None
Program Reports	<p>Dr. Chhokar:</p> <p>Directed members to refer to written reports (Nursing, Environmental Health, Financial) that have been emailed and/or faxed to all board members and to voice any question or concern with that information.</p> <p>QUESTION: Dr. Alappan - As restaurants reopen are there any special recommendations or new rules?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Ashley Bassett, Environmental Health – We are waiting on further guidelines from the state. At present we still have the 10 people limit guideline in dining area with 6 feet social distance.</p> <p>No other questions from written program reports.</p>	Program reports are attached and made a part of these minutes.	
Financial Report	<p>Written report distributed to all members via email and/or fax.</p> <p>No questions.</p>	None	None
Other	<p>Dr. Chhokar asked the group for any other concerns.</p> <p>QUESTION: Dr. Chhokar – Asked Dr. Townsend to clarify with the Commissioner whether the Mayor’s office can make the statement that the board is recommending.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Townsend – Stated that the board can make the recommendation to Mayor and that the Mayor</p>		

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<p>Other Cont'd</p>	<p>knows what the realm of his authority is. The Executive Order is in place so the Mayor does know how far he can expand reopening. Suggested the board ask on the Mayor's call at 3pm today or Ms. Covington can ask him offline.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Rebecca Covington – Stated she would absolutely inform the Mayor of the recommendation and ask that the CDC guidelines be specifically recommended in announcements.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Alappan – Suggested making announcements very clear, by not saying “CDC basic guidelines”, instead to say, “do not go out if you have a fever, wear mask, practice hand washing and social distance.” This is what is strongly recommended by the board of health.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Lopez – Public does not know how to properly wear masks or take off gloves, for instance taking gloves off with their teeth. People need to be taught how to properly use PPE.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Chhokar – Asked Dr. Townsend to do public announcements with those instructions.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Townsend – Stated it will be covered on interviews and public announcements and plan to include a video demonstration. People who come through the test site are educated. The department will continue to use the free venues to get the message out and to educate the people. The department does use CCGTV and other free resources and what we can afford to pay for. The department has paid for time and bought a package for that purpose and are using those resources.</p>		

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Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Adjournment	With no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Chhokar at 1:49 pm.		

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING TO BE HELD:

MAY 27, 2020 1:00 PM

VIA CONFERENCE CALL

Columbus Board of Health Minutes Respectfully submitted by:

Peggy Hallmark, Secretary

**Columbus Board of Health Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2020**

Presiding: Rajinder Chhokar-MD
Attending Board Members: James Lopez-DMD, Devica Alappan-MD, Isaiah Hugley, Yasmin Cathright
Not Present: Sylvester McRae-MD
Others Present: Beverley Townsend-MD, Joanne Strickland, Tori Endres, Asante' Hilts, Steve Gunby-Atty, Dr. David Lewis, Kimberly Fuller-RN, Kristi Ludy, Ashley Bassett, Joie Gosa, Brandi Nelson, Peggy Hallmark

In keeping with CDC/GDPH COVID-19 Community Mitigation Recommendations this board of health meeting was held by conference call. All reports were emailed to all board members. Attendees verified by roll call.

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	Dr. Chhokar called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.	None	None
Approval of Minutes	Dr. Chhokar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged a quorum was present. Referred to minutes from the April meeting. With no questions or discussion from the members, Dr. Chhokar asked for a motion of approval. Called for the Director's report. 	Motion made by Mr. Hugley, seconded by Dr. Lopez, and approved by all members present.	None
District Health Director's Report	Dr. Townsend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stated that COVID-19 response is still top priority. Our main test site is here at the back of our building. We will be running every day unless we have a bad storm. We have pop up sites across the district and at different times, to serve our population. We have tested at Dorothy Heights, the Civic Center, Shirley B. Winston, and planned for Carver Heights on Saturday. We have been testing 7 days a week across the district. Number of cases continue to rise in our district. All are listed in our daily updates sent to board members and to media. To date we have 568 cases, 17 deaths in Muscogee County and have collected 3500 tests in Columbus. The numbers reported here are public health only. We do not collect data from other sources or on the antibody test. Our number of deaths (17) have not increased 	None	None

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<p>Director's Report Cont'd</p>	<p>and hospitalization census is not as great as it was, so taxing on hospitals has improved with not a lot of people needing inpatient care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing takes a lot of resources and people to do testing here and take test sites out to other locations and to the counties. We have had some volunteer help. Thank you to Mr. Hugley and the City of Columbus for their support at the Civic Center COVID testing event, and for all the community support. We want to thank the National Guard for their help and support. We have also been going to nursing homes. • We have a new testing contract that will improve turnaround time to 24-48 hours as compared to the 7 days we have had. We do not do antibody tests or rapid tests at the health department. • Today at 3pm will be our regular meeting with the city which the Mayor organized for the various entities to be involved and informed on COVID-19 matters. On today's call he will be asking how to re-open the city. Board members are encouraged to join the conference call at 3pm. • The Governor will have a press conference tomorrow to present a new executive order. • People were out over the weekend. The parking lots, stores were full, and they were not exercising social distancing, so there are some concerns and anticipate some rise in numbers. <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Chhokar You are doing wonderful work and continue to encourage you to keep it up. If there is anything I can do, I will be happy to come and help.</p>		

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May 27, 2020**

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Financial Report	<p>Joanne Strickland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented financial overview through the end of April 2020. Stated that we started with an original budget of \$6,037,982; have had four revisions and are currently working under a budget of \$5,998,960. Total expenses as of the end of April are \$4,953,182 and are right on target at 83% of budget for 10 months of operation. There is an increase of expenditures compared to last year due to the increases we received. Total fee income is \$940,971. This is the first month showing fees down due to COVID efforts not allowing us to operate at full capacity with all services. The next two pages show the breakdown by line item. Page 4 shows our current grants all on schedule. Asked for questions and there were none. <p>QUESTION: Mr. Hugley – How did the governor’s ‘across the board’ 14% cut impact the upcoming budget?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Joanne Strickland – The answer to that is included in the FY21 budget proposal under new business.</p>	None	None
Excused Absences	None	None	None
Old Business	None	None	None
New Business	<p>FY 2021 Budget</p> <p>Joanne Strickland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented final proposed FY21 budget with a comparison to last year with expenditures on the left side and fund source on the right side. The second sheet shows the projected revenue and expenses comparative to last year as of April 30th. <p>The projected 14% reduction Mr. Hugley asked about is shown at the bottom of the page in Grant in Aid (\$523,251). We will not have certainty until after the</p>	Motion made by Dr. Lopez, seconded by Dr. Alappan, and approved by all members present.	None

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Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
New Business Cont'd.	<p>June legislation vote, but Dr. Townsend wanted to go ahead and show the worst-case scenario. It would mean that Qualifying Local Funds will be negatively impacted by a projected \$649,503 decrease in funds. That would come directly from our bank account if we do receive the 14% cut.</p> <p>For the first of the fiscal year we should be able to maintain that until we get a grasp on what that will entail. We are receiving funding through the CARES federal funding act for part of the COVID-19 activities. We submitted our request for April reimbursement under that. If those funds come through, it will help. We are maintaining time sheets and posting the staff time to that budget to get reimbursement. We must submit a budget for July through December.</p> <p>Overall, the projected budget shows a decrease of \$83,754. Budget Projection for FY21 is \$5,915,206, which has the 14% cut on grant in aid.</p> <p>Asked for questions and there were none. Requested motion for approval.</p>	None	None
Program Reports	<p>Public Information, Pam Kirkland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued COVID-19 daily press releases with district numbers and testing site locations and hours. • Interviews on information and test sites throughout the month. WRBL & WTVM came to Harris County High School where we had a test site on May 24th. Held a live program on May 14th. • Continued social media posts, updating our web site with current COVID-19 information, showing TV commercials and ads on radio and TV in English and Spanish. 	None	None

**Columbus Board of Health Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2020**

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Program Reports	<p>Environmental Health – Kristi Ludy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented the Environmental Health report for the month of April. Public swimming pools, food services establishments, tattoo studios have been closed and EH was unable to conduct those inspections. During the month EH staff duties were shifted to COVID-19 response efforts, including test sites, call center and contact tracing calls. Now that some establishments are re-opening, we are switching duties back to conducting inspections with priority on those that serve highly susceptible populations such as hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Also, food service establishments that were not maintaining an A score on inspections. 	<p>Program reports are attached and made a part of these minutes.</p>	
	<p>Nursing Report – Kimberly Fuller</p> <p>Community collaborations and activities have mostly been consumed with COVID-19 testing. Here at the Columbus site we have collected 3,495 specimens and have 302 positives; an 8.6 % positive ratio.</p> <p>QUESTION: Dr. Chhokar – In general, across the country, isn't it true that about 10% are positive? Our number is 8.5%</p> <p>RESPONSE: Joie Gosa – Our rate is what is in line with the country, just under 10%.</p>		
Adjournment	<p>With no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Chhokar at 1:30 pm.</p>		

**NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING TO BE HELD:
AUGUST 26, 2020 1:00 PM (no meeting in July)
VIA CONFERENCE CALL**

Columbus Board of Health Minutes Respectfully Submitted By Peggy Hallmark, Secretary

**Columbus Board of Health Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2020**

Presiding: Rajinder Chhokar-MD
Attending Board Members: James Lopez-DMD, Devica Alappan-MD, Rebecca Covington (Mayor Office), Isaiah Hugley
Not Present: Yasmin Cathright, Sylvester McRae-MD
Others Present: Beverley Townsend-MD, Joanne Strickland, Tori Endres, Asante' Hilts, Pam Kirkland, Kimberly Fuller, Kristi Ludy, Steve Gunby-Atty, Dr. David Lewis, Peggy Hallmark

In keeping with CDC/GDPH COVID-19 Community Mitigation Recommendations this board of health meeting was held by conference call. All reports were emailed to all board members. Attendees verified by roll call.

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	Dr. Chhokar called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.	None	None
Approval of Minutes	Dr. Chhokar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged a quorum was present. Referred to minutes from the May meeting. With no questions or discussion from the members, Dr. Chhokar asked for a motion of approval. Called for the Director's report. 	Motion made by Dr. Alappan, seconded by Dr. Lopez, and approved by all members present.	None
District Health Director's Report	Dr. Townsend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announced Health Department move to Veterans Parkway is in progress, as it has been for the last couple of weeks, with plans to open on July 1, 2020. The Department is still open for limited services at our current Comer Avenue location. We will have some things in place to move forward to provide our full services, such as screening and masks for anyone coming into the building; both for visitors and staff. Stated that there have been some COVID-19 cluster outbreaks have occurred in our community, including the hospitals. 	None	None

**Columbus Board of Health Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2020**

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
<p>Director's Report Cont'd</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing continues daily from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. Pre-registration is preferred; however, we do not turn people away who are in line for testing but are not registered. We will register them on site. Test car lines are very long, wrapping around the blocks and out to Talbotton Road. We do have law enforcement on site for safety and to mark the end of line when time has run out to receive for the day. <p>We average 130 to over 200 tests per day and have test sites across the District, some of those also open on some Saturdays. We are utilizing temp workers for testing the next couple of weeks to give a reprieve to some of our staff and allow them to focus on the move.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the executive order to open businesses full, the DPH message remains the same – to screen for COVID symptoms, check temperatures, frequent handwashing, requiring face masks and practice social distance. • The hospitals have increased numbers, but do not have as many as they have in the past. <p>QUESTION: Dr. Chhokar – For clarification, are the increased numbers and clusters of COVID, are you speaking of in-town or for the whole of Public Health?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Townsend – The clusters have occurred in our own offices, as well as around town, but the numbers are increasing everywhere. Georgia is now in the red in terms of the numbers of increase with an 8.4 % positivity rate of those tested. That is across the state and certainly within our district.</p>		

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<p>Director's Report Cont'd</p>	<p>RESPONSE: Dr. Chhokar – For the Mayor’s discussion this evening, I hope we can request the Mayor to emphasize to the public the importance of wearing masks as people get out to businesses. With people getting out, it seems they are taking it easy and may think it is not a very big problem, but it is a still very big problem</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Townsend – I have required mask wearing for our staff within Public Health.</p> <p>QUESTION: Dr. Chhokar – Once the department move to Veterans Parkway is complete, will testing continue at the old facility?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Townsend – Yes. Everything is already set up here. We are grateful to our landlord here at Comer Avenue for allowing us to continue to use space we need to continue testing here. We will continue here as long as we can, and the landlord will allow us. We will have to use temporary staff to run the test site. The move is great undertaking while at the same time keeping services available. We will eventually move that to the new location, but it will not be at the level we have here.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Chhokar – Yes, we see it would be difficult to set up at the new place and it may not have as much parking space for the set up.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Townsend – Yes. Veterans Parkway is a very busy fairway of the city, unlike here at Comer Avenue, as far as traffic.</p> <p>Our next in-person meeting will be at the new facility, though we do not yet know when that will be.</p> <p>There were no further questions.</p>		

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Financial Report	<p>Joanne Strickland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented financial overview through the end of May 2020, as emailed to members, stating that we started with an original budget of \$6,037,982; have had five revisions and are currently working under a budget of \$5,968,852. Total expenses as of the end of May are \$5,475,062, which is 92% of budget and on target for 11 months of operation. Line 4 shows the comparison to last year at the same time with an increase in expense of \$600,495, as stated before, salary increases accounting for the most that increase. Total fee income is \$992,437. Lines 6 through 17 show the comparison to last year, showing we are down due to COVID efforts preventing operation at full capacity with all services. The following two pages show the line item breakdown. Page 4 shows our grants, which are all on target for 11 months of operation. <p>There were no questions.</p>	None	None
Excused Absences	None	None	None
Old Business	None	None	None
New Business	None	None	None
Program Reports	<p>Public Information, Pam Kirkland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have continued COVID-19 daily press releases during the month of June; conducted interviews on June 8th and 9th on WLTZ regarding our COVID-19 case numbers. 		

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<p>Program Reports Cont'd.</p>	<p>Public Information - Continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Georgia State Representatives Calvin Smyre, Debbie Buckner, and Carolyn Hugley came by to thank Public Health, Dr. Townsend, Kim Fuller and the rest of the staff for the work we have been doing and our response to the pandemic, which was covered by channels 9 and 38. • Coverage on the progress to our move to the new location, media posts on pre-registration for testing, how contact tracing works, CDC recommendations all continue. • Announced the FDA warning on certain hand sanitizers. <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Chhokar – It is important to keep reminding the public of the importance of mask wearing and other CDC recommendations. We need to be reminded of the danger and not take this casually just because it is becoming old news.</p> <p>There were no questions.</p>	<p>Program reports are attached and made a part of these minutes.</p>	<p>None</p>
	<p>Environmental Health - Kristi Ludy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented the Environmental Health report for the month of May which was emailed to you. May is when Environmental Health started to switch duties from assisting with COVID-19 efforts to prioritizing EH work. Priority EH duties were listed by the state office and include food service establishments that maintained a score of less than an A to receive inspection. • We continue to conduct plan reviews by conference call and email. Priority duties also consist of complaint investigation, well water testing and rabies control duties. All these are listed on the activity report. In July we start routine inspections. 		

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<p>Program Reports Cont'd.</p>	<p>Environmental Health – Continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EH is receiving calls with complaints of establishments in violation of the Governor’s executive order. We are managing to those with the assistance of Georgia State Patrol, when needed and help from state for interpreting how they apply to the complaints, using guidelines from the state for food establishments, tourist accommodations and tattoo parlors. <p>There were no questions.</p>		
	<p>Nursing Report – Kimberly Fuller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referring to the Nursing report emailed to you, we continue with COVID-19 response efforts, operating the Specimen Point of Collection (SPOC) from 7 am to 11 am Monday through Friday and from 9 am to 12 pm on Saturdays. • Usual community activities have been postponed or cancelled. Some have resumed by meetings online. We have been able to do some outreach providing PPE and have done that safely. • All other activities are focused on our relocation and those efforts are going really well. <p>There were no questions.</p>		
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>With no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Chhokar at 1:25 pm.</p>		

**NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING TO BE HELD:
AUGUST 26, 2020 1:00 PM (no meeting in July)
VIA CONFERENCE CALL**

Columbus Board of Health Minutes Respectfully submitted By Peggy Hallmark, Secretary

**Columbus Board of Health Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2020**

Presiding: James Lopez-DMD
Attending Board Members: Rajinder Chhokar-MD, Devica Alappan-MD, Isaiah Hugley, Yasmin Cathright, Sylvester McRae-MD
Not Present: Rebecca Covington (Mayor Office)
Others Present: Beverley Townsend-MD, Joanne Strickland, Tori Endres, Asante' Hilts, Steve Gunby-Atty, Jack Lockwood, Kimberly Fuller, Kristi Ludy, Brandi Nelson, Darrell Enfinger, Jeannie Polhamus (MCSD), Dr. David Lewis (MCSD), Peggy Hallmark

In keeping with CDC/GDPH COVID-19 Community Mitigation Recommendations this board of health meeting was held by conference call. All reports were emailed to all board members. Attendees verified by roll call.

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	Dr. Lopez called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.	None	None
Approval of Minutes	Dr. Lopez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged a quorum was present. Referred to minutes from the August meeting. With no questions or discussion from the members, Dr. Lopez asked for a motion of approval. Called for the Director's report. 	Motion made by Dr. McRae, seconded by Mr. Hugley, and approved by all members present.	None
District Health Director's Report	Dr. Townsend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stated that COVID response continues to be the focus, however, the department is working hard to provide the usual public health services. This is true for Columbus Health Department and all counties in our district. Announced upcoming event at the Civic Center on Saturday, October 2nd, which will be public health providing drive through free COVID testing and flu vaccines in partnership with the promotion for Census response. Census data is important to determine funding. Much appreciation to our city Manager for reaching out and inviting us to participate. 	None	None

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<p>Director's Report Cont'd</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darrell Enfinger and Brandi Nelson will report on COVID but will say that testing numbers have decreased at our health department, largely due to testing being available at different facilities. • Flu shots are now available. State has asked us to be prepared for a COVID vaccine when it becomes available. We do not have a time frame for that yet. • We continue to work hard to keep our public informed and educate our community. Very appreciative to Dr. Lewis and other school superintendents for presenting questions and participating in discussions. We even have Resource Coordinator to work with people who have COVID and need resources. <p>RESPONSE: Dr. David Lewis – Expressed thanks and gratitude on behalf of school superintendents throughout the state for the support from public health and the medical community. From March onwards have had a panel of medical professionals to work with school officials and they have been so willing to share time and expertise. Thank you for doing what you do so we could know when to close, when to open, precautions to take, and reporting.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Isaiah Hugley – Thank you to Dr. Townsend for the quick positive response to the Fair Count Census opportunity. We called her at 9:30 Monday morning (9/21) about the Census partnership opportunity. She met with her team and by noon we had a deal to partner for COVID testing and flu shots while helping people respond to the Census at the Civic Center. Fair Count Census will be paying for tests and vaccines.</p> <p>No further responses or questions.</p>		

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Financial Report	<p>Joanne Strickland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented financial overview, as emailed to board members, through the end of August 2020, with a current budget of \$5,915,206. Total expenses for FY21 were \$877,817.88, which is just below our target of 16.67% for two months of operations and \$27,449.86 less than prior year at the same time. Total fee income was \$382,686. Lines 6 through 17 show fund sources for fee and comparison to last year, which is up overall by \$118,727 due to receiving Admin Fees for COVID testing and for PrEP services. You can see by line item that actual fees are down compared to last year. Page 4 shows our grants, which were all on target for 2 months of operation. <p>There were no questions.</p>	The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes.	None
Excused Absences	None	None	None
Old Business	None	None	None
New Business	None	None	None
Program Reports	<p>COVID-19 Update – Brandi Nelson, Epidemiologist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 overview for Muscogee County from February 1st until today, we have over 5,000 cases with a median age of 38 and 658 hospitalizations, and 167 deaths. To break that down, the age group affected most is 35-50 years of age, followed by the 55+ age group and age group of 11 years or younger is 4.42% of the cases. 	None	None

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<p>Program Reports Cont'd</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Among gender, females are impacted the most at 56% in comparison to males at 43%. The overall current positivity rate is 5.1%. • Schools will be reporting to the state each Friday through the state reporting system. All cases and clusters for the week are reported. <p>RESPONSE: Dr. David Lewis – Muscogee County School District will provide our case data to the school board, the media and post it on our website each Monday.</p> <p>QUESTION: Dr. Alappan – In terms of the 4% of cases being children who tested positive, do you know how many are hospitalized?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Brandi Nelson – No. We do not have that information.</p> <p>QUESTION: Dr. Lopez – Do you have any data on the positivity in pregnant females?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Brandi Nelson – Today’s information does not have the pregnancy data.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. McRae – 15-20% of our delivering mothers are positive is our experience. Most are young and asymptomatic. We have special rooms and protocols for them because we see them on a regular basis. I don’t know what is being reported. I hope you are getting the information from the hospitals. We test everyone that comes to our units at both hospitals.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Brandi Nelson – Our data comes from the surveillance system SENDSS and is real time data and the pregnancy information is not there. Any reporting facility reports positive cases should be reporting into that system. I can look into this further.</p>		

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<p>Program Reports Cont'd</p>	<p>RESPONSE: Dr. Lopez – The point the Epidemiologist I spoke with was trying to make was that pregnant mothers are getting the virus at parties and baby showers.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. McRae – I’m glad Dr. Lopez brought this up. I would venture to say most do not get the virus at parties or baby showers, but that more get it from contact with people working in meat packing and chicken houses and males that are not getting tested. At least I don’t think it is baby showers but other contacts.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Alappan – Children are the most asymptomatic and carriers. Some of those pregnant women may have contracted the virus from their asymptomatic younger children.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Townsend – More and more parameters are being put into the system and as questions like these arise, we continue to work with what is collected. This is a notifiable disease, but we cannot guarantee that all is being reported into the system and we report what we have. We can only get out what has been put into the system. We are getting better reporting tools from DPH to make it easier to navigate and we continue to encourage people to report the demographics for cases.</p> <p>QUESTION: Dr. Chhokar – Are the other facilities not reporting positives to the health department?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Townsend – We can only know who is reporting. The labs are reporting, but as for urgent cares and other facilities doing rapid testing, we cannot know.</p> <p>CROSS DISCUSSION on reporting COVID recovery rates and challenges of collecting data.</p>		

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<p>Program Reports Cont'd.</p>	<p>Emergency Preparedness: Darrell Enfinger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.5 million pieces of PPE distributed since February in our district alone; 550,000 pieces of PPE is Muscogee County distribution since March. Distribution is has really slowed as more avenues to agencies become available, which really helps because it was consuming a lot of our time. We have 3 people in our EP office and with over 950 hours of overtime for this pandemic response. • EP continues actively testing our critical infrastructure (LEO, EMS, FD). If they are negative on the rapid test, then they are sent to the SPOC for the confirmatory laboratory test. • EP transitioning to what may look like a vaccine campaign. We have spent years working on pandemic response from securing Point of Dispensing (POD) sites to working with hospitals and first responders in order to have what we need. We know the vaccine will be coming and just want to be prepared for that. <p>There were no questions.</p> <p>Public Information – Jack Lockwood on behalf of Pamela Kirkland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated COVID-19 daily press releases continue as well as interviews on tv and social media postings • Health Promotions campaign for HIV testing and for diabetes and hypertension prevention. Digital signage going out to all county health departments to broadcast messages to the public. <p>There were no questions.</p>		<p align="center">None</p>

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<p>Program Reports Cont'd.</p>	<p>Environmental Health – Kristi Ludy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pages 1 and 2 of the written report emailed to all board members show the summary of Environmental Health activity for the month of August, including Food Service, Pools & Spas, Tourist Accommodations, Tattoo Studios, Vector Control, Onsite Sewage and Well Water. • One animal to human rabies exposure was tested positive for rabies. A stray cat attacked man at the Midland post office. The victim still receiving post exposure treatment. • Environmental Health held annual Rabies Prevention Clinic at the Columbus Civic Center on September 8th. We gave 300 vaccinations in 2 hours. Many thanks to Dr. Hank Hall, veterinarian who has helped each year. <p>QUESTION: Dr. Lopez – Is it correct 45 animals go to the Humane Society every month. RESPONSE: Kristi Ludy – Yes, the average is 50 per month. There were no further questions.</p> <p>Nursing Report – Kimberly Fuller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to the Nursing report emailed to board members and reported 863 initial visits, 116 return visits for a total of 979 visits from July 1 to August 31. Last year for the same time, total visits were 2,137. • Continued COVID-19 response efforts, operating the Specimen Point of Collection (SPOC) Monday through Saturday. 		

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Program Reports Cont'd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most community activities are still on hold. Continued participation on the weekly Mayor’s call, internal COVID related conference calls, and virtual meetings. • Held a virtual immunization event and conducted school-based flu discussion and planning for flu shot events. <p>There were no questions</p>	Program reports are attached and made a part of these minutes.	None
Adjournment	With no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Lopez at 1:49 pm.		

**NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TO BE HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL:
OCTOBER 28, 2020 1:00 PM**

Columbus Board of Health Minutes Respectfully submitted by Secretary Peggy Hallmark

**Columbus Board of Health Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2020**

Presiding: Rajinder Chhokar-MD
Attending Board Members: James Lopez-DDS, Devica Alappan-MD, Isaiah Hugley, Yasmin Cathright, Sylvester McRae-MD
Not Present: Rebecca Covington (Mayor Office)
Others Present: Beverley Townsend-MD, Joanne Strickland, Tori Endres, Asante’ Hilts, Valerie Scruggs, Kristi Ludy, Darrell Enfinger, Cheryl Kolb, Jeannie Polhamus (MCSD), Pam Kirkland, Joie Gosa, Peggy Hallmark

In keeping with CDC/GDPH COVID-19 Community Mitigation Recommendations, this board of health meeting was held by conference call. All reports were emailed to all board members. Attendees verified by roll call.

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	Dr. Chhokar called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.	None	None
Approval of Minutes	Dr. Chhokar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged a quorum was present. Referred to minutes from the September meeting. With no questions or discussion from the members, Dr. Chhokar asked for a motion of approval. Called for the Director’s report. 	Motion made by Dr. Lopez, seconded by Isaiah Hugley and Dr. Alappan, and approved by all members present.	None
District Health Director’s Report	Dr. Townsend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stated that COVID testing numbers are down. This is true for Columbus as well as other counties in our district. The Mayor discontinued the mask mandate since case numbers went below what is stated in the Governor’s executive order. Please continue to wear masks. Remember COVID is a serious and deadly disease. Dr. Fauci has announced a vaccine soon to come that will decrease COVID symptoms; but it will not prevent one from getting the virus. The flu vaccine does not prevent all cases but does dramatically reduce symptoms. We do recommend people get the flu vaccine, especially with the similarities of symptoms to the COVID virus. 	None	None

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<p>Director's Report Cont'd</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Columbus Health Department will be an early voting precinct for the presidential election. We will provide COVID rapid testing for all poll workers. • Thank you to board members for responding with approval for a one-time incentive for our employees. Thank you to our community partners, judges, school systems, and hospitals for working with us to ensure the public health message is getting out there. <p>QUESTION: Dr. Chhokar – Are the numbers going down because there are less cases, or because people are not coming to be tested or, do we have a smaller number of cases?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Townsend – Requests for testing is down over the last couple of months, in part because there are other entities conducting tests, including hospitals and then there are some people who just do not want to be tested.</p> <p>RESPONSE/QUESTION: Dr. McRae – We have been seeing fewer COVID positives in the hospitals and in our area the rate of infection appears to be down. Why do you think we now have a down tick? If it is due to masks and social distancing, then why would we stop that?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Townsend – The Governor gave the ability to mayors to do that if the numbers fell below 100 cases per 100,000. We at public health continue to advocate for, recommend, and practice mask wearing and social distance whether it is done at that official level or not. The holidays are upon us and recommend people follow the safety precautions and not have large gatherings, especially with people who are not of your own household.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Chhokar – It is important that we continue to advocate and practice mask wearing.</p>		

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Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Director's Report Cont'd	<p>RESPONSE: Dr. Lopez – One reason we are seeing a down tick may be due to the change in weather and the difference of being inside or more outside.</p> <p>No further discussion.</p>		
Financial Report	<p>Joanne Strickland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented financial overview, through the end of September 2020, with a current budget of \$5,915,206. Total expenses for FY21 are \$1,408,093.86, just below our target of 23.8% for three months of operations. Total fee income is \$487,846.65. Lines 6 through 17 show detail for fees and their comparisons to last year; up overall by \$122,046. Prior Admin Claiming Income is down by \$22,982.62 due to timing of receipts from the state. Detail of the summary are on pages 2 and 3. Page 4 shows our grants, which were all on target for three months of operation. <p>There were no questions.</p>	<p>The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes.</p>	<p>None</p>
Excused Absences	<p>Mayor's office</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>
Old Business	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>
New Business	<p>FY2020 Audit Report</p> <p>Joanne Strickland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented FY20 Audit Summary for the Columbus Department of Public Health as prepared by Albright, Fortenberry & Ninas, LLP and emailed to all board members. Audit by independent auditors is a requirement for government entities to cover all financial activities for the fiscal year and gets filed with the DPH Office of Audit. The board of health votes to 	<p>Motion made by Dr. McRae, seconded by Dr. Lopez, and approved by all members present.</p>	<p>None</p>

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Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
<p>New Business Cont'd</p>	<p>accept the audit report to document in the minutes that the entity has met all requirements of an independent audit. Our audit of FY20 ending June 30, 2020 resulted in no findings nor questionable costs, which is a good thing. Auditor letters, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and the auditor's notes are all attached for your review. A complete detailed report of the audit can be mailed to you upon request. Just contact Peggy Hallmark.</p> <p>Dr. Chhokar: With no questions or discussion from the members, Dr. Chhokar asked for a motion of approval.</p>		
<p>Program Reports</p>	<p>Emergency Preparedness: Darrell Enfinger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have done over 20,000 PCR tests outside at the SPOC minus the numbers for today. Our numbers have decreased some but are seeing more school age children come through the SPOC. Regarding the COVID vaccine and what it may look like in getting it out there, there are currently two scenarios. One is CVS and Walgreens partnering with the CDC to do vaccine services in nursing homes and assisted living facilities for those that sign up. All our nursing homes and assisted living facilities have received emails to sign up. Second is that we were told by the state to expect the vaccine next week, or the following week, or maybe next month – so we really do not know when it is coming, but had to be prepared for this week. The initial tier one vaccine will be a smaller shipment to take care of first responders, critical infrastructure, and healthcare providers; then tier two for the nursing homes and vulnerable populations. 	<p>Program reports are attached and made a part of these minutes.</p>	<p>None</p>

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Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
<p>Program Reports Cont'd</p>	<p>Public Information –Pam Kirkland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 daily press releases are now weekly updates beginning October 12th. • All October televised interviews were pertaining to COVID-19 • Health promotions including social media posts focused on breast cancer and SIDS awareness as well as flu vaccines and announcements of drive thru flu shot clinics. <p>Environmental Health – Kristi Ludy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to the Environmental Health report which has been emailed to all board members. Paged 1 and 2 show a summary of EH activity for the month of September, which includes inspections and investigations for Food Service, Pools & Spas, Tourist Accommodations, Tattoo Studios, Vector Control, Onsite Sewage, and Well Water. • Two animals tested for rabies and both were negative. • Food service inspection details are listed on pages 3 through 7 of the report. <p>Nursing Report – Valerie Scruggs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to the Nursing report emailed to board members and reported 1,225 initial visits, 199 return visits for a total of 1,424 visits from July 1 to September 30th. Last year for the same time, total visits were 3,001. • Continued COVID-19 response efforts, operating the Specimen Point of Collection (SPOC) Monday through Saturday. 		

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<p>Program Reports Cont'd</p>	<p>Nursing Report – Cont'd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community awareness and outreach efforts include MCAP, Child Fatality review, school attendance and school base and drive thru flu clinics. <p>Opioid Prevention – Cheryl Kolb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of role as Public Health Educator & Analyst who transferred to the Opioid Prevention program. Support of COVID response took precedence until late August when additional staffing made it possible to focus on the Opioid program. According to the CDC an average of 130 American die of opioid overdose every day. Overdose is the leading cause of death of Americans under the age of 50. First community Opioid Prevention Alliance meeting will be November 5th (a virtual meeting). Requests from the community members are increasing. Contact me or Peggy Hallmark if you would like to be added to the list. Working to provide access to ODMAP to get all law enforcement agencies using this tool in our district. It will help track spikes, respond to cluster outbreaks, and give us good data we do not currently have. Currently working on outbreak response plan for this district. Completed 3 Narcan trainings for non-profits and have 2 more scheduled. The program has already saved a life at safe house with the use of Narcan which is provided to non-profit organizations in our district. We are partnering with New Horizons to further the scope of the program. <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Townsend – The opioid crisis has been overshadowed by COVID. We really need to give this attention.</p>		

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Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
<p>Program Reports Cont'd</p>	<p>Epidemiology – Asante’ Hilts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the recent 14-day period (10/10 – 10/23) we had 6,316 confirmed COVID cases and a current 3.6% positivity rate, or 72 cases per 100,000 in this period. Total COVID hospitalizations to date are 693 and 174 deaths. Of the 6,316 cases, 3,606 are female, 2,729 are male and 27 gender is unknown. <p>There were no questions.</p>		
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>With no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Chhokar at 1:40 pm.</p>		

**NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TO BE HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL:
DECEMBER 2, 2020 1:00 PM**

Columbus Board of Health Minutes Respectfully submitted by Secretary Peggy Hallmark



Board of Elections and Registrations

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Item #3.

Uhland "U.D." Roberts, Chair
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Annette Williams

Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration January 8, 2026 Minutes

The monthly meeting for the Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration was held Thursday; January 8th Chairperson Uhland Roberts called the meeting to order at 2:03p.m. Board members UD Roberts, Linda Parker, Diane Scrimshire, and Annette Williams were present. Edwin Roldan is excused from the meeting.

Board Comments: Happy New Year!

Agenda Request: Dr. Natalie Nicole – Lawsuit filed Jan. 4, 2021, release of records concerning communications with True to Vote and related entities. Docket Number 20-2561

Approval of Minutes:

- Annette Williams seconded Linda Parker's motion to approve board meeting minutes for the month of October.

New Business:

- **Clarity in SEB Action:** The State Election Board referred a case to the Attorney General for further investigation citing the incorrect rule. SEB rule 183.1.14 should have been used but the Board used 183.1.12. The case involved approximately 315,000 early votes in another county. The Board provided this information for understanding.
- **Voter Registration Report-** Excused until next meeting.

Old Business:

- **Polling Place Change-** Move INC to the Library. Muscogee county will go from 25 precincts to 24 if this is done. The Board wants to continue the search for precinct replacement of INC. The Elections office will reach out to the Columbus Museum for possible availability to become a precinct. St. Mary's Elementary School located on 4408 St. Marys Rd is no longer a active school that is vacant. The building is owned by the city and can possibly be used for election uses. Early voting, Equipment etc.
- **Advance Voting Locations-** Elections office will continue voting at Shirley Winstons Rec Center with 3 weeks of security provided by the Sheriff Department. Looked into the old Joanns on the North end of the Strip mall but the space is too large. The elections office will continue to search for a 3rd location.



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Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items:

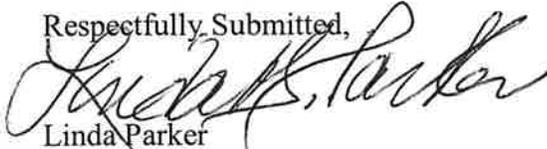
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No further business Chair, Uhland Roberts, adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda Parker
Vice-Chair

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Presiding: Rajinder Chhokar-MD
Attending Board Members: James Lopez-DDS, Devica Alappan-MD, Sylvester McRae-MD, Rebecca Covington (Mayor's Office, Crystal Farley (City Mgr Office), Yasmin Cathright
Not Present:
Others Present: Beverley Townsend-MD, Joanne Strickland, Tori Endres, Asante' Hiltz, Steve Gunby (Atty), Pam Kirkland, Kimberly Fuller, Joie Gosa, Jeannie Polhamus, (MCSD), Peggy Hallmark

In keeping with CDC/GDPH COVID-19 Community Mitigation Recommendations, this board of health meeting was held by conference call. All reports were emailed to all board members. Attendees verified by roll call.

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Chhokar called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm. • Secretary completed roll call. • Dr. Chhokar acknowledge a quorum was present. 	None	None
Approval of Agenda	Dr. Chhokar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to the August meeting agenda as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. 	Motion made by Dr. Alappan, seconded by Dr. McRae, and approved by all members present.	None
Approval of Minutes	Dr. Chhokar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to minutes from the June meeting as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, asked for a motion of approval. • Called for the Director's report. 	Motion made by Dr. Alappan, seconded by Dr. McRae, and approved by all members present.	None
Director's Report	Dr. Townsend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pfizer COVID vaccine has received FDA approval for ages 16 and older with brand name 'Comirnaty', but we are still under the EUA for ages 12 to 16. We anticipate others will soon be approved by the FDA. 	None	None

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<p>Director’s Report Cont’d</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We lost another public health family member and want to extend our sympathy to the family of that young woman, the second we have lost this year. • The additional COVID-19 vaccine dose is now available for immunocompromised people. We recognize it as an “additional” or “third” dose as opposed to “booster” and want to be sure to make that distinction. • The booster will be for all fully vaccinated persons and should be available sometime in September. It is to be administered no sooner than 8 months after the 2nd dose. • COVID testing numbers have increased and we continue to do vaccinations. Vaccination rates for the state of Georgia are 42% fully vaccinated and 50% having received one dose. For Muscogee County, 40% have received one dose and 34% are fully vaccinated. We are partnering with whoever calls in need of help and support, including hospitals, to assist with the current surge. The state is helping with the increase in staffing needs. The Governor has called for National Guard support in some areas, but not in our district. • People are going to extreme levels to fight COVID, but not doing the basic things like getting vaccinated and staying healthy as they can with all the mitigation efforts. They are taking something called ivermectin. You have seen that name before. It has been used in cocktails, but people are going to Tractor Supply or some other place that sells it either in pill form or cream, but this is the one for animals and not for humans and people are dying from this. Let’s please spread the word that this is not the right thing to do. I would encourage those who are not vaccinated to get vaccinated; those that are vaccinated to stay safe; and those that are 		

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<p>Director's Report Cont'd</p>	<p>immunocompromised to go ahead and get their 3rd dose; and then to those that are fully vaccinated to wait at least 8 months from their 2nd dose to get their booster dose.</p> <p>QUESTION: Dr. Chhokar – It is good to know you already have the third dose for the immunocompromised. At least we will tell the immunocompromised patients it is there. Do the hospitals know this?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Townsend – Yes, the hospitals do know. One other point to make is that most of our hospitals are at capacity and full. One in our district had to close their doors and went on full diversion Monday night. This is really a major crisis and is close to home. The hospitals do not have beds for non-COVID patients, including in our area. Heart attacks, strokes and other diseases are still going on and the beds are full.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Chhokar – I can speak about our two hospitals, at least for the cardiology program. Both hospitals have asked that we do no scheduled routine cases and only to take emergency procedures regarding cardiology. Anything that can be postponed the hospitals have asked to be postponed.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Townsend – In the healthcare arena we all are short staffed, and we have a tremendous demand. We are hiring hourly staff to help with the shortages. This is a public health crisis, but it is going to take the community, really all of us to get through this. This is a community responsibility.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Chhokar – I could not say it any more emphatically as Dr. Townsend. Yes, it will take the whole village to get this in control.</p>		

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<p>Financial Report</p>	<p>Joanne Strickland: You will have received two financial reports in your board of health packets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented the final financial overview for FY21 ending June 30, 2021. We had an original budget of \$5,915,206. There were seven budget revisions throughout the year and ended on a final budget of \$6,621,963. We spent 100% of that budget for the 12 months of operation. Line 4 shows our expenses in comparison to the previous year and the increase in spending of \$820,081.78. As shared before, we are moving to a centralized accounting system which means the payroll is centralized and managed through the lead county (Columbus) for other counties within our district. During 2021 we had a total of 8 counties on the centralized system which explains the increases. We also have pass-thru spending for ordering in bulk for the centralized counties. Line 5 shows our total fee income of \$1,237,026.84. Lines 6 through 17 show the fund sources as well as the comparison to the previous year. Line 18 shows an overall increase in income of \$43,226.96. Admin Claiming Income had a decrease of \$47,731.14 having to do with the timing that the funding is sent down from the state. The following pages detail expenses and revenue by line item. Page 4 shows our current grants that fall under the lead county, and we spent out the required amounts of grant dollars for FY21 except for grants that are on the federal fiscal year, so those funds will roll forward into our next fiscal year and continue in their federal fiscal year. <p>There were no questions.</p>	<p>The Financial Reports for FY21 and FY22 are attached and made a part of these minutes.</p>	<p>None</p>

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Financial Report Cont'd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented the FY22 financial overview through the end of July 2021. We are operating on a budget of \$6,120,536. Expenses as of July were \$422,738.99 which is little below our target of 8.33% for one month of operation. In comparison, we have spent \$6,553 more than the same time last year. Line 5 our total fee income was \$134,901.19. Lines 6 through 17 show fund sources for fees and the comparison to last year, which is down overall by \$62,806. We have not received any Admin Claiming Income. Pages 2 and 3 show the detail for expense and income. Page 4 shows our grants for FY22 and thus far they are all on target for one month of operation. <p>There were no questions</p>		
Excused Absences	None	None	None
Old Business	None	None	None
New Business	None	None	None
Program Reports	<p>Epidemiology COVID 19 Update – Joie Gosa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented a snapshot of what’s happening in Muscogee County: As of August 23rd, we have 17,641 total confirmed cases. Comparing the previous 14-day period from 7/31 to 8/13 of positive cases, we are up from 8.14 per 100,000 to 8.20. The 14-day confirmed case rate was at 25% on 8/16 and at 23.8% on 8/23. The breakthrough cases (vaccinated) as of today are at 3%. The fully vaccinated in our county as of 8/25 is 34%. Hospitalizations are standing at 1,399 and we have a total of 449 confirmed deaths. 	Program reports are attached and made a part of these minutes	None

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<p>Program Reports Cont'd</p>	<p>Epidemiology COVID 19 Update – Cont'd</p> <p>We are seeing an increase of cases in the pediatric population. We have 729 Muscogee cases in the age range of 0-17 from 7/10/21 to present in comparison to 79 cases from 5/1/21 to 6/30/21. The delta variant is responsible for 98.8% of all cases. The delta variant is highly contagious showing more than two times as contagious than previous variants. Unvaccinated individuals are at greatest risk of contracting and transmitting the virus. Breakthrough infections among fully vaccinated with the delta variant have shorter infectious periods than unvaccinated.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Chhokar – At the last meeting I believe there was a question of whether we are checking for the delta variant. At least now it is a good thing to know that we are checking.</p> <p>Public Information – Pam Kirkland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press releases continue with weekly COVID-19 updates including number of cases, information on testing and vaccines schedules reported each Monday. • All interviews were pertaining to COVID-19, primarily vaccines, including on tv and radio. • Paid advertisements placed for the Family Planning program (LARC) as well as ads regarding vaccine hesitancy and awareness. • Social media posts and releases on vaccination sites, testing hours, Fatherhood Initiative, World Mosquito Day, Narcan administration (virtual event), and HIV home test kits and free testing at the health department. • You Tube Channel commercials and video interviews ongoing. 		

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<p>Program Reports Continued</p>	<p>Environmental Health – Asante’ Hilts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to the Environmental Health report for June 1 through July 31, 2021. Details shown on pages 3-12. • Food Service Program - Currently has 683 establishments and 64 schools permitted. During this time, we reviewed 13 plans, conducted 118 routine inspections, 7 follow up inspections, 19 initial inspections and investigated 10 complaints. • Pools/Spas - Currently 38 pools and spas are permitted. We conducted 6 opening inspections, 11 routine inspections, and 2 re-inspections. • Tourist Accommodations - Currently have 54 establishments are permitted. Reviewed 1 plan, conducted 15 routine and 2 pre-operational inspections. Investigated 2 complaints during this time. • Tattoo Studios/Artists - Currently have 18 permitted studios and 53 permitted tattoo artists. Conducted 3 tattoo studio inspections and had no complaints to investigate in this time frame. • Rabies Control had a total of 84 human only exposure investigations, 1 animal only and 11 animal to human exposure investigations. A total of 51 animals were confined, 27 tested for rabies and 2 were positive. • Vector Control received 95 complaints for rodents, mosquitoes and roaches and conducted 93 complaint investigations. Onsite Sewage had 5 new system permits, 4 installation inspections, 7 repair permits issued, conducted 4 repair inspections, and permitted 8 sewage removal contractors. Evaluated 1 well water system and had 0 bacteria positive samples. <p>There were no questions.</p>	<p>Program reports are attached and made a part of these minutes.</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>Program Reports Cont'd</p>	<p>Nursing Report – Kimberly Fuller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred to the FY21 Final Nursing report emailed to board members and reported 8,220 initial visits, 2,529 return visits for a total of 10,749 visits from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Last year for the same time, the total visits were 9,231. <p>Community collaborations included MCAP, Child Fatality and CHINS. Continued rapid test for first responders, and clinical rotations for CSU students. COVID testing at the health department with MAKO was on Monday and Fridays, but we changed to Monday through Friday from 9am – 1pm since the surge of cases. The health department is vaccinating Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am – 12 pm, but is changing to Monday through Friday from 9am to 1pm. Testing is outside and vaccinations are inside. The Strike Team is vaccinating homebound patients here and across the district and CORE is vaccinating at many off campus community sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred to the FY22 Nursing report for the month of July 2021 and reported 1,305 initial visits, 113 return visits for a total of 1,418 visits from July 1 through July 31, 2021. Last year for the same time, the total visits were 412. <p>Community awareness continued with MCAP, Child Fatality Review and CHINS; as reported above. Relocated COVID SPOC testing to the Veterans Parkway lower lot on August 2nd.</p> <p>There were no questions.</p>		

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Adjournment	Dr Chhokar announced next meeting date is September 22nd. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Chhokar at 1:44 pm.		

**NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TO BE HELD ON**

September 22, 2021, at 1:00 PM

Columbus Board of Health Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Peggy Hallmark



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January 12, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners of Columbus, Georgia, was held on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. at our Main Office, Chattahoochee Room. Chairman, Nick Smith, took the roll call, and the following Commissioners were present:

Nick Smith, Chairman
Jennifer Upshaw, Vice Chair
Brooks Yancey
Oz Roberts
Mayor Skip Henderson

President Cummings welcomed our new board member, Brooks Yancey. Mr. Yancey brings engineering, construction, and industrial backgrounds to the board. Mr. Yancey spoke and thanked the board for having him.

This being the first meeting of the New Year, the election of Officers was in order.

The following Officers were nominated:

Current Officers

Nick Smith, Chairman
Jennifer Upshaw, Vice Chairman
Jeremy Cummings, President
Vic Burchfield, Secretary

Proposed Officers 2026

Nick Smith, Chairman
Jennifer Upshaw, Vice Chairman
Jeremy Cummings, President
Vic Burchfield, Secretary

A motion was made by Oz Roberts and seconded by Mayor Skip Henderson to elect the above Officers for the calendar year 2026. Motion carried.

Receipt of the Minutes from the regular meeting on December 8, 2025, was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Brooks Yancey and seconded by Jennifer Upshaw to approve the Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Aric Jackson recognized the following promotions for the month of December: Christopher Page, promoted to Field Services Crew Leader II, and Juqwan Soloman, promoted to Field Services Technician I.

Vickie Clark presented the Financial Report for December 2025, including Ft Benning, to the Board. A motion was made by Jennifer Upshaw and seconded by Oz Roberts to approve the Financial Reports. Motion carried.

Vic Burchfield presented a request to donate a surplus vehicle to the Uptown Columbus Business Improvement District (BID). Uptown Columbus Business Improvement District (BID) made a request to CWW regarding the availability and potential donation of a surplus truck for use in its ambassador program. CWW has reviewed the vehicles on our disposal list and has identified a vehicle that meets its requirements (2012 Ford F150 Regular Cab 2WD with 110,695 miles, VIN#1FTMF1CMXCFB57072). Under the Georgia Gratuity Clause, CWW is allowed to make a vehicle donation under certain restrictions as follows:

- **The nonprofit's mission provides a public benefit.**

Uptown Columbus, Inc. and the Uptown Columbus BID are nonprofit organizations responsible for supporting the economic vitality, safety, cleanliness, and overall experience of Uptown Columbus, the City's central business, entertainment, and civic district. Uptown's mission is to create a clean, safe, vibrant, and economically healthy district that benefits residents, businesses, employees, and visitors. Through daily operations, public safety coordination, maintenance services, programming, and strategic partnerships with the City of Columbus and community

stakeholders, Uptown provides direct public benefit by enhancing public spaces, supporting local businesses, encouraging tourism, and improving quality of life. The Uptown BID operates seven days a week, delivering clean-and-safe services, ambassador patrols, and operational oversight that supplement City services and ensure consistent, visible stewardship of public assets.

- **The donation directly advances that public purpose.**

The donated vehicle would be used exclusively for Uptown BID's public-service operations within Uptown Columbus. The vehicle would support the Clean Team, Ambassador Safety Team, and Operations staff in carrying out daily responsibilities, including:

- Routine patrols and inspections of public spaces, sidewalks, parking garages, parks, playgrounds, and the Riverwalk
- Rapid response to safety concerns, maintenance issues, and service requests
- Transport of equipment, supplies, and signage necessary for cleanliness, safety, and event support
- Increased visibility and accessibility of Uptown staff to improve public confidence and perception of safety
- Direct coordination with City departments, public safety personnel, and utility partners

The vehicle will enhance operational efficiency, reduce response times, and strengthen Uptown's ability to maintain safe, clean, and well-managed public spaces. This directly advances Uptown's public purpose while supporting broader City goals related to public safety, economic development, tourism, and community well-being.

- **The governing body (Board of Water Commissioners of Columbus, Ga.) formally approves the donation.**

Approving the donation at a regular Board meeting satisfies this requirement.

- **CWW documents the public benefit received in exchange.**

CWW will document the public benefit as stated above in the official minutes of the Board meeting.

- **The transfer complies with CWW surplus property procedures.**

CWW has a clear process for classifying vehicles that are no longer needed (surplus) and ready for disposal. Our Managed Maintenance Department creates a spreadsheet listing all company vehicles that are at least 10 years old or have reached 150,000 miles. Each vehicle is evaluated by the Fleet Shop and rated as

Good, Fair, or Poor based on its condition. This list is then submitted as potential candidates for replacement during the budget approval process. Once approved for replacement, a new vehicle is purchased in the following budget year, and the old vehicle is added to the disposal list. The recommended vehicle for donation has been evaluated by this process and qualifies as surplus property.

Based upon the above criteria and supporting documentation, the donation of the vehicle is allowed and recommended for approval by the Board.

A motion was made by Oz Roberts and seconded by Jennifer Upshaw. Motion carried.

President Cummings introduced Bryan Huskey from Stifel to the board. President Cummings and the executive team have been working with Bryan on the 2026 Bond Issuance. Bryan explained the need for the bond issuance. With board approval, CWW will attend the city council meeting on January 27th for approval to proceed to the bond market. A motion was made by Jennifer Upshaw and seconded by Oz Roberts. Motion carried.

Savonne Monell presented an overview of public education and outreach, Water Quality. In December, WTVM conducted and aired interviews with Jeremy Cummings, John Peebles, and Ken Barber. The interviews provided a platform for CWW to highlight the level of expertise and technology used, as well as financial implications, which are critical elements in our role of providing excellence in water and wastewater services. Jeremy thanked John Peebles and Ken Barber for the interview.

President Cummings presented the following meeting dates to the Board for the calendar year 2026. These dates are all on the second Monday of each month at 1:30.

Monday, January 12, 2026 – 1:30 p.m.
Monday, February 9, 2026 – 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 9, 2026 – 1:30 p.m.
 Monday, April 13, 2026 – 1:30 p.m.
 Monday, May 11, 2026 – 1:30 p.m.
 Monday, June 8, 2026 – 1:30 p.m.
 Monday, July 13, 2026 – 1:30 p.m.
 Monday, August 10, 2026 – 1:30 p.m.
 Monday, September 14, 2026 – 1:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, October 13, 2026 – 1:30 p.m.*
 Monday, November 9, 2026 – 1:30 p.m.
 Monday, December 14, 2026 – 1:30 p.m.

*Changed due to Columbus Day

A motion was made by Oz Roberts and seconded by Mayor Skip Henderson to approve the above-scheduled Board meeting dates for 2026. Motion carried.

President Cummings presented the following schedule of Holidays for the calendar year 2026:

Thursday, January 1, 2026 – New Year's Day Holiday
 Monday, January 19, 2026 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
 Monday, May 25, 2026 – Memorial Day Holiday
 Friday, June 19, 2026 – Juneteenth National Independence Day
 Friday, July 3, 2026 – Independence Day Holiday
 Monday, September 7, 2026 - Labor Day (First Monday in September)
 Monday, October 12, 2026 – Columbus Day
 Tuesday, November 11, 2026– Veterans Day
 Thursday, November 26, 2026 - Thanksgiving Day
 Friday, November 27, 2026 – Day After Thanksgiving
 Thursday, December 24, 2026 – Christmas Eve, Floating Holiday
 Friday, December 25, 2026 – Christmas Day

A motion was made by Jennifer Upshaw and seconded by Oz Roberts. Motion carried.

The following Departmental Reports for December 2025 were provided to the Board as information only:

- Customer Service Report
- Meter Maintenance/Water Accountability Report
- Engineering Report
- Field Services Report

- Information Services Report
- Environmental Services Report
- Strategic Planning, Communications, Community Outreach Report
- Employee Services Report
- Water Resource Operations/Managed Maintenance Report

President Jeremy Cummings provided the following information to the board:

- Vic Burchfield received a thank-you note for speaking on the panel at the Georgia Funders' Forum back in October. They greatly appreciated his time and expertise.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Brooks Yancey and seconded by Oz Roberts to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.



Vic Burchfield, Secretary

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Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Chhokar called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. • Secretary completed roll call. • Dr. Chhokar acknowledged a quorum was present. 	None	None
Approval of Agenda	<p>Dr. Chhokar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to the December meeting agenda as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. 	Motion made by Yasmin Cathright and seconded by Dr. Lopez and approved by all members present.	None
Approval of Minutes	<p>Dr. Chhokar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to minutes from the October meeting as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, asked for a motion of approval. 	Motion made by Dr. Lopez, seconded by Yasmin Cathright, and approved by all members present.	None
Director's Report	<p>Dr. Chhokar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Called for the Director's report <p>Dr. Townsend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greeted the group with gratitude for the Thanksgiving holiday break and well wishes for the upcoming season. 	None	None

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<p>Director's Report Cont'd.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muscogee County has a fully vaccinated rate of 40% in comparison to the state of Georgia, which is at 51%. We have a way to go before reaching the 75-80% desired rate for full vaccination. The Omicron variant is around the world and though not here yet, it is only a matter of time. We do have other entities to support testing and vaccination efforts, so we are not the only provider. Our main focus is to get more people vaccinated. • We have high staff turnover in Public Health due to low salaries. Board of health members are encouraged to advocate to legislature on our behalf to look closely at Public Health for consideration of salary increase so that we can gain retention and sustainability for our staff. • Announced Dr. Chhokar's December 31, 2021, end of term as a board of health member and that today will be her last meeting in that capacity. With many thanks, Dr. Townsend presented Dr. Chhokar a certificate of appreciation for nine years of outstanding performance and lasting contributions to Public Health. <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Chhokar - Thanked the board for the opportunity and stated it has been her pleasure to serve.</p>		
<p>Financial Report</p>	<p>Gwen Cunningham: Presented the FY22 financial overview, through the end of October 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We began FY22 with an original budget of \$6,120,536; had two revisions and are currently working with a budget of \$6,265,237. Total expenses through the end of October are \$2,080,423.26, which is 33% of budget and on target for 4 months of operations. Line 4 shows the comparison to last year with an increase of \$264,717.54. 	<p>The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes</p>	<p>None</p>

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Financial Report Cont'd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Line 5 shows total fee income is \$429,920.88 and lines 6 through 17 show the fund sources and their comparison to last year. Line 18 shows we are down overall by \$122,601.75 due to outpatient client fees we no longer receive for COVID testing. Prior year Admin Claiming Income remains down due to timing of receipts from the state. Details of the summary are on pages 2 and 3. Page 4 shows our grants, which were all on target for 4 months of operation. <p>There were no questions.</p>		
Excused Absences	Devica Alappan, MD	None	None
Old Business	None	None	None
New Business	None	None	None
Program Reports	<p>Epidemiology COVID 19 Update – Brandi Nelson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Omicron variant was detected in South Africa and is known as B1.1.529. It is currently unclear what the transmissibility and severity might be in comparison to the other variants. The CDC did classify the variant as a variant of concern. We will keep you updated as more information becomes available. Muscogee County has 21,160 confirmed cases to date; the recent 14-day period shows 98 cases per 100,000. Probable cases are 3,427. Current PCR positivity rate is 7.2% compared to the previous 7-day rate of 5.7%, meaning we are in a period of significant community spread. Total hospitalizations are at 1,795, with 583 confirmed deaths. We are at 7.1% with breakthrough cases. Our fully vaccinated percentage is 40%. 	Program reports are attached and made a part of these minutes	None

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<p>Program Reports Cont'd</p>	<p>Epidemiology – Continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informed the board of a non-COVID update. In October there was one pediatric case of E. coli linked to the Georgia State Fair, in Perry, Georgia. Three other cases were also pediatric cases. We are waiting on the state to give an update on the investigation. The North Central Health District is following that investigation. 		
	<p>Public Information – Cont'd - Pam Kirkland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informed the board of continued weekly press release updates on COVID case numbers and vaccinations and the media advisory about our new mobile Public Health unit. The unit will be going out next week, which is National Influenza Vaccination Week, to do flu and COVID vaccines around the city, targeting people who may not have transportation or are underserved. The campaign for that will start Friday with commercials. Interviews (tv, radio, newspaper) pertaining to COVID-19, vaccinations, pediatric vaccinations, holiday COVID safety, the Omicron variant, the upcoming rabies clinic, and World AIDS Day testing event were all completed. Information by social media posts and advertisements covered breast cancer exams, vaccine clinics & locations, free Uber rides, pediatric vaccines holiday closings, a 6-month campaign for Linkage to Care (HIV support), the mobile vaccine unit and the rabies clinic which will be held tomorrow at our Veterans Parkway location. <p>QUESTION: Dr. Chhokar – How many people have used the Uber rides?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Asante' Hilts – I can get that number and report back.</p>		

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<p>Program Reports Cont'd</p>	<p>Environmental Health – Kristi Ludy</p> <p>Referred members to the Environmental Health report of activities covering the month of October, emailed to all members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Food Service Program conducted 66 routine inspections, 1 follow up inspection, 2 initial inspections and 2 plan reviews. There were 4 complaints which were investigated • There was no pool and spa activity for the period reported, but we are gearing up for season to open in January. • Tourist accommodations conducted 10 routine inspections and 2 complaint investigations. • The Body Art program had 1 complaint which was investigated. • Rabies Control had no rabies exposures, 11 confinements with animal tested, which was negative. We had 1 rabies clinic at the Civic Center in October, but rain kept many from coming out. It cleared enough for about 2 hours of clinic time. There were 500 pre-registrations but only 176 showed. The next clinic will be tomorrow at the Veterans Parkway location using the COVID clinic area that Kim Fuller has so graciously allowed us to use. One other difference with this clinic is that it will all be pre-paid, and we will not be collecting money on site. • Vector Control conducted 30 complaint investigations. • On-Site Sewage issued 1 new system permit and 1 repair permit, conducted 3 installation inspections and 1 repair inspection. There was no activity for the Well Water program. <p>There were no questions.</p>		

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<p>Program Reports Cont'd</p>	<p>Nursing Report – Kimberly Fuller</p> <p>Referred to the FY22 Nursing report for the period of July 1 through October 31, 2021, (emailed to board members).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients who received services during the period include 5,232 initial visits; 1,520 return visits for a total of 6,752 visits compared to 1,950 total visits for the same period last year. • Community collaborations continue with monthly meetings and include MCAP, Child Fatality Review and CHINS. Community awareness activities continue with rapid COVID testing for first responders Columbus Consolidated Government staff, as well as clinical rotations for CSU nursing students. • Activities for this time frame include continued COVID SPOC testing in partnership with MAKO, weekly COVID conference calls, daily vaccination clinics, Strike Team and CORE clinics and planning meetings (calendar attached), flu vaccine outreach with Flournoy Development, breast cancer awareness exams and continue with regular Nurse Manager meetings. • Total COVID vaccines administered by us in Muscogee County including homebound visits since December 23, 2020, is 27,500. Our outside drive through vaccine is for 12 and older with the pediatric vaccines inside the department. <p>There were no questions.</p>		

**Columbus Board of Health Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2021**

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Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Adjournment	Dr Chhokar thanked everyone and paid compliments to the members of the board and to the Public Health staff. Expressions of appreciation for Dr. Chhokar’s service followed. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Chhokar at 1:32 pm.		

Columbus Board of Health minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Peggy Hallmark

**NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TO BE HELD ON
January 26, 2022, at 1:00 PM**

**Columbus Board of Health Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2022**

Item #3.

Presiding: James Lopez, DDS
Attending Board Members: Devica Alappan, MD, Rebecca Covington (Mayor office), Crystal Farley (City Mgr office), Yasmin Cathright, Joy Adegbile
Not Present: Sylvester McRae, MD
Others Present: Beverley Townsend-MD, Joanne Strickland, Tori Endres, Atty Gunby, Pam Kirkland, Kimberly Fuller, Kristi Ludy, Brandi Nelson, Patrick Peck, David Lewis (MCSD), Jeannie Polhamus, (MCSD), Sheryl Wadkins, Octavia White, Peggy Hallmark

In keeping with CDC/GDPH COVID-19 Community Mitigation Recommendations, this board of health meeting was held by conference call. All reports were emailed to all board members. Attendees verified by roll call.

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Lopez called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. • Secretary completed roll call. • Dr. Lopez acknowledged a quorum was present. 	None	None
BOH Office Elections	<p>Dr. Lopez, Vice Chairman:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opened the floor for nominations for the vacant offices of Chair and Vice Chair for the 2-year term of January 2022 through December 2023. <p>Chairperson - Dr. James Lopez was nominated. There were no other nominations for this position. Dr. Lopez called for discussion. There was none. Dr. Lopez accepted the position of Chairman of the Columbus Board of Health.</p> <p>Vice Chairperson - Dr. Devica Alappan was nominated but declined. She then nominated Dr. Sylvester McRae. There were no other nominations. Dr. McRae was recognized and accepted by the board for the position of Vice Chairman.</p>	<p>Chairperson: Motion made by Yasmin Cathright and seconded by Dr. Alappan and approved by all members present.</p> <p>Vice Chairperson: Motion made by Yasmin Cathright and seconded by Dr. Alappan and approved by all members present.</p>	None
Approval of Agenda	<p>Dr. Lopez: Referred to the January meeting agenda as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, asked for a motion for approval of the agenda.</p>	Motion made by Yasmin Cathright and seconded by Dr. Alappan and approved by all members present.	None

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Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Approval of Minutes	<p>Dr. Lopez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called for the answer to Dr. Chhokar’s December meeting question regarding the number of free Uber rides for Columbus Health Department services. The answer was not readily available. Referred to minutes from the December meeting as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, minutes were approved. 	<p>With no questions or discussion from board members, Dr. Lopez stated minutes approved as sent.</p>	<p>Secretary to email the Uber ride answer to board members.</p>
Director’s Report	<p>Dr. Lopez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called for the Director’s report <p>Dr. Townsend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcomed the board’s newest member Dr. Joy Adegbile, having both MD and MPH credentials. Thanked newly elected members for serving on the Columbus Board of Health. Stated that we are still in pandemic and Public Health efforts continue to be primarily focused on COVID response for prevention with vaccinations and testing. Testing numbers are down. Happy to have contracted companies to assist with vaccinations and testing as we get back to our other Public Health services. One of our issues is that Public Health staff and/or their families are getting infected with the COVID virus which has a negative impact on staffing and being able to function. Public Health, like other healthcare providers are losing staff to other entities because people can make so much more money, in some cases, twice their salary, by working in COVID response even though that may be temporary. We cannot match what those entities are paying from COVID dollars. 	<p align="center">None</p>	<p align="center">None</p>

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Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
<p>Director's Report Cont'd</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hopefully Public Health will soon be able to do something to increase salaries. Board of health members are encouraged to advocate to legislature on behalf of Public Health for increase of salaries and compensations accordingly. • Today is Kimberly Fuller's last day with us as our County Nurse Manager for the Columbus Health Department. This is a tremendous loss for us. She has done a great job for us, and we thank her for her services. • GPHA will have their annual conference in May in Jekyll Island. Information has been emailed to board members by secretary, Peggy Hallmark. 		
<p>Financial Report</p>	<p>Joanne Strickland, District Administrator</p> <p>Presented the FY22 financial overview, through the end of December 2021 sent to board members in the original packet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We began FY22 with an original budget of \$6,120,536. We have had three revisions during this 6-month period and are currently working with a budget of \$6,265,237. Line 3 shows total expenses through the end of December are \$3,102,180.83, which is 50% of budget and on target for 6 months of operations. Line 4 shows the comparison of expenses to last year with an increase of \$36,481.90. <p>Line 5 shows total fee income is \$596,606.69 and lines 6 through 17 shows the breakdown of fund sources and their comparison to the same time last year. Line 18 shows an overall decrease of \$68,311.21 due to no longer receiving income for the administration of COVID testing accounting for a little over \$50,000 of that decrease. Prior year Admin Claiming Income remains down due to timing of receipts from the state. Details of the summary are on pages 2 and 3. Page 4 lists our grants, which were all on target for 6 months of operation.</p> <p>There were no questions.</p>	<p>The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes</p>	<p>None</p>

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Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Excused Absences	Sylvester McRae, MD	None	None
Old Business	None	None	None
New Business	<p>Budget Approval for Relocation of Vector Control & Emergency Preparedness Storage</p> <p>Joanne Strickland presented the budget needed for Vector Control and EP Storage relocation to the Veterans Parkway location.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specifications for budget approval were emailed with the board of health packet. • Columbus is unique to have a Vector Control Program with a building, staff, agency vehicles, EP trailers and storage, all of which are currently located on the lot behind 2100 Comer Avenue. The proposal is to move all of this to the back parking lot area of the Columbus Health Department on Veterans Parkway. A picture and drawing of the space to be used is included with the proposal emailed. The project will include construction of a Vector Control building to house the office, chemical room, Vector lab, employee workstation, breakroom, bathroom with shower equipment/supplies storage, fencing the area for agency vehicles, as well as moving the current storage building. • We did present the request to the city. They took the request to amend our current lease agreement to include the additional space to the City Council last night and the council did approve the request as outlined. It is not a cost as far as the city is concerned. The cost all falls on Public Health, but they will amend our lease for the needed space. 	<p>Motion made by Yasmin Cathright and seconded by Dr. Alappan and approved by all members present.</p>	None

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<p>New Business Cont'd</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to details of the proposed project. A cost comparison was completed to compare having a construction company complete the entire project and us hiring individual subcontractors. The comparison resulted in \$379,200 versus \$266,534; an approximate difference of \$12,000 in favor of individual vendors. • This was not in our original budget and so require that the board vote on the new budget. Fund sources will be some COVID-19 funds, Emergency Preparedness program funds and Columbus Health Department funds. <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Townsend – Would like the board to know there has been theft and vandalism at our present Vector Control location and the move will greatly decrease that threat.</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>Dr. Lopez – Did you solicit bids to multiple vendors?</p> <p>Joanne Strickland – Our vendor selections are based on the experience of having used them in the past for multiple projects and them understanding our need. We did not send out bids. I would be more than happy to put it out there if that is the board’s wish. Banner Buildings will move the existing storage building at no cost to us.</p> <p>Dr. Lopez – You did get a contractor to bid the entire project that totals a lot more. I believe it was important to ask.</p> <p>Joanne Strickland – Correct. Each of the individual vendors will be responsible to obtain the permits. I did speak with the city from that perspective and understand the different permits. The city did go to the site to see the area and know the utility requirements to be sure it is feasible to complete the project where we are asking.</p> <p>With no further discussion, Dr. Lopez asked for a motion to approve the budget as presented.</p>		

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<p>Program Reports</p>	<p>Epidemiology COVID 19 Update – Brandi Nelson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muscogee County has 29,756 confirmed cases to date. The 14-day confirmed cases per 100,000 is 2,200 compared to November’s case rate of 98 in a 14-day period. We have an extreme difference from November to present due largely to how the Omicron variant circulates quickly and spreads rapidly. We strongly emphasize prevention measures at work and in the community. <p>Probable cases (antigen cases) are at 5,071 making the current 14-day average 926 per 100,000. Current PCR positivity rate has gone up tremendously to 37% compared to the previous 11/29 report of 7%. We are in the highest rate of community spread thus far.</p> <p>Primary series breakthrough cases are at 8%, total hospitalizations are at 2,068 and total confirmed deaths are at 609. Our fully vaccinated percentage is 42% compared November rate of 40%.</p> <p>There were no questions.</p> <p>Public Information – Pam Kirkland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informed the board of continued weekly press release updates on COVID case numbers, vaccinations and the media advisory about our mobile Public Health unit providing pediatric COVID-19 vaccinations. • All interviews were pertaining to COVID-19, vaccinations, pediatric vaccinations, increased COVID testing hours, COVID safety, and the spread of the Omicron variant. • Campaigns included HIV/Syphilis testing, Linkage to Care for HIV care and support, and testing at libraries. 	<p>Program reports are attached and made a part of these minutes.</p>	<p>None</p>

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Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
<p>Program Reports Cont'd</p>	<p>Public Information – Cont'd - Pam Kirkland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information by social media posts and advertisements covered COVID and Flu vaccines, homebound vaccines, testing locations, help to stop vaping, health habits and exercise, the Fatherhood Initiative and the Body Art Regulations meeting as well as COVID testing opportunities at other provider locations. <p>Environmental Health – Kristi Ludy</p> <p>Referred members to the Environmental Health report of activities covering the months of November and December which was emailed to all members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Food Service Program conducted 113 routine inspections, 1 follow up inspection, 10 initial inspections and 4 plan reviews. There were 11 complaints - all were investigated • Pool and spa activity included 8 routine inspections and 1 re-inspection. • Tourist accommodations conducted 16 routine inspections and 1 complaint investigations • The Body Art program conducted 1 inspection and had no complaints to investigate. • Rabies Control had 70 human only exposure investigations, 2 animal only, and 1 human/animal exposure investigation. 48 animals were confined, 1 was tested for rabies and was negative. We had 1 rabies clinic on December 2nd at the Columbus Health Department using the COVID drive through clinic from 5 pm – 7 pm. 126 Rabies vaccines were administered during that clinic. • Vector Control conducted 23 complaints and 21 complaint investigations. The difference in figures occurs when the complaint is received at the end of the reporting period and the investigation falls into the next reporting period. 		

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<p>Program Reports Cont'd</p>	<p>Environmental Health Cont'd- Kristi Ludy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-Site Sewage issued 10 new system permits, 5 residential installation inspections, 3 repair permits, 6 repair inspections, and existing system evaluation. • Well Water program evaluated 1 site and issued 1 private well water permit. • The following pages of the report list the facilities inspected with resulting ratings. <p>There were no questions.</p> <p>Nursing Report – Kimberly Fuller</p> <p>Greeted and thanked Dr. Townsend and board members for their kind words of farewell and expressed her appreciation of Public Health and the opportunities given her.</p> <p>Referred to the FY22 Nursing report representing services provided to patients for the period of July 1 through December 31, 2021 and emailed to board members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients who received services during the period include 9,033 initial visits; 2,080 return visits for a total of 11,113 visits compared to 2,965 total visits for the same period last year. • Community collaborations continue with monthly meetings and include MCAP, Child Fatality Review and CHINS. Community awareness activities continue with rapid COVID testing for first responders, as well as clinical rotations for CSU nursing students. 		

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Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Program Reports Cont'd	<p>Nursing Report Cont'd - Kimberly Fuller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities for this time frame include continued rapid COVID testing for our first responders and COVID testing in partnership with MAKO, weekly COVID conference calls, daily vaccination clinics, Strike Team and CORE clinics and planning meetings (calendar attached), breast cancer awareness exams and continue with regular Nurse Manager meetings. • Total COVID vaccines administered including homebound visits since December 23, 2020, is 29,532. COVID vaccines are given Monday through Friday from 9 am – 4 pm. No appointment is required, but registration is preferred. Daily testing is available at Shirley B Winston Park, and we are adding Peachtree Mall for testing. <p>There were no questions.</p>		
Adjournment	<p>Dr. Lopez thanked everyone, welcomed Dr. Adegbile and wished well to Kimberly Fuller in her departure.</p> <p>QUESTION: Dr. Lopez – When will we resume in person meetings?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Townsend – We are in a COVID case surge at present so that decision has not been made. Until that is not the case, we will continue with virtual meetings.</p> <p>QUESTION: Dr. Adegbile – Does the health department provide N95 masks?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Townsend – We do not.</p> <p>With no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Lopez at 2:05 pm.</p>		

**Columbus Board of Health minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Peggy Hallmark
NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING TO BE HELD ON
February t 1:00 PM**

Date: August 28, 2024
COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH
Informal Meeting – Lack of Quorum
Columbus Health Department Board Room

Item #3.

Presiding: James Lopez, DDS –Chairman Attending Board Members: Yasmin Cathright, Joy Adegbile, MD <i>Bantwal Baliga, MD (oath not taken yet-not counted towards quorum)</i> Not Present: Joshua Beard (Mayor's office), Sylvester McRae, MD, Devica Alappan, MD, Marci Norris (City Mgr. office) Others Present: Dr. Beverley Townsend, Joanne Strickland, AnQuavis Simpson, Steve Gunby, Jeananne Polhamus, Pam Kirkland, Kristi Ludy, Michelle Crawford, Andrew Rhea, Karye Rayborn, Lisa Watson			
Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	Dr. Lopez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm. • Acknowledged no quorum has been established. Informational Only. 		None
Approval of Agenda	No quorum.		None
Discussion and Approval of Minutes	No quorum.		None
Commissioner of Health Report	Dr. Townsend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed Board Member Dr. Baliga. Current members introduced themselves. • Stated new fiscal year started July 1st. • Mentioned to board that Jimmy Snyder passed in July and there are plans to dedicate the Vector Control building in his honor. • Presented Dr. Lopez an Appreciation Certificate for his time as the Chair. • Stated elections will need to take place for new Chair. • Discussed building issues with 26 old HVAC units. One was recently replaced but others not working. We have had to purchase portable air units for the wellbeing of staff and patients. No further comments/Questions	None	None

Financial Report	<p>Joanne Strickland, District Administrator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented the final FY24 Financial overview as of 06/30/2024. The original budget started with \$12,229,393.00. There were six budget revisions throughout the year, leaving the final budget at \$13,076,733.34. Line 3 shows total expenses are \$13,079,733.34. Line 4 shows the comparison of expenses to last year with an increased variance of \$1,504,714.67. Mentioned we are the passthrough as the lead county where all payroll goes through Columbus for all 16 counties in the district. Due to this passthrough, that is what's causing the increase. Line 5 shows total fee income as of 06/30/2024 of \$1,290,742.59. Lines 6 through 17 show the breakdown of fund sources and their comparison to the same time last year. Line 18 shows variance at an increase of \$107,861.61. Line 19 shows admin claiming income of \$268,480.54 for FY24. Pages 6 & 7 show a breakdown by line item of expenses and revenues. Page 8 shows the total grants governed by the Columbus Board of totaling \$18,039,883.00 in Grants and have expended \$16,702,364.58 as of 06/30/2024. Explained that the balances left on spreadsheet fall on a separate fiscal year than the state. Presented the overview of the first month of operations in FY25. Line 1 shows the new budget for FY25 is \$14,051,047.00. Line 3 shows total expenses as of 07/31/2024 is \$1,004,998.13, budget spent is 7.15% which is below target of 8.33% for 1 month of operation. Line 4 shows expenses with an increase of \$121,775.71. Line 5 shows total fees income as of 07/31/2024 of \$130,061.67. Lines 6 through 17 show the breakdown of fund sources and their comparison to the same time last year. Line 18 shows variance at a decrease of \$8,797.31. Line 19 shows admin claiming income, none have been received. Pages 10 & 11 show a breakdown by line item of expenses and revenues. Page 12 shows the new total grants governed by the Columbus Board starting 07/01/2024 and are all on budget. Stated we are finalizing the annual audit and once it has been completed, the financial statements will be presented at that time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Lopez asked why does the state not end the year for every department at the same time? 	<p>The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Item #3.</p>
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	<p>◆ Joanne Strickland responded that it depends on the various sections of money and where the source of money is coming from.</p> <p>No further comments/Questions</p>		Item #3.
Excused Absences	Dr. McRae Dr. Alappan	None	None
Old Business	N/A	None	None
New Business	No quorum has been established.		None
Program Reports	<p>Epidemiology Update -Brandi Nelson, Epidemiologist Supervisor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted attached reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health Alert: Measles (Rubeola) ○ Outbreaks <p>Public Information - Pam Kirkland, Public Information Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported June, July and August press releases, media interviews, social media posts, TV, radio, and billboard campaigns. <p>Environmental Health - Kristi Ludy, Environmental Health Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted Environmental Health report of activities covering the month of June and July 2024. <p>Nursing - Michelle Crawford, County Nurse Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented the cumulative nursing report for July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, including activities and events. • Presented nursing report for July 1, 2024 (FY25), including activities and events. <p>WIC- Karye Rayborn, Nutrition Services/WIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted WIC overview for June and July 2024 including participant numbers and events. <p>No further comments/questions</p>	Program reports are attached and made part of these minutes.	None

Adjourned	<p>Before adjourning, Dr. Lopez discussed with the board about Fluoridation Society speaker coming to speak, free of charge to share information on Fluoridation.</p> <p>Dr. Lopez adjourned the meeting at 1:53 pm</p>	<p>Dr. Townsend asked Dr. Lopez to set up meeting to discuss further. We can provide space but not host.</p>	<p>Andrew R</p>
<p>Respectfully submitted by: Andrew Rhea, District Administrative Assistant 3</p>			
<p>NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING</p>			
<p>Date/Time: September 25, 2024</p>		<p>Place: In-person: Columbus Health Department Conference Room</p>	

Item #3.

Date: September 25,2024
COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
Columbus Health Department Conference Room

Item #3.

Presiding: Sylvester McRae, MD – Vice Chairman
Attending Board Members: Yasmin Cathright, Marci Norris (City Mgr. office), Devica Alappan, MD
Not Present: Joshua Beard (Mayor's office), Bantwal Baliga, MD, Joy Adegbile, MD
Others Present: Tori Endres, Pam Kirkland, Andrew Rhea, Karye Rayborn, Berta Cox, Miriel Golden **TEAMS:** Dr. Beverley Townsend

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	Dr. McRae <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Called the meeting to order at 1:03pm. • Acknowledged a quorum has been established. 		None
Approval of Agenda	Dr. McRae <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to the September meeting agenda as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, called for a motion to approve the agenda. 	Motioned by Dr. Alappan to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Marci Norris. Approved by all members present.	None
Discussion and Approval of Minutes	Dr. McRae <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to the minutes from May 22nd. and August 28th. 2024, as delivered to all board members. Dr. McRae asked for a motion to approve the minutes. 	Motioned by Dr. Alappan to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Yasmin Cathright. Approved by all members present.	None
Commissioner of Health Report	Dr. Townsend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announced that Helene is coming to Georgia and some of our counties will be affected. We may have to be proactive and close some or all of the health departments in our district due to the weather threats. • Discussed that we had smoke damage in our Board Room due to an air conditioner failure. The air conditioner units in this building are getting old and will have to be replaced. Due to the failure of some of the air conditioners we are currently using portable units. We do appreciate the city in reacting quickly to our problems. <p style="margin-top: 10px;">No further comments/Questions</p>	None	None

Financial Report	<p>Berta Cox, Business Support Analyst I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented the FY25 Financial overview as of August 31, 2024. The current budget is \$14,051,047.00. Line 3 shows total expenses are \$2,134,031.11 which is 15.19% and is just below target of 16.67% for 2 months of operation. Line 4 shows the comparison of expenses to last year with an increased variance of \$247,980.03. Line 5 shows total fee income as of 08/31/24 of \$275,7914.23. Lines 6 through 17 show the breakdown of fund sources and their comparison to the same time last year. Line 18 shows variance at an increase of \$17,411.41. Pages 10 & 11 show a breakdown by line item of expenses and revenues. Page 12 shows the total grants governed by the Columbus Board of Health (all are on target for 2 months of operation). <p>No further comments/Questions</p>	The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes.	None	Item #3.
Excused Absences	Bantwal Baliga, MD Joy Adegbile, MD	None	None	
Old Business	None	None	None	
New Business	<p>Kristi Ludy, District Director Environmental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented Columbus Board of Health Adoption of State Environmental Health Rules and Regulations 	Motioned by Yasmin Cathright to adopt the State Environmental Rules including the new Body Art Rules and Regulations. Seconded by Dr. Alappan. Approved by all members present.	Kristi Ludy	
Program Reports	<p>Epidemiology Update -No Report</p> <p>Public Information - Pam Kirkland, Public Information Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported August and September press releases, media interviews, social media posts, TV, radio, and billboard campaigns. <p>Environmental Health - Kristi Ludy, Environmental Health Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported the Environmental Health activities covering the month of August 2024. <p>Nursing – Tori Endres, District Nursing and Clinical Director</p>	Program reports are attached and made part of these minutes.	None	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented the cumulative nursing report for July 1, 2024, through August 31, 2024, including activities and events. <p>WIC- Karye Rayborn, Nutrition Services/WIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted WIC overview for August 2024 including participant numbers and events. <p>No further comments/questions</p>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin-left: auto;">Item #3.</div>
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Adjourned	Dr. McRae adjourned the meeting at 1:40 pm		
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Respectfully submitted by: Berta Cox, District Admin Operations Liaison

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Date/Time: October 23, 2024	Place: In-person: Columbus Health Department Board Room
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Date: October 23,2024
COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
Columbus Health Department Conference Room

Item #3.

<p>Presiding: Sylvester McRae, MD – Vice Chairman</p> <p>Attending Board Members: Yasmin Cathright, Joy Adegbile, MD, Bantwal Baliga, MD</p> <p>Not Present: Joshua Beard (Mayor's office), Devica Alappan, MD, Marci Norris (City Mgr. office)</p> <p>Others Present: Dr. Beverley Townsend, Joanne Strickland, AnQuavis Simpson, Michelle Crawford, Kristi Ludy, Andrew Rhea, Karye Rayborn, Berta Cox, Danielle Saunders</p>			
Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	<p>Dr. McRae</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Called the meeting to order at 1:06pm. • Acknowledged a quorum has been established. 		None
Approval of Agenda	<p>Dr. McRae</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to the October meeting agenda as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, called for a motion to approve the agenda. 	Motioned by Dr. Joy Adegbile to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Yasmin Cathright. Approved by all members present.	None
Discussion and Approval of Minutes	<p>Dr. McRae</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to the minutes from September 25th, 2024, as delivered to all board members. Dr. McRae asked for a motion to approve the minutes. 	Motioned by Yasmin Cathright to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Dr. Joy Adegbile. Approved by all members present.	None
Commissioner of Health Report	<p>Dr. Beverley Townsend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announced that we had our Employee Wellness Day on October 4th at the Bibb Mill Event center. Board of Health Members will be invited next year. <p>No further comments/Questions</p>	None	None

Financial Report	<p>Joanne Strickland, District Administrator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented the FY25 Financial overview as of September 30, 2024. The current budget is \$14,051,047.00. Line 3 shows total expenses are \$3,193,752.41 which is 22.73% and is below target of 25% for 3 months of operation. Line 4 shows the comparison of expenses to last year with an increased variance of \$301,429.48. Line 5 shows total fee income as of 09/30/24 of \$369,099. Lines 6 through 17 show the breakdown of fund sources and their comparison to the same time last year. Line 18 shows variance at an increase of \$17,811.03. Pages 10 & 11 show a breakdown by line item of expenses and revenues. Page 12 shows the total grants governed by the Columbus Board of Health (all are on target for 3 months of operation). <p>No further comments/Questions</p>	The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes.	None	Item #3.
Excused Absences	Devica Alappan, MD	None	None	
Old Business	None	None	None	
New Business	<p>Dr. Beverley Townsend took over as chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Townsend asked for nominations for the Chairperson of the Board. <p>Dr. Beverley Townsend turned the meeting back over to Dr. McRae as the new Chairperson.</p> <p>Dr. McRae</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asked for nominations for the Vice Chairperson of the Board. 	<p>A motion was made by Yasmin Cathright to nominate Dr. Sylvester McRae as Chairperson. Seconded by Dr. Joy Adegbile. Dr. Townsend asked for a vote. All members present vote yes to Dr. Sylvester McRae becoming the Board Chairperson.</p> <p>A motion was made by Yasmin Cathright to nominate Dr. Joy Adegbile as Vice-Chairperson. Seconded by Dr. Bantwal Baliga.</p>	Berta Cox	

		Dr. McRae asked for a vote. All members present vote yes to Dr. Joy Adegbile becoming the Board Vice-Chairperson.	Item #3.
Program Reports	<p>Epidemiology Update – Submitted by Brandi Nelson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attached information on pages 9-20. <p>Public Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be presented at next meeting. <p>Environmental Health - Kristi Ludy, Environmental Health Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported the Environmental Health activities covering the month of September 2024. • Announced that Danielle Saunders is the new Columbus EH County Manager. <p>Nursing – Michelle Crawford, Nurse Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented the cumulative nursing report for July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024, including activities and events. <p>WIC- Karye Rayborn, Nutrition Services/WIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented WIC overview for September 2024 including participant numbers and events. <p>No further comments/questions</p>	Program reports are attached and made part of these minutes.	None

Adjourned	Dr. McRae adjourned the meeting at 1:46 pm		
Respectfully submitted by: Berta Cox, District Admin Operations Liaison			
NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING`			
Date/Time: December 4, 2024		Place: In-person: Columbus Health Department Board Room	

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Presiding: Rajinder Chhokar-MD
Attending Board Members: James Lopez-DDS, Devica Alappan-MD, Isaiah Hugley, Richard Bishop (Mayor Office), Yasmin Cathright, Sylvester McRae-MD
Not Present:
Others Present: Beverley Townsend-MD, Joanne Strickland, Tori Endres, Asante' Hilts, Atty Gunby, Pam Kirkland, Kimberly Fuller, Patrick Peck, Kristi Ludy, Darrell Enfinger, Brandi Nelson, Jeannie Polhamus (MCSD), Peggy Hallmark

In keeping with CDC/GDPH COVID-19 Community Mitigation Recommendations, this board of health meeting was held by conference call. All reports were emailed to all board members. Attendees verified by roll call.			
Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	Dr. Chhokar called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.	None	None
Approval of Minutes	Dr. Chhokar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged a quorum was present. Referred to minutes from the January meeting. With no questions or discussion from the members, Dr. Chhokar asked for a motion of approval. • Called for the Director's report. 	Motion made by Dr. Lopez, seconded by Isaiah Hugley, and approved by all members present.	None
Director's Report	Dr. Townsend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID testing continues as well as COVID vaccination clinics in our community. • Commented that this week's story on COVID dashboard vaccine numbers are a week behind actual number and made it sound like Public Health is not doing its job. Asked the state to do a pop-out comparison of counties using the dashboard data. It shows Muscogee County to be in line with other comparable counties having received 35,000 doses and 14th most in state. Vaccine allocations are not based only on populations, but on vaccine providers. We are definitely putting out the vaccines that we receive in. 	None	None

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Director's Report Cont'd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We try not to announce community locations because people would be standing in line thinking they can get a vaccine when it is actually by appointment. The numbers reported of vaccines allocated includes other providers, be they private physicians, drug stores, etc. The numbers going out also depend on the portion of population that fall within the approved categories to receive the vaccine. We are ordering quantities of vaccines but receive only a portion of what we order. Vaccines are being given at the Columbus Health Dept. as well as the drive through clinics. We are getting in vaccines this week and have plans to get out 1,500 vaccines on Friday and plans for the Strike Team continuing to go to vulnerable populations. 		
Financial Report	<p>Joanne Strickland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented financial overview, through the end of January 2021, with our current budget of \$6,081,044, which includes three revisions. Total expenses for FY21 through the end of January are \$3,517,061, which is 58% of our total budget and on target for seven months of operations. Total fee income is \$735,826. Lines 6 through 16 show detail for fees and their comparisons to last year, up overall by \$29,602 because of the admin income we received from COVID testing. Prior Admin Claiming Income remains down by \$22,982.62 due to timing of receipts from the state. Detail of the summary are on pages 2 and 3. Page 4 shows our grants, which were all on target for seven months of operation. <p>There were no questions.</p>	The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes.	None

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Excused Absences	None	None	None
Old Business	None	None	None
New Business	<p>Agency Request for CCG Appropriations for FY22 Joanne Strickland, District Administrator</p> <p>Presented the FY2022 proposed budget summary and its comparison to FY2021. The total proposed budget includes the amount to be funded by the city to the Columbus Health Department. The projected budget for the city portion of FY2022 is \$502,012, no change from last year. City appropriations, plus income of fees, plus interagency allocations, also known as pass-through funds, make up qualifying funds for our total budget. Grant in aid funding is what we receive from the state. The total FY2022 projected budget is \$6,162,789 which is \$81,745 more than FY2021. Of that total, the city portion that will be submitted for their approval is the \$502,012.</p> <p>This proposed city budget will need a vote from the board members. Are there any questions?</p> <p>QUESTION: Dr. Lopez – Why are contracts down?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Joanne Strickland – We have been in contract to share an I.T. Manager and other I.T. staff with another district. That manager has left the agency and Dr. Townsend made the decision to have our own I.T. manager on board, which reduces the amount for contracts.</p>	<p>A copy of the FY2022 Budget Expense and Resource Summary is attached and made a part of these minutes.</p>	None

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New Business Cont'd	<p>QUESTION: Dr. Lopez – And are repairs and maintenance down because we are in our own building?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Joanne Strickland – That is correct.</p> <p>With no further questions or discussion, Dr. Chhokar called for a motion to accept the proposed city appropriations amount for FY2022.</p>	<p>Motion made by Dr. McRae, to accept requested appropriations, seconded by Dr. Lopez and approved by all members present.</p>	None
Program Reports	<p>Epidemiology - Brandi Nelson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muscogee County confirmed cases to date as of February 22nd are at 12,505 and our 14-day positivity rate is at 10.1%. We have had a total of 997 hospitalizations and 310 deaths. <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Lopez – No one has mentioned the California COVID virus variant.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Brandi Nelson – Our data reports Georgia information and we do not have information on the California variance.</p> <p>QUESTION: Dr. Chhokar – Are the number of cases down in comparison to last month?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Brandi Nelson – Yes. We are seeing a downward trend in the number of cases.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Chhokar – We would like to see the comparison of number of cases from month to month.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Brandi Nelson – Yes. I can get that information.</p>		

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Program Reports	<p>Public Information – Pam Kirkland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued weekly COVID-19 updates for press release, including number of cases, information on testing, vaccines and schedules. • Several interviews answering common questions regarding the vaccine which airs on 14 stations across the district. Two stories in the Ledger-Enquirer, two stories on WRBL and a live update with Dr. Hilts filling in for the mayor; several stories on WTVM, all having to do with the virus, COVID testing and the COVID vaccine. • Social media posts covering Call Center number change, COVID vaccine videos, clinic updates and registration information. <p>Environmental Health – Kristi Ludy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to the EH report which was emailed to all board members. Pages 1 and 2 show a summary of EH activity for the month of January, which includes inspections and investigations for Food Service, Pools & Spas, Tourist Accommodations, Tattoo Studios, Vector Control, Onsite Sewage, and Well Water. Three animals tested for rabies and all were negative. Food service inspection details are listed on pages 3 through 10 of the report. <p>There were no questions.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Townsend – Introduced our new District Director of Environmental Health, Patrick Peck.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Patrick Peck – Greeted the board of health stating his pleasure to be on board with us.</p>	<p>Program reports are attached and made a part of these minutes.</p>	<p>None</p>

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Program Reports Cont'd.	<p>Nursing Report – Kimberly Fuller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred to the Nursing report emailed to board members and reported 2,681 initial visits, 625 return visits for a total of 3,306 visits from July 1 through January 31. Last year for the same time, total visits were 6,946. <p>Continued COVID-19 rapid testing for first responders as well as daily testing at the SPOC; COVID vaccine drive through clinic operating Monday – Thursday by appointment only and changing to Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to continue with faith-based outreach and other community awareness activities.</p> <p>There were no questions.</p>	Program reports are attached and made a part of these minutes.	None
Adjournment	With no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Chhokar at 1:44 pm.		

**NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TO BE HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL:
March 24, 2021 1:00 PM**

Columbus Board of Health Minutes Respectfully submitted by Secretary Peggy Hallmark

Audit Committee

Monday, July 7, 2025
1:30 PM

City Hall Building – Uptown Conference Room – 1st Floor
1111 1st Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901

Members: Chairman John Redmond, Vice Chairperson Toyia Tucker, Mike Baker, Mike Bruder (*via teleconference*) and Councilor Glenn Davis

Recording Secretary: Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore

Visitors: Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer Donna McGinnis, Mauldin & Jenkins Parter David Roberts, and Mauldin & Jenkins Director Craig Carter

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Audit Committee was called to order by Chairman John Redmond at 1:36 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. Risk Assessment Update

Craig Carter, Director, Mauldin & Jenkins, provided a presentation agenda listing key topics for discussion; (A) Role of the Internal Audit, (B) Internal Audit Annual Cycle, (C) Risk Assessment Process: Inputs, Outputs, and Deliverables, (D) Hand-off to Internal Audit for Audit Planning, and the (E) Next Steps.

A. Role of the Internal Audit

- Provide independent, objective assurance and advice.
- Operates within the *Three Lines of Defense Model*.
- Align audit activities with Strategic Plan, budget, and priorities.
- Identify and assess emerging risks and interdependencies.

B. Internal Audit Annual Cycle

- Establish Risk Profile – risk appetite, emerging risk identification, validation.
- Develop IA Plan – prioritization, capabilities assessment, scheduling.

- Perform IA Reviews – testing, data analytics, audit findings.
- Agree & Communicate Results – final report, management action plans, committee reporting.
- Assess Stakeholder Experience – satisfaction surveys, scorecard reviews.
- Risk assessment to be refreshed annually; full reassessment every 3–5 years.

C. Risk Assessment Process: Inputs, Outputs, and Deliverables

1) Conducting the Risk Assessment

- Identify, assess, and prioritize strategic, financial, operational, legal/regulatory risks (per COSO framework).
- Incorporates IT risk assessment.
- Risk universe includes services, systems, processes, third-party providers, and compliance requirements.

2) Risk Assessment Inputs

- Financial Statements – Prior Audit Universe and Risk Assessments (if available)
- 2025-2026 Budget – Programs and Services offered during 2025
- 2025 Strategic Plan – Inventory of Applications & Systems
- Current-year Strategic Plan – Regulatory Reports for applicable laws and regulations
- Strategic Initiatives & Improvement Plans – Recent 3rd Party Assessment Results (e.g., Federal Grants)
- Bond-funded Initiatives – Inventory of 3rd Party Service Providers
- Chart of Accounts – Process and Key Controls Documentation
- Internal Policies – Interviews with Board, Leadership and Key Personnel

3) Risk Assessment Outputs (Deliverables)

- Initiation & Planning – (a) Initial Information Request (b) Initial Document Request List
- Information Gathering – (a) Additional Information and Interview Requests (b) Tracking Matrices

- Fieldwork & Data Analysis – (a) Analyze information provided by the Government (b) Conduct leadership, management and staff interviews (c) Perform fieldwork – process workflows, processes, and systems
- Validation & Reporting – (a) Draft Universe with Auditable Entities (b) Draft and Final Risk Assessment (c) Final Report Presentation

D. Hand-off to Internal Audit for Audit Planning

- The risk assessment output becomes the foundation for Internal Audit’s annual and multi-year audit planning.
- Craig noted their team will provide a draft audit approach suggesting activities by year for Internal Audit to refine.
- Internal Audit remains responsible for developing the detailed work programs.
- A key objective is to transfer knowledge so that internal audit staff can replicate the risk assessment process in subsequent years.

E. Next Steps

- Conduct formal project kickoff meeting.
- Distribute interview and information request lists.
- Project sponsor to assemble and deliver requested documents.
- Mauldin & Jenkins track document flow, assess completeness, and begin analysis.
- Draft annual audit plan for Audit Committee review and approval.

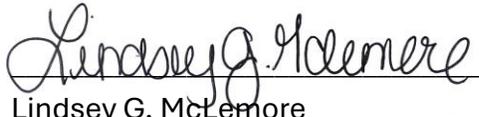
Discussion & Comments:

- **Councilor Davis** emphasized the intent of these assessments and the positive impact on current and future leaders in CCG, reinforcing the value of these assessments as both a governance and leadership development tool.
- **Deputy City Manager Hodge** requested clarification on the expectations of the Audit Committee regarding the receipt of reports, particularly around frequency and format.

Adjournment

With there being no further business to discuss, Chairman Redmond entertained a motion for adjournment. Vice Chairperson Tucker moved to adjourn, seconded by Committee

Member Baker, and the motion carried unanimously by the five members present, with the time being 2:36 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsey G. McLemore". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Lindsey G. McLemore

Clerk of Council



**COLUMBUS GEORGIA
CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER**

**COLUMBUS IRON WORKS CONVENTION AND
TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING**

JANUARY 23, 2025

12:00 PM

**BOARDROOM
(SECOND LEVEL)**

A G E N D A

- I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRMAN JONATHAN PAYNE**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 21, 2024**
- III. FINANCIAL REPORT – NICHOLE LEWIS**
 - A. NOVEMBER 2024**
 - B. DECEMBER 2024**
- IV. CATERING UPDATES – HAYLEY TILLERY**
 - A. NOVEMBER 2024**
 - B. DECEMBER 2024**
- V. SALES REPORT – HAYLEY TILLERY / MORGAN MOORE**
 - A. NOVEMBER 2024**
 - B. DECEMBER 2024**
- VI. FACILITY UPDATE – HAYLEY TILLERY & SKIP HANSBERGER**
 - A. PARKING GARAGE UPDATE / MASTER PLAN CONSULTANT – UPDATE**
 - B. HVAC ARP PROJECT – UPDATE**
 - C. INTERNET – UPDATE**
 - D. CARPET RENOVATION PROJECT - UPDATE**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**



**COLUMBUS GEORGIA
CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER
COLUMBUS IRON WORKS CONVENTION AND
TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2025
12:00 PM**

The monthly meeting of the Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center Authority, due to inclement weather, was held virtually at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

Authority Members Present: Chairman Jonathan Payne, Vice Chairman Jessica Gray, John Stacy, Brittany Perkins and Jay Pitts

Administrative Members Present: Executive Director Hayley Tillery, Assistant Director Skip Hansberger, Assistant Director Sales and Catering Morgan Moore, Finance Manager R. Nichole Lewis, and Secretary Chasity Deppe

CALL TO ORDER

At 12:00 PM, Chairman Jonathan Payne called the meeting to order and welcomed members and staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 21, 2024

Chairman Jonathan Payne asked the members if they had received and read the minutes from the previous regular meeting dated November 21, 2024. With no additions or corrections to be made, Chairman Jonathan Payne made a motion to approve the minutes as written. John Stacy second the motion, which was carried unopposed by all members present.

FINANCIAL REPORT – NICHOLE LEWIS

A. NOVEMBER 2024 – See attached report.

B. DECEMBER 2024 – See attached report.

Chairman Jonathan Payne made a motion to approve the November and December 2024 financial reports as prepared and presented by Finance Manager R. Nichole Lewis. Brittany Perkins second the motion that was carried unopposed by all members.

CATERING UPDATES / OAK VIEW HOSPITALITY GROUP - HAYLEY TILLERY

A. NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2024 – Average client survey score for catering based on 5 surveys was a 96.4.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported that the current catering contract was due to expire in June 2026. Adding, although she was satisfied with the overall service currently being provided, she did have concerns about some policy changes that had not been openly shared. Hayley noted a maternity policy that was currently covering an employee almost four months postpartum, that the facility was paying for.

SALES REPORT – HAYLEY TILLERY / MORGAN MOORE

- A. NOVEMBER 2024 – See attached report.**
- B. DECEMBER 2024 – See attached report.**

Executive Director Hayley Tillery went over the sales report for the month of November 2024. Hayley stated for the month of November there were 53 call-in clients, 12 walk-in clients, 64 planning kit requests and 8 requests for proposals with 15 contracts issued. There were 88 event days during the month with just over 22K attendees.

For the month of December, it was reported that there were 49 call-in clients, 22 walk-in clients, 71 planning kit requests and 7 requests for proposals with 18 contracts issued. There were 8 fewer event days during the month with only 12 fewer attendees.

Hayley gave a joint November / December client survey report containing five surveys received collectively for the months with an overall score of 97.2%. Hayley also shared a letter of appreciation received from Asheville (NC) Downtown Association thanking the facility for the help provided through the River-to-River Relief in the wake of Hurricane Helene.

Conference / Convention Event Leads Report - **See attached report**, prepared, by Assistant Director Sales and Catering Morgan Moore.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery highlighted several events that took place during the months of November and December. For the month of November Hayley highlighted Christmas Made in the South, GA Recreation and Parks Association, Jack and Jill Evening of Elegance and Entertainment, Edgar Allen Poe Haunted Tavern and the Career and Tech Institute (CTI) Conference for special needs students as well one of the facilities signature events The Fall Closet Cleanout. For the month of December another signature event was held, Breakfast with Santa; raising \$41K for the local children's hospital, Columbus High Magnet Social, AFLAC Christmas Party and Church of the Highland Giving Hope Event to name a few.

FACILITY UPDATE – HAYLEY TILLERY / SKIP HANSBERGER

- A. PARKING GARAGE UPDATE / MASTER PLAN CONSULTANT - UPDATE** Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported all committee members had voted, and the results should be announced in the coming week. Hayley stated the master plan and parking study was to be presented by Scott Holmes on February 18, 2025. Adding, Scott would also present to the Authority at the February meeting. There would then be a public meeting on March 4, 2025, before a presentation was given to the City Council on March 11, 2025.
- B. HVAC ARP PROJECT - UPDATE** Executive Director Hayley Tillery stated all paperwork had been signed and submitted, meeting the ARP deadline and she was now just waiting on the equipment and a confirmed scheduling update from the vendor.

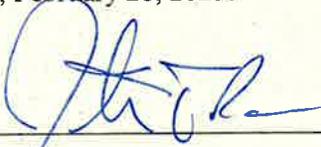
C. INTERNET- UPDATE Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported that representatives from Net Planner were still diligently working on installing the internet cables throughout the building, stating they were about 65% complete. Hayley added she was looking forward to the improved service and cost saving and hoped to go live soon.

D. CARPET RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported the project was due to start earlier in the week, however due to the weather the start date had been pushed to the following Monday adding the project would be about 90% complete by the next meeting at the end of February.

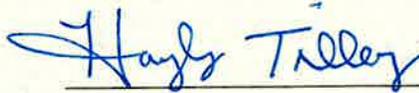
Executive Director Hayley Tillery also shared with the members her Overview of Recent Events, to include current and completed facility projects and employee updates. **Please see attached report.**

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items of business to discuss, Chairman Jonathan Payne adjourned the meeting at 12:53 PM. The next regular meeting, which is held monthly on the fourth Thursday, due to a scheduling conflict will be held Friday, February 28, 2025.



Jonathan Payne, Chairman
Columbus Iron Works Convention and
Trade Center Authority



Hayley Tillery, Executive Director
Columbus Georgia Convention and
Trade Center



COLUMBUS GEORGIA CONVENTION AND TRADE CENTER FY 25- NOVEMBER 2024 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

R. Nichole Lewis

REPORT 1 – REVENUE SUMMARY

- November 2024, there were 88 event days, 35 events, and 22,368 attendees.
- Church of the Highlands was charged a total of \$51,473 for November 2024.
- Top Events

November 2024		November 2023 (Last Year)	
Event	Total Revenue	Event	Total Revenue
Georgia Recreation and Parks Association 2024 State Conference	\$65,669	Career & Technical Instruction Fall Conference 2023	\$66,576
Career & Technical Instruction Fall Conference 2024	\$65,334	COTH Sunday Service	\$34,689
Jiya Sweet 16	\$59,913	Fountain City Classic	\$24,270

- F&B Revenue was \$257,576; Operations Revenue was \$231,979; Total revenue \$489,555.
- November 2023, there were 102 event days with 12,704 attendees and a total Revenue of \$297,370.

REPORT 2 – NOVEMBER 2024 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

- REVENUES
 - Operating Revenue
 - There was no catering commission for the month.
 - Space Rental was \$177,008.
 - Equipment Rental was \$23,955.
 - Client Electrical Usage was \$13,475.
 - Total Operating Revenue of \$231,979.
 - Tax/Other Source Revenue
 - Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$205,251, \$59,736 is from October that was posted after our last meeting.
 - Total Revenue of \$437,230 for November 2024.
- EXPENSES
 - Labor Cost
 - Total labor expenses were \$191,252. This includes an additional \$51,714 due to some of October's payroll amounts not entered in by the city by our last authority meeting.
 - Operating Expenses
 - Contractual services were \$9,179.
 - Operating Expenses were \$1,380.
 - Software was \$10,222, for the yearly payment for our event booking software, Ungerboeck.
 - Utilities were \$35,895.
 - Total Operating Expenses were \$71,611.
 - Other Expenses
 - Total other expenses were \$798.
 - Total Expenses were \$263,661.
- NET PROFIT
 - Net Profit for November 2024 was \$173,569.

REPORT 3 – NOVEMBER 2024 YEAR TO DATE PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

➤ REVENUES

- Operating Revenue
 - Equipment Rental was \$85,277.
 - Space Rental was \$719,195.
 - Total Operating Revenue of \$920,085; over \$190,000 than last year at this time.
- Tax/Other Source Revenue
 - Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$714,272.
- Total Year to Date Revenue of \$1,634,358 as of November 2024.

➤ EXPENSES

- Labor Cost
 - Total labor expenses were \$674,767.
- Operating Expenses
 - Contractual services were \$72,180.
 - Promotion & Advertising was \$13,491.
 - Operating Expenses were \$18,339.
 - Repairs and Maintenance to the Building is \$28,116.
 - Utilities were \$281,906.
 - Total Operating Expenses were \$455,255.
- Other Expenses
 - Total other expenses were \$67,191.
- Total Year to Date Expenses were \$1,197,213.

➤ NET PROFIT

- Total Year to Date Net Profit as of November 2024 was \$437,144.

REPORT 4 – FY 2024 YTD FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

➤ Revenue

- Space Rental is 33% higher than the 5-year average.
- Other Revenue is 37% higher than the average.
- Total Revenue YTD is 22% higher than the average.

➤ Expenses

- Labor Costs are 27% higher than the 5-year average.
- Contractual Services are 8% higher than the average.
- Repairs and Maintenance to the Building is more than 20% lower than the average.
- Utilities are 23% higher than the average.
- Total Expenses are only 17% higher than the average.

➤ Net Profit

- Net Profit is 38% higher than the 5-year average.



COLUMBUS GEORGIA CONVENTION AND TRADE CENTER FY 25- DECEMBER 2024 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

R. Nichole Lewis

REPORT 1 – REVENUE SUMMARY

- December 2024, there were 80 event days, 40 events, and 22,356 attendees.
- Church of the Highlands was charged a total of \$110,055 for December 2024.
- Top Events

December 2024		December 2023 (Last Year)	
Event	Total Revenue	Event	Total Revenue
AFLAC Christmas Party	\$177,944	AFLAC Christmas Party	\$148,480
Georgia Transit Association 2024 Annual Conference	\$55,155	3/75 Battalion Ball	\$90,981
COTH Christmas Rooms Reserved	\$53,673	Columbus High School Magnet Social	\$50,736

- F&B Revenue was \$470,913; Operations Revenue was \$200,015; Total Revenue was \$670,928.
- December 2023, there were 82 event days with 20,022 attendees and a Total Revenue of \$661,404.

REPORT 2 – DECEMBER 2024 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

- REVENUES
 - Operating Revenue
 - Catering Commission Revenue was \$80,883.76 for November 25 to December 25, 2024.
 - Space Rental was \$168,736.
 - Equipment Rental was \$14,084.
 - Ticket sales were \$5,280 for Breakfast with Santa.
 - Total Operating Revenue of \$280,899.
 - Tax/Other Source Revenue
 - Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$98,574. This includes an accrual for Hotel/Motel as this has not been posted by the city for December yet.
 - Total Revenue of \$379,473 for December 2024.
- EXPENSES
 - Labor Cost
 - Total labor expenses were \$135,691.
 - Operating Expenses
 - A new line item to separate the donations for signature events was created. The total paid from this expenses was \$5,310 to the Children's Hospital. A total of \$41,431 was donated.
 - Contractual services were \$8,363.
 - Repairs and Maintenance to Equipment was \$8,417 that includes repairs to the refrigerators in the kitchen and new batteries for the large lift.
 - Operating Expenses were \$4,034.
 - Utilities were \$31,446.
 - Total Operating Expenses were \$64,421.
 - Other Expenses
 - Total other expenses were \$30,478 to include the quarterly Cost Allocation payment.
 - Total Expenses were \$230,590.
- NET PROFIT
 - Net Profit for December 2024 was \$148,883.

REPORT 3 – DECEMBER 2024 YEAR TO DATE PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

➤ REVENUES

- Operating Revenue
 - Equipment Rental was \$99,361.
 - Space Rental was \$887,931.
 - Total Operating Revenue of \$1,200,984; over \$120,000 than last year at this time.
- Tax/Other Source Revenue
 - Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$812,847.
- Total Year to Date Revenue of \$2,013,831 as of December 2024.

➤ EXPENSES

- Labor Cost
 - Total labor expenses were \$810,458.
- Operating Expenses
 - Contractual services were \$80,542.
 - The new line item of "Donations" shows the total of donations made from expenses accounts, only \$15,307 of the \$69,547 donated were made from this account.
 - Repairs and Maintenance to the Building is \$32,814.
 - Utilities were \$313,351.
 - Total Operating Expenses were \$519,675.
- Other Expenses
 - Total other expenses were \$97,670.
- Total Year to Date Expenses were \$1,427,804.

➤ NET PROFIT

- Total Year to Date Net Profit as of December 2024 was \$586,027.

REPORT 4 – FY 2024 YTD FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

➤ Revenue

- Space Rental is 35% higher than the 5-year average.
- Other Revenue is 30% higher than the average.
- Total Revenue YTD is 19% higher than the average.

➤ Expenses

- Labor Costs are 19% higher than the 5-year average.
- Contractual Services are 2% lower than the average.
- Repairs and Maintenance to the Building is more than 40% lower than the average.
- Utilities are 20% higher than the average.

➤ Net Profit

- Net Profit is 49% higher than the 5-year average.



CLIENT SURVEY SCORES AND CUSTOMER COMMENTS
NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2024

5 SURVEYS

	EC	PLANNING	EVENT DAY	F&B	POST EVENT	OVERALL	NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	COMMENTS: Verbal, Survey, or Email
11/4-7/2024								Payten was attentive to our needs and communicated well throughout the planning process. Your team is aware of the AV issues we had in North Hall, Room 205 and Sycamore (various rooms). Screen options for North Hall was somewhat disappointing based on our layout. Our catering experience was very good! The entire team from coordinators to servers were great! Each day the "captain" would find me and continually ask if anything was needed. Looking forward to seeing cosmetic updates throughout the building, as the age is beginning to show. Both F&B and Convention Center teams are great customer service representatives for the facility! Payten, Morgan, Makynleigh did a great job responding to texts promptly and meeting me in person whenever asked to. Even though some of the issues were out of their control they all took responsibility and looked to correct it as quickly as possible. I would also like to mention the AV staff and lighting staff as we did have some issues there, the individuals were very professional in their conversations with me and were working to correct things and that was appreciated.
GA RECREATION & PARKS ASSOCIATION	PH	100	90	98	95	96	500	
November 9, 2024								
2024 COLUMBUS GA OPEN AMERICAN GRAPPLING FEDERATION	HS	100	100	96	100	99	350	Always very helpful. Very attentive. Haley Slaughter and Bernice with catering were exceptional.
November 13, 2024								

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SPC FRANKLIN CONSISTENCY MEETING	HS	97	96	98	93	96	9	This is the first place I have booked (and many of my peers) that requires proof of liability insurance. I understand if this was a wedding and alcohol involved, but it might be nice to add the option of a waiver for business meetings like ours. The Wi-Fi did not have good connectivity in the boardroom, which required us to use a personal hotspot. We did not receive the soft drinks/snacks until we asked for them. We had expected to receive them after breakfast, so we would have something for the meeting. This is likely just a communication issue. My complaints, which are minor and not deal breakers have been listed out throughout this survey. I would like to recognize Haley Slaughter and Justin Bowles for exceptional service.
December 11, 2024								
AFLAC FP&A MURDER MYSTERY	HT	100	100	100	100	100	50	This event could not have gone better! This event's team is quite literally the best of the best! When we arrived everything was done and everything looked amazing! Everything was perfect! The staff was absolutely amazing! We love Anastasia, Cee Cee and Mr. Greg. We couldn't have asked for a better staff. The food was hot and was absolutely delicious! You couldn't have done a single thing better!
December 13, 2024								
DELTA SCHOLARSHIP GALA	HS	90	100	90	100	95	1147	Changes to our date without a verbal conversation was unacceptable. We rebounded and was able to have a successful event, however our numbers reflected the date change. Everything was smooth on event day. The beef tips were a little overcooked making them tough. Everything else was good. Plenty of lanes and no long lines. We would be better served if you would accept our tax exemption 501c4 status from our Foundation. Hayley and Justin both did a fabulous job! They responded to our questions quickly.
OVERALL AVERAGE SCORE		97.2	97.2	96.4	97.6	97.2		
CLIENT COMMENTS - VERBAL OR EMAIL								
AGC SKILLS CHALLENGE 2024	PH	The client was super happy with everything and said everyone always says this is their favorite place to compete!						
COTH - FREEDOM CONFERENCE	HT	Hey Ty! Thank you and the team for a great catering experience for our Freedom Conference. It was some of the best food! Definitely a homerun!						

**ASHEVILLE
DOWNTOWN
ASSOCIATION**

Hayley Tillery
Columbus Convention and Trade Center
801 Front Avenue
Columbus, Georgia 31901

Dear Hayley,

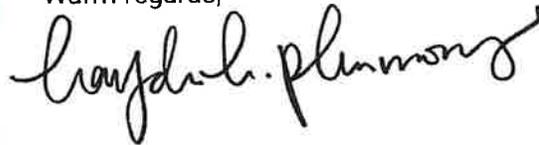
I hope this message finds you well. I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible support you and the Columbus Convention and Trade Center have provided through the River to River Relief program in the wake of Hurricane Helene.

Your quick action to facilitate donations, along with the secure storage of these contributions, made a significant impact on the relief efforts. It's inspiring to see how you've continued to collect and disperse these vital supplies to the hard-hit areas of Western North Carolina. The connection to media outlets to raise awareness and encourage further assistance is commendable and has undoubtedly helped many who are in need.

Your dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed. Thanks to your efforts, countless individuals and families are receiving the support they need during this challenging time.

Thank you once again for your unwavering commitment to our community and for being a beacon of hope for those affected by the hurricane. I look forward to witnessing the continued positive impact of your work.

Warm regards,



Hayden Plemmons

Executive Director

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NOVEMBER 2024 SALES RECAP

MONTHLY REVENUE

Trade Center Revenue **\$231,979**

Total Revenue **\$489,555**

CITY WIDE IMPACT

(Sent from the Columbus Visitor's Bureau)

\$2,031,050

MONTHLY SALES

Does not include Catering Sales

CONFERENCES

	Event Days	Sales
2024	13	\$53,385
2023	5	\$26,785

CONSUMER/ TRADE SHOWS

	Event Days	Sales
2024	10	\$57,493
2023	3	\$6,929

MEETINGS

	Event Days	Sales
2024	11	\$4,860
2023	16	\$12,958

RELIGIOUS

	Event Days	Sales
2024	33	\$63,678
2023	70	\$64,618

SOCIAL

	Event Days	Sales
2024	19	\$46,869
2023	6	\$16,321

SPORTS/ ENTERTAINMENT

	Event Days	Sales
2024	2	\$3,926
2023	0	\$0

WEDDINGS

	Event Days	Sales
2024	0	\$0
2023	2	\$4,334



FY25 12,704

vs

FY24 23,368

FY25 November attendee count is up by 10,664 people compared to FY24.

SALES INQUIRIES

INQUIRIES **137**

CALL-INS **53**

WALK-INS **12**

PKR'S **64**

RFP'S **8**

CONTRACTS SENT

15

OVERALL SURVEY SCORE

97.2%

Based on 5 surveys for both November and December



DECEMBER 2024 SALES RECAP

MONTHLY REVENUE

Trade Center Revenue **\$200,015**

Total Revenue **\$470,913**

CITY WIDE IMPACT

(Sent from the Columbus Visitor's Bureau)

\$74,816

MONTHLY SALES

Does not include Catering Sales

CONFERENCES

	Event Days	Sales
2024	4	\$14,744
2023	0	\$0

CONSUMER/ TRADE SHOWS

	Event Days	Sales
2024	0	\$0
2023	0	\$0

MEETINGS

	Event Days	Sales
2024	7	\$2,453
2023	21	\$5,025

RELIGIOUS

	Event Days	Sales
2024	38	\$107,640
2023	23	\$90,082

SOCIAL

	Event Days	Sales
2024	30	\$70,050
2023	38	\$79,409

SPORTS/ ENTERTAINMENT

	Event Days	Sales
2024	0	\$0
2023	0	\$0

WEDDINGS

	Event Days	Sales
2024	1	\$2,035
2023	0	\$0



FY25 20,022

vs

FY24 22,356

FY25 December attendee count is up by 2,334 people compared to FY24.

SALES INQUIRIES

INQUIRIES **149**
 CALL-INS **49**
 WALK-INS **22**
 PKR'S **71**
 RFP'S **7**

CONTRACTS SENT
18

OVERALL SURVEY SCORE

97.2%
 Based on 5 surveys for both
 November and December

Conference/Convention Event Leads

Event Leads	FY25	FY26	FY27+
# of Events	3	9	9
Total Attendees	665	2,285	8,200
Total Rental Revenue	\$19,500	\$95,600	\$8,200

Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
February	2025	FY25	125	\$6,000	2025 Georgia Association of Zoning Administrator Winter Conference
April	2025	FY25	400	\$10,000	GA Association of Water Professionals
August	2025	FY26	150	\$12,000	2025 Georgia Nurses Association Annual Conference

Fiscal Year 2025 (July 2024-June 2025)					
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
May	2025	FY25	450	\$13,000	Georgia Alabama Partnership for Sustainability
May	2025	FY25	65	\$2,300	COMMUNITY PLANNING INSTITUTE (CPI) 2025
June	2025	FY25	150	\$4,200	Georgia State University GACP COP Conference

Fiscal Year 2026 (July 2025-June 2026)					
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
July	2025	FY26	60	\$3,000	Veterans Training Conference
July	2025	FY26	400	\$13,000	Georgia Alabama Partnership for Sustainability
July	2025	FY26	100	\$6,000	Georgia Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting
July	2025	FY26	225	\$13,000	Southeast Region Tuskegee National Alumni Association (TNAA) Conference
October	2025	FY26	150	\$5,000	2025 Bike-Walk-Live Summit
November	2025	FY26	150	\$6,100	Georgia Association of County Agricultural Agents
November	2025	FY26	300	\$14,500	Chiefs for Change - 2025
May	2026	FY26	300	\$10,000	LPCA 35st Annual Convention and Regional Conference
June	2026	FY26	600	\$25,000	GS3 Annual School Safety Summit Conference

Fiscal Year 2027+ (July 2026+)					
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
October	2026	FY27+	475	\$19,000	Georgia Library Association
November	2026	FY27+	1800	\$20,000	Georgia HOSA FLC 2026
February	2027	FY27+	2000	\$50,000	Southeastern Theatrical Conference
March	2027	FY27+	200	\$12,000	2027 Georgia Emergency Communications Conference

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March	2027	FY27+	1000	\$30,800	Association of Southeastern Biologists 2027
April	2027	FY27+	1000	\$45,000	Society of Military History
May	2027	FY27+	300	\$13,600	Georgia Economic Developers Association SPRING WORKSHOP 2027
October	2027	FY27+	425	\$35,000	National Onsite Wastewater 2027 Conference
November	2027	FY27+	1000	\$27,000	Georgia School Counselors Association GSCA 2027



COLUMBUS GEORGIA CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER

Overview of Recent Events

Date: January 23, 2025

Current Projects

- American Rescue Plan / SPLOST
 - Trade Center 2.6 million – HVAC System
 - Internet Fiber Upgrade (Currently being installed)
- RFP for Trade Center parking garage. (All vendors submitted; next meeting is TBD)
 - **February 18th** – Scott Holmes will present findings to Trade Center Executive Director, Deputy City Manager, Building Inspections and Codes
 - **February 27th** – Trade Center Authority Presentation
 - **March 4th** – Public Meeting at the Trade Center
 - **March 11th** – Presentation to City Council
- Trade Center carpet renovation – install begins next week
- Performance Evaluations

Completed Projects/Updates

Facilities:

November

- Airwall repairs and annual Preventative Maintenance
- Replace fountain lighting controller
- Replace Kitchen Produce Cooler cooling system
- Domestic Water Heater inspections and Maintenance
- Elevator repairs per inspections

December

- HVAC Boiler inspections
- Repairs to 3 of 4 convection ovens in Kitchen
- Repair steamer in Kitchen
- Replace ice maker filters throughout building

Employee Updates

Active Job Postings - TOTAL: (9) Positions Open

Operations:

- One (1) full-time Operations Manager; offer will be made this week
- One (1) full-time Events Crew Leader – Advertised with candidates available for interview
- One (3) full-time Events Attendant – Advertised with candidates available for interview
- One (1) part-time Events Attendant – Advertised with candidates available for interview
- One (2) full-time Custodian – Advertised with candidates available for interview

Building Maintenance:

- One (1) full-time FM Worker I – Advertised with candidates

Authority Meeting Agenda

- February 27th
- March 27th

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ORGANIZATION

**Columbus Board of Health Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2020**

Presiding: Rajinder Chhokar-MD
Attending Board Members: James Lopez-DMD, Devica Alappan-MD, Isaiah Hugley, Sylvester McRae-MD
Excused Absences: Yasmin Cathright, Rebecca Covington (Mayor Office)
Others Present: Beverley Townsend-MD, Joanne Strickland, Asante' Hilts, Steve Gunby (Atty), Pamela Kirkland, Kimberly Fuller-RN, Kristi Ludy, Jeannie Polhamus-RN (MCSD), Peggy Hallmark

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	Dr. Chhokar called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm. Seeing no quorum was present at that time, proceeded with call for the Director's report.	None	None
District Health Director's Report	<p>Dr. Townsend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of 12/15/19 state requires a strategic hiring process with a directive from Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) that all positions with an annual salary of \$40,000 or more must have state approval before the position is posted. Result is some delay in filling vacant positions. All RNs are in that category. Update on the relocation of the health department - We have been meeting with city officials and with architects to work out the details. District Administration will still be located here. All clinical/patient care will move to the old Virginia College facility. Vector Control will stay here. <p>RESPONSE: Mr. Hugley - Appreciates the team working closely with the city team and the architects. We want to relocate services that the city is required by law to pay for within a reasonable distance and convenient to the users and to keep the clinical services together.</p>	None	None

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<p>District Health Director's Report Cont'd</p>	<p>The new location is 3.3 miles from here. City has 33 daily stops coming/going to that location and proposed to add a shuttle service from the Metra Transfer Center to the Virginia College building and back to the Transfer Station at no cost to the clients.</p> <p>Financially - The City has paid rent of \$321,000 per year to the owner for the last 25 years. In 2016 Family Holdings purchased the building and gave notice the rent would be adjusted when contract expires June 30, 2020. The current \$3.86 per square foot would be adjusted to the range of \$10.75 - \$20.00 per square foot, so the city decided to look for space that could take care of the users, services, and benefit the taxpayers. We pay only for the health department component; not the administrative offices. We have a \$2.5 mil. purchase with an estimated \$2.5 mil. renovation cost at 2.07% interest rate. This will bring the yearly cost to approximately \$310,000 with no property tax and is significantly less than what Family Holdings will charge us.</p> <p>QUESTION: Dr. Chhokar – You are saying only clinical. Why is that?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Mr. Hugley – By law, the city is only required to provide space for the health department component.</p> <p>QUESTION: - Dr. Chhokar – Who pays for administration?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Joanne Strickland – The state. Programs with clinics that are not part of the health department component but are moving to the new location will pay rent to the city. Their space is funded by the state and program grants. This way we keep all the clinical services together which benefits our clients.</p>		

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District Health Director's Report Cont'd	<p>Discussion followed regarding details of space funded by the state and of staff input to actual layout of the new workspace.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Mr. Hugley – He is open to accept questions regarding the necessary move. Council will meet next Tuesday (1/28/20) to close on the proposal.</p> <p>QUESTION – Dr. McRae – Will you have the building updated and ready by the June 30th contract expiration?</p> <p>RESPONSE: - Mr. Hugley – Yes. Everything is in place to meet that date.</p>		
Approval of Minutes	<p>Dr. Chhokar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged a quorum was present. Asked attending members to refer to minutes from the December meeting. With no questions or discussion from the members, Dr. Chhokar asked for a motion of approval. 	Motion to approve minutes by Dr. Alappan, seconded by Dr. Lopez, and approved by all members present.	None
Financial Report	<p>Joanne Strickland:</p> <p>Presented FY20 financial overview through the end of December. Current budget is \$5,883,730. with two revisions. Total expenses are \$2,807,704. Total fee income is \$629,187. Following pages show the breakdowns of the summary and grants which are all on target.</p>	The Financial Reports are attached and made part of these minutes.	None
Excused Absences	Yasmin Cathright	None	None
Old Business	<p>Dr. Chhokar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum Lot Size Rule must be postponed until further notice because it requires some language change from the state. 	None	None

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Old Business Cont'd	RESPONSE: Asante' Hilts – Requesting that the board postpone the Minimum Lot Size Rule adoption until we get the language clarified by the state. We will bring it back to the board once the language has been reviewed and finalized.		
New Business	<p>Jeannie Polhamus, RN for MCSD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On behalf of Dr. David Lewis, Superintendent of Muscogee County School District, announced they are exploring possibility of working with the Oral Health Impact Project, a mobile dental health unit, as an option to assist students in obtaining dental care. Dr. Lewis has been in communication with Dr. Lopez. Dr. Lewis is looking at other options as well. 	None	None
Public Information	<p>Pam Kirkland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented the Public Information report including press releases, interviews, social media posts and billboards, with mention of campaign on Diabetes Prevention and the stories by Channels 3, 9 and the newspaper regarding the upcoming move. <p>QUESTION: Dr. Chhokar – Who asked the media to do that?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Pam Kirkland – The news director or executive producer decides what stories they will cover. We have nothing to do with that and no control over what they report. Our only response when contacted has been that they need to contact the city.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Asante' Hilts – We distributed flyers at our last board of health meeting. The link is on our website. The only requirements are that you must be over 18 and not have diabetes. It is prevention.</p>		

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<p align="center">Public Information Cont'd.</p>	<p>RESPONSE: Mr. Hugley – Some do not have access or skills to do an online program.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Asante’ Hilts –We went to all the housing authority complexes and they have agreed to allow us to use the community room/computer lab so users can have assistance. We have had success, even with the senior community. In the future we will have a health educator who can offer in person classes.</p> <p>Discussion followed regarding results of recent community health assessment and accessibility to programs and care.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Environmental Health Report</p>	<p>Kristi Ludy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented EH report and summarized the activities through end of December. Reported one animal to animal (raccoon/dog) case in which the raccoon tested positive for rabies. The dog has been strictly isolated by the owner in lieu of euthanizing. We will continue to follow up. • Complaints of rodent activity on Broadway are getting special attention with all sewers and manholes being treated and baited. <p>QUESTION: Dr. Lopez – Did the dog that was exposed have its vaccinations?</p> <p>REPONSE: Kristi Ludy – It was a puppy. The dog was a 6-month-old puppy that had not been vaccinated.</p> <p>QUESTION: Mr. Hugley – Is there a law or policy that says the owner can quarantine if they can show they can care for it before it is decided to put the animal down?</p>	<p>The Environmental Health report is attached and made a part of these minutes.</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>Environmental Health Report Cont'd.</p>	<p>REPOSE: Kristi Ludy – Yes. Euthanization is the first choice, however, if the owner is unwilling to euthanize a pet, the decision tree goes to strict isolation. This is from our Georgia Dept of Public Health Rabies Manual. EH inspected and approved the owner isolation before the dog was allowed to leave the vet. We will continue follow up.</p> <p>QUESTION: Mr. Hugley – In a case like this, are the neighbors notified there is an animal in quarantine for rabies and to keep a safe distance?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Kristi Ludy – We don't know if the raccoon transmitted rabies to the dog, hence the requirement for strict isolation. There is currently no notice of isolation for exposure, but we can absolutely look into that.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Asante' Hilts – That is something we have not considered. The language would have to be very clear because there is an unknown. We will explore this.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Dr. Chhokar – We should look into that because it is a potential problem and do need the attorney for the correct language. It could potentially create a situation of owner retaliation.</p> <p>Cross discussion related to notification and owner/neighbor scenarios.</p>		
<p>Nursing Report</p>	<p>Kimberly Fuller:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented the nursing report on 5,147 initial clinic visits and 993 return visits, totaling 6,140 visits for FY20 (July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019). <p>QUESTION: Dr. McRae – Is the clinic linked to EPIC?</p> <p>RESPONSE: Kimberly Fuller – No</p>	<p>The Nursing report is attached and made a part of these minutes.</p>	<p>None</p>

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Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Nursing Report Cont'd.	RESPONSE: Dr. Townsend – Commissioner Toomey did look at EPIC and her answer is that public health would not be able to do that. Mitchell & McCormick (now called Harris) is our system. There are RFPs going out at the state level for public health.		None
Adjournment	With no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Chhokar at 2:04 pm.		

**NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING TO BE HELD:
FEBRUARY 26, 2020 1:00 PM
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING,
2ND FLOOR, LDR CLASSROOM**

Columbus Board of Health Minutes Respectfully submitted by:
Peggy Hallmark, Secretary

Date: May 22, 2024
COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
Columbus Health Department Board Room

Item #3.

<p>Presiding: Sylvester McRae, MD – Vice Chairman</p> <p>Attending Board Members: Yasmin Cathright, Marci Norris (City Mgr. office), Devica Alappan, MD</p> <p>Not Present: Joshua Beard (Mayor's office), James Lopez, DDS, Joy Adegbile, MD</p> <p>Others Present: Dr. Beverley Townsend, Tori Endres, Joanne Strickland, AnQuavis Simpson, Steve Gunby, Pam Kirkland, Michelle Crawford, Andrew Rhea, Karye Rayborn, Berta Cox</p>			
Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	Dr. McRae <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Called the meeting to order at 1:03pm. • Acknowledged a quorum has been established. 		None
Approval of Agenda	Dr. McRae <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to the May meeting agenda as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, called for a motion to approve the agenda. 	Motioned by Dr. Alappan to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Yasmin Cathright. Approved by all members present.	None
Discussion and Approval of Minutes	Dr. McRae <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to the minutes from April 24, 2024, as delivered to all board members. Dr. McRae asked for a motion to approve the minutes. 	Motioned by Dr. Alappan to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Yasmin Cathright. Approved by all members present.	None
Commissioner of Health Report	Dr. Townsend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared a recruiting video for Public Health that featured several of our own employees. No further comments/Questions	None	None

Financial Report	<p>Joanne Strickland, District Administrator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented the FY24 Financial overview as of April 30, 2024. The current budget is \$12,558,824.00. Line 3 shows total expenses are \$10,690,381.88 which is 85% and is just above target of 83% for 10 months of operation. Line 4 shows the comparison of expenses to last year with an increased variance of \$1,093,278.62. Line 5 shows total fee income as of 04/30/24 of \$992,755.99. Lines 6 through 17 show the breakdown of fund sources and their comparison to the same time last year. Line 18 shows variance at an increase of \$104,698.69. Line 19 shows admin claiming income of \$115,231.11 for FY24. Pages 6 & 7 show a breakdown by line item of expenses and revenues. Page 8 shows the total grants governed by the Columbus Board of Health (all are on target for 10 months of operation). • Dr. McRae asked if salaries and fringes are our highest expense, what is the next highest. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Joanne Strickland responded that it would be supplies which includes vaccines. <p>No further comments/Questions</p>	The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes.	None	Item #3.
Excused Absences	<p>Joshua Beard James Lopez, DDS Joy Adegbile, MD</p>	None	None	
Old Business	None	None	None	
New Business	<p>Joanne Strickland, District Administrator</p> <p>Presented the FY25 Budget Proposal for a total of \$14,051,047.00. (Proposed Budget is attached and made part of these minutes.)</p>	Motioned by Yasmin Cathright to approve the proposed budget as presented. Seconded by Dr. Alappan. Approved by all members present.	None	
Program Reports	<p>Epidemiology Update -Brandi Nelson, Epidemiologist Supervisor (unable to attend meeting)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted attached reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Notifiable Diseases ○ Outbreaks ○ CDC Health Advisory – Adverse Effect Linked to Counterfeit or Mishandled Botulinum Toxin Injections 	Program reports are attached and made part of these minutes.	None	

	<p>Public Information - Pam Kirkland, Public Information Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported April and May press releases, media interviews, social media posts, TV, radio, and billboard campaigns. <p>Environmental Health - Kristi Ludy, Environmental Health Director (unable to attend meeting)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted Environmental Health report of activities covering the month of April 2024. <p>Nursing - Michelle Crawford, County Nurse Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented the cumulative nursing report for July 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024, including activities and events. <p>WIC- Karye Rayborn, Nutrition Services/WIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted WIC overview for April and May 2024 including participant numbers and events. <p>No further comments/questions</p>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Item #3.</div>
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Adjourned	Dr. McRae adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm		
Respectfully submitted by: Berta Cox, District Admin Operations Liaison			
NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING			
Date/Time: June 26, 2024		Place: In-person: Columbus Health Department Board Room	



**COLUMBUS GEORGIA
CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER
COLUMBUS IRON WORKS CONVENTION AND
TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING**

APRIL 24, 2025

12:00 PM

**BOARDROOM
(SECOND LEVEL)**

A G E N D A

- I. CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN JONATHAN PAYNE**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 27, 2025**
- III. FINANCIAL REPORT - NICHOLE LEWIS**
 - A. MARCH 2025**
- IV. CATERING UPDATES - HAYLEY TILLERY**
 - A. MARCH 2025**
- V. SALES REPORT - HAYLEY TILLERY / MORGAN MOORE**
 - A. MARCH 2025**
- VI. FACILITY UPDATE - HAYLEY TILLERY**
 - A. PARKING GARAGE - UPDATE**
 - B. HVAC ARP PROJECT - UPDATE**
 - C. INTERNET - UPDATE**
 - D. CARPET RENOVATION PROJECT - UPDATE**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**



**COLUMBUS GEORGIA
CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER**

**COLUMBUS IRON WORKS CONVENTION AND
TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 24, 2025
12:00 PM**

The monthly meeting of the Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center Authority was held Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 12:00 Noon in the Boardroom of the facility.

Authority Members Present: Chairman Jonathan Payne, John Stacy, Brittany Perkins and Jay Pitts

Authority Members Absent: Vice Chairman Jessica Gray

Administrative Members Present: Executive Director Hayley Tillery, Assistant Director Sales and Catering Morgan Moore, Finance Manager R. Nichole Lewis, and Secretary Chasity Deppe

CALL TO ORDER

At 12:01 PM, Chairman Jonathan Payne called the meeting to order and welcomed members and staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 27, 2025

Chairman Jonathan Payne asked the members if they had received and read the minutes from the previous regular meeting dated March 27, 2025. With no additions or corrections to be made, Chairman Jonathan Payne made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. John Stacy second the motion, which was carried unopposed by all members present.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery introduced Jeffrey Little, the facility's new Events Operations Manager. Jeff thanked the members for the warm welcome and shared with them a little about himself, his previous employment and experience. Adding that he was excited about the opportunity and looked forward to working at the facility.

FINANCIAL REPORT – NICHOLE LEWIS

A. MARCH 2025 – See attached report.

Chairman Jonathan Payne made a motion to approve the March 2025 Financial Report as prepared and presented by Finance Manager R. Nichole Lewis. Jay Pitts second the motion that was carried unopposed by all members present.

CATERING UPDATES / OAK VIEW HOSPITALITY GROUP - HAYLEY TILLERY

A. MARCH 2025

The average client survey score for catering based on 3 surveys was 99.3.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported Oakview Catering had hired a new general manager, Andrew Brailsford, to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of David Weiss back in March. Hayley stated Andrew had a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field and would begin working at the facility the following week. Adding that she would forward Andrew's resume to the members for reference.

SALES REPORT – HAYLEY TILLERY / MORGAN MOORE

A. MARCH 2025 – See attached report.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery briefly went over the sales report for the month of March 2025. Hayley stated there were 46 call-in clients, 14 walk-in clients, 59 planning kit requests and 11 requests for proposals with 38 contracts issued. Adding there were 71 event days during the month with 19,390 attendees.

Hayley shared the March Client Survey Report, which only contained 3 surveys with an overall score of 99%. **See attached report**

Conference / Convention Event Leads Report - **See attached report**, prepared, by Assistant Director Sales and Catering Morgan Moore.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery highlighted a few events that took place during the month of March including, the Miss Georgia Forum, Synovus Toast of the Town, GA Tactical Officers Association Conference, FCCLA State Conference (top event for the month, will be back next year), DBI Women's Empowerment Luncheon, Daddy Daughter Dance, UNCF Mayor's Masked Ball, Sister's Inc – Rosa Parks Breakfast and the Mizzell /Aeh Wedding.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery also reported the Trade Center had been nominated for the People's Choice Award for Best Venue and Best Wedding Venue.

FACILITY UPDATE – HAYLEY TILLERY

A. PARKING GARAGE UPDATE

Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported that an email had been sent the previous Thursday clearing up a lot of misconceptions regarding the parking garage project. Hayley stated she had only received one response, but was going to reach out to each councilor individually to see if she could clear up any questions or concerns. Hayley added that the topic was back on the Council's Agenda for May 13, 2025, and she wanted to make sure the Authority was still on the same page. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that the members were still in agreement with scenario A as presented by Scott Holmes with Hecht Burdeshaw Architects during the February Authority Meeting.

B. HVAC ARP PROJECT UPDATE

Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported the project was making progress; however, they were still waiting for the equipment. Adding that she was looking to make a detailed schedule soon.

C. INTERNET UPDATE

Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported that Net Planner was still working hard to go live at the GA GMIS (Government Management Information Sciences) Conference that was to take place May 4-8, 2025

D. CARPET RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported the project was progressing a little slower than anticipated. However, progress was being made.

E. PERSONNEL UPDATE

Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported that with the resignation of the former assistant director, she was planning to return to having a singular assistant director. With this change, she would add a director of facilities and operations. Adding there would be considerable cost savings for the facility. Hayley continued that she had

discussed the decision with City Manager Isaiah Hugley and Human Resources Director Reather Holloway, both of whom were both in agreement.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery also shared with the members her Overview of Recent Events, to include current and completed facility projects and employee updates. **Please see the attached report.**

Although not on the agenda, Executive Director Hayley Tillery shared with the Authority a Synopsis of the Columbus Georgia Convention and Trade Center Purchasing Limits, which showed increases to both small purchase amounts and competitive quote amounts. Hayley added this increase was updated due to the limits increase within the Columbus Consolidated Government. Hayley added that the facility would still have the emergency purchase line item.

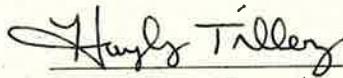
John Stacy made a motion to accept the purchasing increases as presented by Executive Director Hayley Tillery, Chairman Jonathan Payne second the motion that was carried unanimously by all members present.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items of business to discuss, Chairman Jonathan Payne adjourned the meeting at 1:20 PM. The next regular meeting, which is held monthly on the fourth Thursday, will be held Thursday, May 22, 2025.



Jonathan Payne, Chairman
Columbus Iron Works Convention and
Trade Center Authority



Hayley Tillery, Executive Director
Columbus Georgia Convention and
Trade Center



COLUMBUS GEORGIA CONVENTION AND TRADE CENTER

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FY 25- MARCH 2025 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

R. Nichole Lewis

REPORT 1 – REVENUE SUMMARY

- March 2025, there were 71 event days, 40 events, and 19,390 attendees.
- Church of the Highlands was charged a total of \$71,556 for March 2025.
- Top Events

March 2025		March 2024 (Last Year)	
Event	Total Revenue	Event	Total Revenue
Georgia Family, Career and Community Leaders of America State Conference 2025	\$100,278	Georgia Association of Gifted Children Annual Conference	\$75,012
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Leadership Conference	\$80,935	Dancing Stars of Columbus 2024	\$66,832
2025 Georgia Emergency Communications Conference	\$77,578	Georgia Cattlemen's Association 2024 Annual Convention and Trade Show	\$61,894

- F&B Revenue was \$441,279; Operations Revenue was \$278,878; Total Revenue was \$720,156.
- March 2024, there were 90 event days with 29,314 attendees and a Total Revenue of \$731,823.

REPORT 2 – MARCH 2025 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

➤ REVENUES

- Operating Revenue
 - The catering commission for March was \$162,175.
 - Space Rental was \$220,173.
 - The equipment rental was \$41,859.
 - Total Operating Revenue of \$441,053.
- Tax/Other Source Revenue
 - Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$106,137.
- Total Revenue of \$547,190 for March 2025.

➤ EXPENSES

- Labor Cost
 - Total labor expenses were \$118,234.
- Operating Expenses
 - Contractual services were \$14,158. There was a \$3,500 payment to Fuller Fire for the Fire Alarm Inspection and Fire Hood Inspection in March.
 - Utilities were \$42,206.
 - Repairs and Maintenance to Equipment was \$2,229 due to buying supplies needed for equipment storage mandated by the fire marshal.
 - Total Operating Expenses were \$70,816.
- Other Expenses
 - The total other expenses were \$63,420. The \$29,446 payment for the quarterly Cost Allocation was paid along with Capital Outlay items purchased to include new office furniture, new drapes, and tables.

- Reserve Fund Expenses
 - The \$42,515 payment was made to Hecht Burdeshaw Architects, Inc for the Parking Study Master Plan completion.
- Total Expenses were \$294,985.
- NET PROFIT
 - Net Profit for March 2025 was \$294,720 without the Reserves Projects.

REPORT 3 –MARCH 2025 YEAR TO DATE PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

- REVENUES
 - Operating Revenue
 - Equipment Rental was \$177,178.
 - Space Rental was \$1,409,821.
 - Total Operating Revenue of \$2,273,038.
 - Tax/Other Source Revenue
 - Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$1,214,195.
 - Total Year to Date Revenue of \$3,487,233 as of March 2025.
- EXPENSES
 - Labor Cost
 - Total labor expenses were \$1,163,978.
 - Operating Expenses
 - Contractual services were \$117,553.
 - Repairs and Maintenance to the Building is \$39,068.
 - Utilities were \$422,713.
 - Total Operating Expenses were \$707,330.
 - Other Expenses
 - Total other expenses were \$435,207.
 - Reserve Fund Expenses
 - Total Reserve Fund is \$520,718.
 - Total Year to Date Expenses were \$2,827,232.
- NET PROFIT
 - Total Year to Date Net Profit as of March 2025 was \$1,474,266. With the Reserves Projects and Bond Payments, our year-to-date net profit is \$660,001.

REPORT 4 – FY 2024 YTD FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

- Revenue
 - Space Rental is 33% higher than the 5-year average.
 - Operating Revenue is 2% lower.
 - Other Revenue is 10% higher than the average.
 - Total Revenue YTD is 18% higher than the average.
- Expenses
 - Labor Costs are 15% higher than the 5-year average.
 - Repairs and Maintenance to the Building is 44% lower than the average.
 - Utilities are 19% higher than the average.
 - Total expenses are 9% lower with the added expenses.
- Net Profit
 - Net Profit with bond payment is 45% higher than the average.



CLIENT SURVEY SCORES AND CUSTOMER COMMENTS

MARCH 2025

3 SURVEYS

EC	PLANNING	EVENT DAY	F&B	POST EVENT	OVERALL	NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	COMMENTS: Verbal, Survey, or Email
March 1, 2025							
HT	100	100	100	100	100	50	Hayley made the planning very easy. Everything looked amazing. Our needs were attended to very quickly. The food was delicious. Everyone loved it. Plenty to go around. Hayley Tillery, Paula Moulton and Nichole Lewis were exceptional.
March 10, 2025							
HS	100	98	98	100	99	200	Haley is amazing and always does her best to accommodate all of our requests, even the last minute ones. Waitstaff was amazing. They were so friendly and took great care of us. Shanessa, Bernice, Fania and Haley Slaughter were exceptional.
March 29, 2025							
HS	100	96	100	95	98	225	Haley was great. We did have some AV issues - no sound for videos that could not be timely rectified. Payten was also great and very helpful.
OVERALL AVERAGE SCORE							
	100	98	99.3	98.3	99		
CLIENT COMMENTS - VERBAL OR EMAIL							
	Your team is awesome! Great job. Please tell everyone a very big thank you!!!- Warner Neal						
	Everything was amazing and it ran as smoothly as we could have ever asked for. We appreciate all of your hospitality and hard work to make this happen for us. We love this venue and all staff. Everyone does such a wonderful job making us feel welcome, and the venue is always set up to perfection. Many thanks again, and we look forward to working with you in the future. - Mandy Ptak						
	On behalf of the GECC committee, Thank you for all you did to help make our conference run smoothly. You have a great team of people that make us all feel very welcome. You all truly set the standard for us. We compare every other venue staff to yours and y'all are always number 1. Y'all are the best - Alex Spencer						
	GECC March 10, 2025						

Conference/Convention Event Leads

Event Leads	FY26	FY27+
# of Events	19	11
Total Attendees	4,975	7,575
Total Rental Revenue	\$174,400	\$7,575

Leads Converted to Business			
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees
January	2026	FY26	200

Fiscal Year 2025 (July 2024-June 2025)			
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees
June	2025	FY25	40
June	2025	FY25	250

Fiscal Year 2026 (July 2025-June 2026)			
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees
July	2025	FY26	400
July	2025	FY26	100
August	2025	FY26	325
August	2025	FY26	900
August	2025	FY26	35
September	2025	FY26	35
September	2025	FY26	40
October	2025	FY26	150
January	2026	FY26	250
March	2026	FY26	350
March	2026	FY26	300
March	2026	FY26	200
April	2026	FY26	250
April	2026	FY26	200
May	2026	FY26	40

Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
January	2026	FY26	200	\$3,500	Georgia Transmission Event

Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
June	2025	FY25	40	\$1,300	GWLA (Georgia's Workforce Leadership Association)
June	2025	FY25	250	\$2,700	Caregivers & Veteran's Conference

Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
July	2025	FY26	400	\$13,000	Georgia Alabama Partnership for Sustainability
July	2025	FY26	100	\$6,000	Georgia Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting
August	2025	FY26	325	\$4,100	Sysco All In and DSM Retreat
August	2025	FY26	900	\$4,600	Phenix City Schools Institute Conference
August	2025	FY26	35	\$600	Safety, Security, and Wellness Workshop
September	2025	FY26	35	\$600	Political Advocacy Workshop
September	2025	FY26	40	\$600	Superintendent Professional Development Program (SPDP) Session
October	2025	FY26	150	\$5,000	2025 Bike-Walk-Live Summit
January	2026	FY26	250	\$3,700	TIEGA CONFERENCE
March	2026	FY26	350	\$26,000	Georgia Athletic Directors Association State Conference 2026
March	2026	FY26	300	\$12,700	Georgia Cheer Coaches Association Conference 2026
March	2026	FY26	200	\$7,800	National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs 2026 Southeast Conference
April	2026	FY26	250	\$9,400	2026 GACCP Spring Meeting
April	2026	FY26	200	\$4,900	GA PRIMA Conference
May	2026	FY26	40	\$600	Superintendent Professional Development Program (SPDP) Session

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MARCH 2025 SALES RECAP



MONTHLY REVENUE

Trade Center Revenue **\$278,878**

Total Revenue **\$720,156**

CITY WIDE IMPACT

(Sent from the Columbus Visitor's Bureau)

\$1,351,065

MONTHLY SALES

Does not include Catering Sales

CONFERENCES

	Event Days	Sales
2025	28	\$145,434
2024	21	\$67,282

CONSUMER/ TRADE SHOWS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	2	\$6,468
2024	6	\$17,121

MEETINGS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	11	\$7,062
2024	11	\$4,203

RELIGIOUS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	10	\$70,011
2024	15	\$90,836

SOCIAL

	Event Days	Sales
2025	17	\$43,518
2024	37	\$67,298

SPORTS/ ENTERTAINMENT

	Event Days	Sales
2025	0	\$0
2024	0	\$0.00

WEDDINGS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	5	\$2,980
2024	0	\$0.00



FY25 19,380

vs

FY24 29,314

FY25 March attendee count is down by 9,934 people compared to FY24.

SALES INQUIRIES

INQUIRIES **130**

CALL-INS **46**

WALK-INS **14**

PKR'S **59**

RFP'S **11**

CONTRACTS SENT

38

OVERALL SURVEY SCORE

99%

Based on 5 surveys

SYNOPSIS OF THE COLUMBUS GEORGIA CONVENTION AND TRADE CENTER PURCHASING LIMITS <i>Applicable to the <u>TOTAL PURCHASE AMOUNT</u> from a single vendor; and non-annual contracted Goods/Services</i>	
<p align="center">The Trade Center is authorized to process the following purchases:</p>	
<p>PURCHASES ≤ \$1,000 Increase to \$5,000</p>	<p>Small Purchases: No competition required</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Primary purchase instrument – City Purchasing Card Alternative purchase instruments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase Order Petty Cash (\$50.00 or less) – Increase to \$100 <p>Purchase Authority (final approval): City Purchase Card Holders or TC Director</p>
<p>PURCHASES \$1,001–\$9,999 Increase to \$5,001 - \$25,000</p>	<p>Competitive Quotations: Written price quotes required from at least 3 vendors. <i>(It is recommended the quotes be requested from five vendors in order to get three quotes. ** Quotes can only be obtained by employees who have approval of the Trade Center Director. **)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Quotes obtained by Trade Center staff Purchase Instrument – Purchase Order (PD Document) \$1,001-\$2,500 – Trade Center Director Approval \$2,501-\$9,999 – Trade Center Director Signature required <p>Purchase Authority (final approval): TC Purchasing Committee</p>
<p align="center">Purchasing Division administers the following purchases:</p>	
<p>PURCHASES \$10,000 and greater Increase to \$25,001 & greater</p>	<p>Formal Bid/RFP Process</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Specifications supplied to Purchasing by Using Agency Purchasing Division administers the solicitation process Solicitations are reviewed by the TC Purchasing Committee, which is the Trade Center’s Director, Assistant Director, Finance Manager, and Administrative Coordinator Trade Center’s Authority Board review for approval Purchasing Instrument – Purchase Order (PO issued by the Trade Center) <p>Purchase Authority (final approval): Trade Center Authority</p>
<p>EMERGENCY PURCHASES (Any Amount) *An Emergency consists of any catastrophic situation or natural disasters that affect the Trade Center’s building structures or business.</p>	<p>Emergency Process</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> No formal or informal bid will be administered Trade Center’s Purchasing Committee will select vendor Purchasing Instrument – Selected based on purchase amount (see above) <p>Purchase Authority (final approvals): TC Director and Finance Director</p>

Commented [CC1]: City increased purchases w/credit cards to \$5,000, petty cash to \$100

Commented [CC2]: City increased to \$5,001 - \$25,000 but requires employees to attend Price Quote Training.

Commented [CC3]: City increased to \$25,001 to \$49,999

All minutes related to purchases taken during the TC Purchasing Committee meetings or TC Authority meetings should be forwarded to the Finance Dept.



COLUMBUS GEORGIA CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER

Overview of Recent Events

Date: April 24, 2025

Current Projects

- American Rescue Plan / SPLOST
 - Trade Center 2.6 million – HVAC System
 - Internet Fiber Upgrade (Currently being installed)
- RFP for Trade Center parking garage.
 - **April 22nd or May 13th** – Official Vote by City Council
- Trade Center carpet renovation – installation is currently taking place

Completed Projects/Updates

Operations:

- Successfully onboarded three new hires within the past five weeks, alongside an internal promotion to the position of Crew Leader. This expansion strengthens our team and enhances our capacity to deliver high-quality event operations at the Trade Center.
- Strengthened staff accountability by emphasizing punctuality, communication, and operational efficiency, ensuring optimal performance and reliability across all teams.

Facilities:

- Working on the transition to LED lighting in the parking garage
- Updates on equipment in the kitchen – 17 plastic vent hoods for better airflow and cleaning
- Major pipe leak replacement (internal)

Employee Updates

Active Job Postings - TOTAL: (5) Positions Open

Operations:

- Two (2) full-time Events Attendant – Advertised with candidates available for interview
- One (1) part-time Events Attendant – Advertised with candidates available for interview
- One (1) full-time Custodian – Advertised with candidates available for interview

Building Maintenance:

- One (1) Part-time FM Worker I – Advertised, waiting for posting to close to begin interview process

New Hires and Promotions:

- Cayden Lovett – EA Crew Leader – promotion (Operations)
- Cameron Coronado – FM Worker I – promotion (Facilities)
- James Boyd – EA I - (Operations)
- Jermaine Jackson – EA I- (Operations)
- Tanae Palmer – Custodian - (Operations)

Authority Meeting Agenda

- May 22nd
- June 26th



**COLUMBUS GEORGIA
CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER**

**COLUMBUS IRON WORKS CONVENTION AND
TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025**

**12:00 PM
BOARDROOM
(SECOND LEVEL)**

A G E N D A

- I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRMAN JONATHAN PAYNE**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 28, 2025**
- III. FINANCIAL REPORT – NICHOLE LEWIS**
 - A. AUGUST 2025**
- IV. CATERING UPDATES – HAYLEY TILLERY**
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**COLUMBUS GEORGIA
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**COLUMBUS IRON WORKS CONVENTION AND
TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025
12:00 PM**

The monthly meeting of the Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center Authority was held Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 12:00 Noon in the Boardroom of the facility.

Authority Members Present: Vice Chairman Jessica Gray, John Stacy, and Brittany Perkins

Authority Members Present: Chairman Jonathan Payne and Jay Pitts

Administrative Members Present: Executive Director Hayley Tillery, Assistant Director Morgan Moore, Finance Manager R. Nichole Lewis, and Secretary Chasity Deppe

CALL TO ORDER

At 12:03 PM, Vice Chairman Jessica Gray called the meeting to order and welcomed members and staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 28, 2025

Vice Chairman Jessica Gray asked the members if they had received and read the minutes from the previous regular meeting dated August 28, 2025. With no additions or corrections to be made, John Stacy made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Brittany Perkins second the motion, which was carried out unopposed by all members present.

FINANCIAL REPORT – NICHOLE LEWIS

A. AUGUST 2025 – See attached report.

Vice Chairman Jessica Gray made a motion to approve the August 2025 Financial Report as prepared and presented by Finance Manager R. Nichole Lewis. Brittany Perkins second the motion that was carried unopposed by all members present.

CATERING UPDATES / OAK VIEW HOSPITALITY GROUP - HAYLEY TILLERY

- A. AUGUST 2025** There was only one client survey returned for the month of August, and the event had no food or beverage.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported that she had approved the use of the facilities catering commission return for the purchase of new tableware and flatware. Moving into the holiday season, the purchase will increase the catering inventory to accommodate a 1500-person event. Hayley added the purchase did not come off of the Trade Center's profit and loss statement. Hayley stated glassware would also be purchased in the near future.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery then reported how excited she was at the initiative being taken by the catering team to increase revenue by providing signature drinks. Hayley stated that typically signature drinks were done primarily for weddings, however the team had introduced the concept to several large events, and the idea was going very well.

SALES REPORT – HAYLEY TILLERY / MORGAN MOORE

- A. AUGUST 2025 – See attached report.**

Executive Director Hayley Tillery briefly went over the sales reports for the month of August 2025. Hayley stated for the month there were 38 call-in clients, 10 walk-in clients, 53 planning kit requests and 13 requests for proposals with 19 contracts issued. Adding there were 68 event days during the month with just over 17K attendees.

Hayley shared the August client survey report, which contained only one survey for the month with an overall score of 94. **See attached report.**

Executive Director Hayley Tillery highlighted a few events that took place during the month of August to include the GA Pop and Horror Conference, Church of the Highlands 21 Days of Prayer and Men's Night, 100 Women on the Move, the GA Chamber Congressional Summit, GA Nurses Association Conference, Labor Day Bully Show, Girls Inc Banquet and the facility's signature event Princess for a Day benefiting Easterseals West Georgia. Hayley stated that over \$18k was raised for the organization through the event and the facility was recently recognized by Easterseals as their Partner of the Year. Hayley added that the city-wide impact for August was just over \$262K.

Conference / Convention Event Leads Report - **See attached report**, prepared, by Assistant Director Morgan Moore.

FACILITY UPDATE – HAYLEY TILLERY

- A. PARKING GARAGE UPDATE** Executive Director Hayley Tillery stated that she was currently working on getting the letters of support she mentioned at the previous meeting and setting a time to meet with the Historic District. Adding that she hoped to have more to report at the next meeting.
- B. HVAC ARP PROJECT UPDATE** Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported that the work on the project was projected to begin in October, therefore with that time quickly approaching she had reached out to the designer to see about confirming and setting a schedule.

C. INTERNET UPDATE Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported the new internet service was up and running. Adding that the team had been working with the city IT department to clear up a few minor issues and that she would be reaching out to Lightspeed Data Link to cancel the service with them soon.

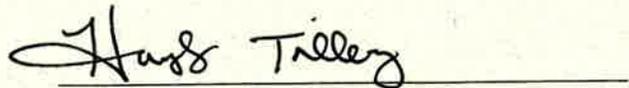
D. CARPET RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE Executive Director Hayley Tillery reminded the members the carpet installation was being scheduled around events being held, reporting there were still a few common areas remaining to complete the project.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery also shared with the members her Overview of Recent Events, to include current and completed facility projects and employee updates. **Please see the attached report.**

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items of business to discuss, Vice Chairman Jessica Gray adjourned the meeting at 12:41 PM. The next regular meeting, which is held monthly on the fourth Thursday, will be held Thursday, October 23, 2025.


Jessica Gray, Vice Chairman
Columbus Iron Works Convention and
Trade Center Authority


Hayley Tillery, Executive Director
Columbus Georgia Convention and
Trade Center



COLUMBUS GEORGIA CONVENTION AND TRADE CENTER FY 26-AUGUST 2025 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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R. Nichole Lewis

REPORT 1 – REVENUE SUMMARY

- August 2025, there were 68 event days, 39 events, and 17,336 attendees.
- Church of the Highlands was charged a total of \$145,772 for August 2025.
- Top Events

August 2025		August 2024 (Last Year)	
Event	Total Revenue	Event	Total Revenue
COTH Sunday Service	\$58,608	COTH 21 Days of Prayer	\$36,725
COTH 21 Days of Prayer	\$45,764	COTH Sunday Service	\$34,443
Georgia Chamber- 2025 Congressional Summit	\$45,613	Greater Alabama Black Belt Region Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Conference	\$23,791

- F&B Revenue was \$159,144; Operations Revenue was \$207,691; Total Revenue was \$366,835.
- August 2024, there were 78 event days with 19,281 attendees and a Total Revenue of \$354,886.

REPORT 2 – AUGUST 2025 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

➤ REVENUES

- Operating Revenue
 - There was no catering commission for August.
 - Space Rental was \$173,576.
 - The equipment rental was \$11,829.
 - Total Operating Revenue of \$207,691.
- Tax/Other Source Revenue
 - Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$109,524.
- Total Revenue of \$317,216 for August 2025.

➤ EXPENSES

- Labor Cost
 - Total labor expenses were \$135,957.
- Operating Expenses
 - Donations is \$8,405, this is part of the check that was made out to Easter Seals. The additional \$18,914.90 payment was either paid directly to Easter Seals for the Princess For A Day event or out of our Event Deposits account.
 - Contractual services were \$16,960. This includes the 6-month elevator preventative maintenance contract.
 - Repairs and Maintenance to the building was \$3,504.
 - Utilities were a total of \$78,401 for the month.
 - Total Operating Expenses were \$110,969.
- Other Expenses
 - The total other expenses were \$7,632. The Risk Management fee is higher this year due to the changes in the policies and billing. This amount is only \$257 more than it was two years ago, and there will be no surprise billing at the end of the fiscal year.
- Total Expenses were \$254,559.

➤ NET PROFIT

- Net Profit for August 2025 was \$62,657.

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REPORT 3 – AUGUST YEAR TO DATE 2025 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

➤ REVENUES

- Operating Revenue
 - Space Rental was \$298,404.
 - The equipment rental was \$29,997.
 - Client Electrical Usage was \$14,849
 - Total Operating Revenue of \$359,753.
- Tax/Other Source Revenue
 - Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$260,696.
- Total Revenue of \$620,696 for August 2025.

➤ EXPENSES

- Labor Cost
 - Total labor expenses were \$226,025.
- Operating Expenses
 - Contractual services were \$26,132.
 - Utilities were \$147,674 as of August.
 - Total Operating Expenses were \$192,830.
- Other Expenses
 - The total other expenses were \$62,096.
- Reserve Funds Expenses
 - Total Reserve Fund Expenses is \$25,497.
- Total Expenses were \$506,448.

➤ NET PROFIT

- Net Profit excluding Reserve projects for August 2025 was \$139,498.

REPORT 4 – FY 2025 YTD FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

➤ Revenue

- Space Rental is 35% higher than the 5-year average.
- Other Revenue is 12% higher.
- Total Revenue YTD is 13% higher than the average.

➤ Expenses

- Labor Costs are 15% higher than the 5-year average.
- Repairs and Maintenance to the Building is 70% lower than the average.
- Utilities are 19% higher than the average.
- Total expenses are 14% higher with the added expenses of the Reserves Projects.

➤ Net Profit

- Net Profit, excluding the Reserves Projects, 27% higher than the average.



AUGUST 2025 SALES RECAP

MONTHLY REVENUE

CITY WIDE IMPACT

(Sent from the Columbus Visitor's Bureau)

Trade Center Revenue **\$207,961**

Total Revenue **\$366,835**

\$262,684

MONTHLY SALES

Does not include Catering Sales

CONFERENCES

	Event Days	Sales
2025	7	\$23,365
2024	11	\$30,547

CONSUMER/TRADE SHOWS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	5	\$20,067
2024	5	\$20,216

MEETINGS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	17	\$7,421
2024	19	\$20,449

RELIGIOUS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	26	\$120,634
2024	32	\$106,353

SOCIAL

	Event Days	Sales
2025	12	\$31,331
2024	8	\$24,393

SPORTS/ENTERTAINMENT

	Event Days	Sales
2025	0	\$0
2024	0	\$0

WEDDINGS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	1	\$3,270
2024	3	\$5,315



FY26 17,336

vs

FY25 19,281

FY26 August attendee count is down by 1,945 people compared to FY25.

SALES INQUIRIES

INQUIRIES **114**

CALL-INS **38**

WALK-INS **10**

PKR'S **53**

RFP'S **13**

CONTRACTS SENT

19

OVERALL SURVEY SCORE

94%

Based on 1 surveys

Conference/Convention Event Leads

Event Leads	FY26	FY27	FY28+
# of Events	8	12	5
Total Attendees	2,230	11,230	1,625
Total Rental Revenue	\$82,900	\$196,315	\$90,500

Leads Converted to Business

Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
October	2025	FY26	2000	\$13,000	Dino Adventure
Fiscal Year 2026 (July 2025-June 2026)					
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
October	2025	FY26	300	\$2,700	State Health Benefit Plan ROCP
February	2026	FY26	80	\$4,800	Pratt & Whitney Conference
February	2026	FY26	175	\$7,000	Georgia Cancer Summit
March	2026	FY26	75	\$6,600	Child Support Attorneys Training Conference
March	2026	FY26	200	\$7,800	National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs 2026 Southeast Conference
April	2026	FY26	500	\$10,000	Cyber Inspire: Empower Girls
June	2026	FY26	300	\$19,000	GACS Convenience Store and Petroleum Show
June	2026	FY26	600	\$25,000	GS3 Annual School Safety Summit Conference

Fiscal Year 2027 (July 2026-June 2027)

Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
August	2026	FY27	500	\$20,000	NSDAR Fall Forum
October	2026	FY27	4000	\$8,000	GARBA Festival
November	2026	FY27	150	\$4,700	Georgia Assoc of Family & Consumer Sciences- Regional Conference
November	2026	FY27	1500	\$29,415	SkillsUSA Georgia Fall Leadership Conference
December	2026	FY27	900	\$3,900	ERA Real Estate Foster & Bond Conference
January	2027	FY27	100	\$9,200	Georgia Council of Supervisors of Mathematics Conference 2027
February	2027	FY27	200	\$16,000	2027 GHPCO Annual Conference (Georgia Hospice and Palliative Care Organization)
March	2027	FY27	750	\$22,000	Christian Product Expo (CPE)
March	2027	FY27	130	\$7,500	Georgia Association of Floodplain Management Conference
March	2027	FY27	200	\$12,000	2027 Georgia Emergency Communications Conference
April	2027	FY27	300	\$13,600	Georgia Economic Developers Association SPRING WORKSHOP 2027
June	2027	FY27	2500	\$50,000	GA Republican Party State Convention 2027

Fiscal Year 2028+ (July 2027+)

Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
September	2027	FY28+	150	\$13,900	Georgia Geospatial Association 2027 Conference
September	2027	FY28+	150	\$12,000	The Old Guard Association 2027 Reunion
October	2027	FY28+	400	\$16,000	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Georgia State Meeting 2027
October	2027	FY28+	500	\$13,600	GRPA 2027 State Conference
October	2027	FY28+	425	\$35,000	National Onsite Wastewater 2027 Conference



COLUMBUS GEORGIA CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER

Overview of Recent Events

Date: September 25, 2025

Current Projects

- American Rescue Plan / SPLOST
 - Trade Center 2.6 million – HVAC System
- Trade Center carpet renovation

Completed Projects/Updates

Facilities and Operations:

- Continuing to replace interior & exterior lights while changing them over to LEDs – Currently have replaced upwards of 250 lights.
- Replacing exterior stairwell wooden handrails; Quoted pricing of \$3,600+ from local lumber companies – Parts & materials for in house replacement cost us \$400.
- Repair of broken sprinklers, fountain leaks, & water lines all done in house to ensure proper usage on our water bill.
- In the process of upgrading our elevator emergency system with help from IT & King III Communications to finish installing wireless cell signal in all elevators to ensure we have the necessary communication in each elevator in case of an emergency.
- Successfully installed 2 new security access panels from ACOM Solutions that allowed us to hand out key fobs to individuals that are all tracked in a new system

Employee Updates

Active Job Postings - TOTAL: (4) Positions Open

Operations:

- One (1) Event Attendant Crew Leader – Advertised
- Two (2) part-time Events Attendant – Advertised

Facilities:

- One (1) part-time – Advertised

Authority Meeting Agenda

- October 23rd – Covering month of September

Date: May 28, 2025
COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
Columbus Health Department Board Room

Item #3.

<p>Presiding: Sylvester McRae, MD – Chairman</p> <p>Attending Board Members: Joy Adegbile, MD, Bantwal Baliga, MD, Devica Alappan, MD, Yasmin Cathright</p> <p>Not Present: Isaiah Hugley, Berry Henderson</p> <p>Others Present: Dr. Beverley Townsend, Joanne Strickland, AnQuavis Simpson, Tori Endres, LaTrice Johnson, Michelle Crawford, Danielle Saunders, Karye Rayborn, Pamela Kirkland and Andrew Rhea</p>			
Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	Dr. McRae <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm. • Acknowledged a quorum has been established. 		None
Approval of Agenda	Dr. McRae <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to the May meeting agenda as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, called for a motion to approve the agenda. 	Motioned by Dr. Bantwal Baliga to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Dr. Joy Adegbile. Approved by all members present.	None
Discussion and Approval of Minutes	Dr. McRae <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to the minutes from April 23, 2025, as delivered to all board members. Dr. McRae asked for a motion to approve the minutes. 	Motioned by Dr. Joy Adegbile to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Dr. Bantwal Baliga. Approved by all members present.	None
New Business	Joanne Strickland, District Administrator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented the FY26 Budget of \$14,770,206.00 along with a comparison from FY25. (Proposed Budget is attached and made part of these minutes.) 	Motioned by Dr. Bantwal Baliga to approve the proposed budget as presented. Seconded by Dr. Devica Alappan. Approved by all members present.	None

Commissioner of Health Report	<p>Dr. Beverley A. Townsend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update that the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services announced children and pregnant individuals are no longer required to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. • Provided an update that the Tobacco Program funding was discontinued; however, the allocated funds had already been fully expended prior to the funding loss, so there was no financial impact on our operations. • Informed the Board of Health members they have the capacity to serve as advocates for Public Health by engaging with and speaking to legislators on key issues impacting the community. 	None	None	Item #3.
Financial Report	<p>Joanne Strickland, District Administrator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented the financial report as of April 30, 2025. The current budget is \$13,675,113. Line 3 shows total expenses are \$11,179,589.64, which is 82% and is below our target of 83% for 10 months of operation. Line 4 shows the comparison of expenses to last year with an increased variance of \$489,207.76. Line 5 shows total fees and income at \$1,033,185.14. Lines 6-17 show the breakdown of fund sources and their comparison to the same time last year. Line 18 shows variance at an increase of \$40,429.15. Line 19 shows an increase of \$91,183.96 for admin claiming. Pages 7 and 8 are included as back-up for the original overview and it shows a breakdown by line item of expenses and revenues. Page 9 shows all the programs that are governed by the lead county are on target for ten months of operation. • Also presented the billing report as of April 30, 2025. Shows the breakdown of our programs and our total charges. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was reported that, effective as of the last Board of Health meeting, the billing department has implemented a procedural change to write off accounts after six months instead of the previous 15-month timeframe. ○ Dr. McRae asked what portion of the fees collected is paid in cash and how is it processed? Joanne responded that each department has a designated staff member responsible for collecting payments. Internal controls are in place, requiring a second staff member to sign off 	The Financial Report and the Billing Report are attached and made a part of these minutes.	None	

	<p>before funds are transported to the billing department at Comer Avenue. The billing department then verifies all transactions, and cash is deposited daily. She noted that checks are only received from the Environmental Health department. Dr. McRae inquired about the percentage of actual cash that is received. Joanne will find out that information for him.</p> <p>No further comments/Questions</p>		Item #3.
Excused Absences	None	None	None
Old Business	<p>BCCP Program Biopsies Update</p> <p>Tori Endres, District Nursing Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update on the current status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Dr. Majors' office. 	Tori Endres will follow-up on the status of the MOU for Dr. Majors.	None
Program Reports	<p>Public Information – Pamela Kirkland, Public Information Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported the May 2025 Press Releases, Media Stories, Interviews, Social Media Posts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. McRae inquired whether there is any local involvement or directive related to the decision not to publicize or recommend the COVID-19 vaccine for pregnant individuals and infants. Dr. Townsend responded that this information was just release the day prior. <p>Environmental Health - Danielle Saunders, Environmental Health County Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented Environmental Health report of activities covering the month of April 01, 2025- April 30, 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Alappan asked should restaurants display their certificates in the restaurants? Danielle response: They are supposed to have it displayed when you first enter the establishment within public 	Program reports are attached and made part of these minutes	None

view. Also, it should be displayed in the drive through window.

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Nursing - Michelle Crawford, County Nurse Manager

- Presented nursing report for July 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025 (FY25), including activities and events.
 - Dr. Adegbile inquired about the removal of the COVID-19 kiosk. Michelle explained that the kiosk was removed by the state following cuts to the COVID-19 budget.

WIC – Karye Rayborn, Nutrition Services

- Submitted WIC overview through April 30, 2025, including participant numbers and events.
 - Dr. McRae inquired about the level of participation WIC is receiving on Saturdays. Karye responded that they are seeing approximately 40 participants during the event, which takes place from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. For those unable to attend in person, they continue to provide outreach and services virtually.
 - Dr. McRae also inquired about the funding source for WIC. Karye responded that it is a federally funded grant provided through the USDA and is considered a touchable (or direct) funding source.

No further comments/questions

Adjourned

Dr. McRae adjourned the meeting at 1:54 pm

None

Andrew Rhea

Respectfully submitted by: Andrew Rhea, Administrative Assistant 3

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Date/Time: June 25, 2025

Place: In-person: Columbus Health Department Board Room

THE COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY MINUTES

JUNE 27, 2023

Chairman Ricky Wright called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the May 23, 2023, Authority meeting were offered with an amendment and approved unanimously as amended.

Five people signed up to address the Authority and were allotted five minutes to speak. All who signed up, as well as more than 15 others in attendance but who did not sign up, expressed support for the Fore Kids Golf charity operating at Godwin Creek Golf Course and expressed concern at the lack of funding support from the city or the Authority in this year's city budget.

Before the first public speaker came forward, Chairman Ricky Wright said he wanted to make it clear at the beginning of the session that the Columbus Golf Authority supports Godwin Creek and the Fore Kids of Columbus program that has done so much for golf among the youths of the Columbus area. He noted that Godwin Creek is included in the Master Plan about to be commissioned to outline the needs and projects to be

undertaken to make golf opportunities even better at the public courses in Columbus.

Wright said much of the controversy about funding, or the lack of public funding for Godwin Creek, came about because the Golf Authority in its budget presentation to Columbus Council sought \$50,000 for Godwin Creek operations, but was informed no city funds would be included and that, as an Enterprise Fund, the monies from Bull Creek could not be used to support Godwin Creek.

Therefore, the 2023-24 fiscal year city budget to be voted on by Columbus Council contained no funding specific for Godwin Creek. The council session also resulted in the City Attorney noting that no lease – heretofore at a \$1 a year premium – had been approved for Fore Kids, which has previously operated the course under such a lease.

Wright said the council session, broadcast on public television and available on cable television, had resulted in concern and confusion among Fore Kids supporters. He said if his remarks at council in an attempt to secure funding had contributed to the confusion, he apologized as that was never his intention.

Billy Poole then told the Authority he urged that Godwin Creek not be closed and asked where the money to support the course owned by the city was to come from.

Wright responded that it appeared the funds would have to come from the city, due to the Enterprise Fund status of Bull Creek preventing the use of funds generated at that course from being used elsewhere.

Doug Stephens noted that, like many others present, his son had progressed in golf initially through the Fore Kids program, which changed kids who participated by teaching them not only golf techniques, but integrity, honesty and sportsmanship. The course needs to remain open and the youth program continued, and if the city will not support it financially, it becomes important for golfers and families in the area to increase their financial support efforts for the Fore Kids program.

Jason Carson, Kerri Mann, Steve Davis and Steve Taylor also echoed their strong support for Fore Kids and the Godwin Creek operation that benefits so many children.

Authority Secretary Jim Houston also read a letter received by e-mail from Kurt Hitzeman, President of the Georgia High School Golf Coaches Association, in support

of the Fore Kids Golf of Columbus program at Oxbow Creek.

John Godwin, whose father, Bill Godwin, helped found Bull Creek Golf Course and the man for whom Godwin Creek Golf Course is named, said he is glad to hear that the Columbus Golf Authority supports the Fore Kids program and Godwin Creek. He noted that although the charity operates the course and oversees its maintenance and play, the property and the building upon it belong to the city, which indicates a city obligation to maintain it. He also urged community support and for constituents to encourage their city council members to find a way to financially support the operation of the course for area youths' benefit.

Authority member Jim Houston noted that the City Attorney had expressed that no lease had been approved for the Fore Kids' continued operation. There has been no lease for more than four years, although the Authority has frequently asked for such a lease. He made a motion directing Golf Director Jim Arendt to negotiate a new lease to be prepared by the city that would resolve that problem. The motion was passed unanimously.

After the public session concerning Godwin Creek, Superintendent Steve Brown reported that Bull Creek's

East Course was recovering well from its recent aerification, although frequent and heavy rains – including 4 and ½ inches last week – had dispersed the sand used to help smooth the punched surfaces. Bull Creek’s West Course aerification will begin July 10, with the Godwin Creek greens aerified after that.

New mowers ordered long ago have finally arrived and work has begun to connect needed wiring to make water coolers on the course fully operational again. Water coolers at the clubhouse and at the driving range, able to refill water bottles as well as with drinking spouts, already have been installed. New water coolers also have been placed at strategic locations at Oxbow Creek, he said.

A new assistant superintendent, Bristow Sanford, has been hired for Oxbow Creek, and is already fully operational as a seasoned maintenance and golf course worker with previous experience.

Maintaining full inmate work details remains a challenge, Brown said, with one full eight-man crew and one with only five inmates currently operating at Bull Creek.

The greens mower at Godwin Creek needs repair, and plans are to remove it to Bull Creek for the necessary work to be completed, he said.

Director of Golf Jim Arendt reported that Bull Creek has generated more than \$1.923 million through May, with some of May's proceeds yet to be included in the city's totals. Only \$79,000 remains to be collected before June 30 to meet the budget recorded for this fiscal year, with all of June's totals yet to be realized. "We totaled more than \$300,000 in May, which I believe should be a record month," he said, anticipating the final year's receipts should be "close to \$2.2 million."

Bull Creek is still awaiting delivery of two inmate vans paid for in recent budgets, but not yet available.

Oxbow Creek's revenues to date exceed \$559,260 and are expected to exceed the amount budgeted for the fiscal year, he said. That course also is awaiting delivery of an inmate van budgeted for its use.

Nikki Siter reported that a security camera has been put in place to monitor the second green, which has been the site of recent vandalism. She also reported that player traffic and range traffic at Oxbow are up, and more

ambassadors have been hired to assist in course operations.

Director Arendt reported that the reserve fund for Bull Creek as of this date is \$254,502 and at Oxbow Creek it is minus \$15,873, a figure that is expected to change soon to reflect positive amounts.

Recent activities at Bull Creek include outings by the Georgia Police and Fire Games, which were held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and expected to return next year with even more participation. The annual Purple and Gold Tournament was held Saturday, with its leaders reporting raising more than \$22,000 for its causes.

A trophy case containing recent the trophies of recent golf contests at Bull Creek has been refurbished and placed in the lobby, complete with the new trophies.

Arendt reported that there has been concern about the pace of play on Bull Creek's courses, and efforts will be made to encourage golfers to play at a proper pace, including locating a person or persons to patrol the course to assist in encouraging groups to maintain a proper pace.

A check for \$5,250 has been received from the National Golf Course Owners' Association, reflecting rebates from recent golf cart purchases.

Arendt said he has hired golfer Adam Cooper of Columbus as assistant professional at Bull Creek. He is to begin July 10.

He also announced that part-time employee Ashley Morris has become a full-time grill manager at Bull Creek. She has not only worked food services, but has doubled as an accounting assistant and is a valuable asset, Arendt said.

Authority member Tommy Nobles made a motion to ask the city attorney to consider whether Authority Co-Chair Stephanie Callahan should be on the authority, due to a possible conflict of interest through her managing position at Fore Kids of Columbus.

After discussion and lack of a second, Nobles withdrew his motion.

Chairman Wright indicated a question will be put to the City Attorney reflection that concern and seeking a response.

Callahan said she was told when she was appointed that her position with the charity does not amount to a

conflict of interest. She said she does not intend to resign and will await that information.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ricky Wright, seconded by Ken Crumpler and passed by unanimous vote.

Present at the meeting were Ricky Wright, Stephanie Callahan, Jim Houston, Ken Crumpler, Tommy Nobles, Ken Davis, William Roundtree and Richard Mahone. Alonzo Jones was absent.

BOARD MINUTES
OF THE
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
January 27, 2026

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HAC) was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, January 27, 2026. The meeting was held in the conference room at Orchard View on Whitesville Road in Columbus, Georgia. A notice was emailed to each member of the Board more than 48 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of the notice was posted more than 24 hours before the meeting on the door of the building in which the meeting was held.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Chuck Hecht, Vice Chairwoman Sarah Banks-Lang, and members Warner Kennon, Jr., Bob Jones, Tony Floyd, Wayne Joiner, Dr. John Kingsbury, Dr. Linn Storey, and Dr. Sharen Kelly.

Britt Hayes, CEO, Rick Alibozek, CFO, and Jack P. Schley, Secretary/Attorney, were present at the meeting.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order by Chuck and Britt opened the meeting with a prayer.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

It was determined that a quorum was present.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the October 28, 2025, Board meeting were reviewed. Dr. Kingsbury moved to approve the Minutes as presented and Bob seconded the motion. The October 2025 Minutes were unanimously approved.

BOARD BUSINESS

Jack asked if there were any nominations for officers, and Wayne presented the following slate: Chuck for Chair, Sarah for Vice-Chair, and Wayne for Secretary/Treasurer. Bob moved to approve the slate as presented and Dr. Kingsbury seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion, the nominations were unanimously adopted and Chuck was approved as the Chair of the Board, Sarah as Vice-Chair, and Wayne as Secretary/Treasurer for 2026.

Jack announced that pursuant to the Georgia Hospital Authorities Law and the Board's By-Laws, the assets of HAC may not personally benefit a member of the Board. Therefore, Jack presented the previously distributed vendor list for HAC (2025) and a form for disclosure of potential conflicts of interest. Jack asked the members of the Board to review the vendor list and questions on the disclosure form, fill-in their responses, and sign and date the form. Jack collected the signed forms from all members of the Board.

As duly noticed to the Board, amendments to the By-Laws have been proposed and presented. Bob moved to approve and adopt the amendments, and Dr. Kingbury seconded the motion. Sarah requested clarification on the hiring of counsel as stated in Article Seven, and Warner and Wayne commented on the amendments to the committees as stated in Article Eight. Following further discussion, Bob moved to table the vote until the next meeting in February, and Dr. Kingsbury seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted to consider the amendments at the next meeting.

Chuck asked if there were any objections to re-scheduling the February meeting from the 25th to the 17th of February. Bob moved to re-schedule the regular meeting in February to the 17th of that month, and Dr. Storey seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the next meeting date as February 17, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Orchard View.

CFO'S REPORT

Rick presented the Statistical and Financial Reports:

Statistical Report: Attached to these Minutes is the FY 2026 YTD Statistical Report.

Financial Report: Attached to these Minutes is the Hospital Authority of Columbus Consolidated Income Statement and Summary Report through December 31, 2025.

Rick reported that census was trending down at the end of the year, but the current census is 293, and Britt commented that census in January 2025 was 260. There were 49 admissions and 42 discharges in December 2025. Rick reported current balance sheet figures, and announced efforts continue through a consultant to obtain contracts with Humana, Aetna, and the VA. Also, efforts continue to be made to claim the balance of the Employee Retention Credit (about \$400,000). Rick indicated that an unusual delay has occurred in the fourth quarter payment of Nursing Home Supplemental Reimbursement (UPL) proceeds for 2025, but Rick expects about a million dollars to be paid to HAC once the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid approve the payment. The Workers' Compensation renewal was level with 2025 in spite of an increase in salary expense. Health insurance renewal included a 14% increase, which Rick and Britt explained was reasonable under the circumstances of HAC being self-insured. Typical increases for fully-insured holders is 30-50%. Rick reported his understanding that the 2017-2018 ad valorem tax issue for the Bibb Mill parcel has been resolved with a correction of the tax bills to \$0.00. Rick thanked Tony and Jack for their attention to and assistance with resolving the issue through the Tax Assessor and Tax Commissioner's offices.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Britt Hayes gave the President's report:

Insurance Renewals: Britt referred to Rick's report on the small increases to Workers' Compensation and Health insurance renewals.

Annual Surveys: Britt reported that a Joint Commission survey took place at Ridgecrest on December 4-5, and was followed by an annual survey on December 5-7. According to Britt, a Joint Commission certification includes financial benefits to the facility plus good publicity. A typical Joint Commission survey yields between 30-40 recommendations, and Ridgecrest received only 8 with recommendations and directions for small corrections, which have been completed and Ridgecrest received a Joint Commission Certificate. The annual state survey that followed resulted in only one tag being issued, and Ridgecrest was returned to compliance on January 22.

Brookstone Parcel: Britt announced he had an update on the Brookstone parcel. Wayne moved to go into Executive Session to discuss potential real estate transactions, and Sarah seconded the motion. The Board then went into Executive Session.

Staffing Mandate Removed: Britt reported the federal staffing mandate was repealed in December and no longer presents a concern.

New Initiatives: Britt reported savings by switching from Elder Care to Pharmerica for resident medications. The benefits of the switch include a difference in cost by 7% and \$22/day less. Also, Pharmerica delivers on Sundays, which was not previously available. Britt reported further a savings of \$50,000/year by switching food vendor group purchasing organizations to Incite. Sarah and Wayne recommended to Britt and Rick that potential savings be researched through a 3-40-B designation for indigent care, if applicable. Rick indicated he would look into it.

Community Outreach: According to Britt, Orchard View and Muscogee Manor participated in the Columbus Christmas parade and other holiday events. HAC leadership will attend a Health Fair on January 28 at 4th Street Church. Ridgecrest was named Legacy Business of the month,

which Britt anticipates will be a good source of publicity for the facility within the community. Britt also reported that he is speaking and performing at the GHCA Winter Convention in February, and that he will begin his tenure on the Board of Directors for the Springer Opera House next month.

Accolades: Britt announced that all three facilities have been recognized as Certified Centers of Excellence for Wound Management by Vohra Wound Physicians, which is a national recognition.

NEXT MEETING

Pursuant to the Board's approval, the next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Orchard View.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

JACK P. SCHLEY
Secretary/Attorney

CHARLES K. HECHT, III
Chairman

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
 CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY REPORT
 MONTH ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Orchard View	Home Office	Ridgecrest	Muscogee Manor	Total Nursing Home	Cobles PCH	Muscogee Home Health	River Mill	Consolidated
BALANCE SHEET									
Cash	\$ 6,030,045	\$ -	\$ 7,109,589	\$ 5,738,351	\$ 18,877,985	\$ 58,106	\$ 513,946	\$ 3,784,537	\$ 23,234,574
Other Current Assets	4,137,913	-	1,943,634	3,606,150	9,687,697	4,473	270	-	9,692,440
Intercompany Balances	16,513,856	-	(1,231,652)	(5,651,025)	9,631,179	(6,389,957)	(2,318,704)	(922,518)	-
Noncurrent Assets	30,122,499	-	30,459,655	6,717,041	67,299,195	144,406	83,642	-	67,527,243
Total Assets	\$ 56,804,313	\$ -	\$ 38,281,226	\$ 10,410,517	\$ 105,496,056	\$ (6,182,972)	\$ (1,720,846)	\$ 2,862,019	\$ 100,454,257
Current Liabilities	\$ 2,577,419	\$ -	\$ 1,269,953	\$ 1,496,592	\$ 5,343,964	\$ -	\$ 19	\$ -	\$ 5,343,983
Non-current Liabilities (excluding bonds)	8,759,939	-	3,123,591	4,956,117	16,839,647	360,100	450,668	-	17,650,415
Bonds Payable	17,612,105	-	27,393,361	-	45,005,466	-	-	-	45,005,466
Total Liabilities	28,949,463	-	31,786,905	6,452,709	67,189,077	360,100	450,687	-	67,999,864
Fund Balance	27,854,850	-	6,494,321	3,957,808	38,306,979	(6,543,072)	(2,171,533)	2,862,019	32,454,393
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 56,804,313	\$ -	\$ 38,281,226	\$ 10,410,517	\$ 105,496,056	\$ (6,182,972)	\$ (1,720,846)	\$ 2,862,019	\$ 100,454,257
INCOME STATEMENT									
Revenue	\$ 1,710,292	\$ 110,166	\$ 641,703	\$ 1,042,375	\$ 3,504,536	\$ 2,003	\$ 13,665	\$ 7,190	\$ 3,527,394
Operating Expenses	1,561,177	132,661	650,754	1,142,531	3,487,123	719	79	-	3,487,921
Net Profit (Loss) before Noncash expense	149,115	(22,495)	(9,051)	(100,156)	17,413	1,284	13,586	7,190	39,473
Provision for Bad debts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest expense	(29,522)	-	(74,757)	-	(104,279)	-	-	-	(104,279)
Depreciation and Amortization	(83,762)	-	(92,042)	(8,886)	(184,690)	(275)	-	-	(184,965)
Current Month Income (loss)	\$ 35,831	\$ (22,495)	\$ (175,850)	\$ (109,042)	\$ (271,556)	\$ 1,009	\$ 13,586	\$ 7,190	\$ (249,771)
YTD Income (loss)	\$ 214,945	\$ (263,658)	\$ (637,842)	\$ (222,670)	\$ (909,225)	\$ 6,380	\$ 71,417	\$ 45,061	\$ (786,367)
Monthly Net Income (loss)	\$ 35,831	\$ (22,495)	\$ (175,850)	\$ (109,042)	\$ (271,556)	\$ 1,009	\$ 13,586	\$ 7,190	\$ (249,771)
Add: Depreciation	83,762	-	92,042	8,886	184,690	275	-	-	184,965
Add: Interest Expense	29,522	-	74,757	-	104,279	-	-	-	104,279
Less: Monthly bond payment	(185,453)	-	(66,608)	-	(252,061)	-	-	-	(252,061)
Less: Property & Equipment Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cash Flow	\$ (36,338)	\$ (22,495)	\$ (75,659)	\$ (100,156)	\$ (234,648)	\$ 1,284	\$ 13,586	\$ 7,190	\$ (212,588)

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
FY 2026 YTD Statistical Report

	June	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sept	August	July	Average	Prior Year
Orchard View														
% Occupancy	72.32%	73.70%	68.58%	67.10%	65.10%	61.24%	68.01%	62.87%	62.87%	67.10%	65.10%	61.24%	68.01%	62.87%
Medicaid%	80.78%	76.91%	78.43%	74.99%	72.89%	75.22%	76.54%	75.46%	75.46%	74.99%	72.89%	75.22%	76.54%	75.46%
Medicare%	3.68%	6.45%	3.69%	4.84%	6.39%	7.64%	5.45%	7.06%	7.06%	4.84%	6.39%	7.64%	5.45%	7.06%
Private %	9.41%	8.73%	8.16%	7.90%	7.80%	8.72%	8.45%	9.06%	9.06%	7.90%	7.80%	8.72%	8.45%	9.06%
Hospice %	2.90%	3.78%	4.99%	4.10%	3.87%	3.03%	3.86%	3.79%	3.79%	4.10%	3.87%	3.03%	3.79%	3.86%
ADV %	3.23%	4.13%	4.73%	8.17%	9.05%	5.34%	4.56%	4.73%	4.73%	8.17%	9.05%	5.34%	4.56%	4.73%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	10.00	15.60	11.54	17.47	20.09	15.90	14.72	15.10	15.10	17.47	20.09	15.90	14.72	15.10
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	211.22	199.11	192.93	196.02	192.17	186.04	196.25	179.57	179.57	196.02	192.17	186.04	196.25	179.57
Ridgcrest														
% Occupancy	59.68%	58.89%	59.33%	57.02%	57.22%	57.49%	58.27%	46.00%	46.00%	57.02%	57.22%	57.49%	58.27%	46.00%
Medicaid%	60.88%	61.12%	63.50%	60.96%	57.18%	52.57%	59.37%	58.73%	58.73%	60.96%	57.18%	52.57%	59.37%	58.73%
Medicare%	11.45%	7.95%	2.46%	7.17%	9.19%	10.82%	8.17%	8.33%	8.33%	7.17%	9.19%	10.82%	8.17%	8.33%
Private %	21.30%	22.91%	23.75%	21.92%	20.54%	20.57%	21.83%	21.91%	21.91%	21.92%	20.54%	20.57%	21.83%	21.91%
Hospice %	3.99%	4.58%	4.92%	7.17%	8.32%	9.69%	6.45%	6.30%	6.30%	7.17%	8.32%	9.69%	6.45%	6.30%
ADV %	2.38%	3.44%	5.37%	2.78%	4.77%	6.35%	4.18%	4.73%	4.73%	2.78%	4.77%	6.35%	4.18%	4.73%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	6.94	5.63	3.91	4.76	6.71	8.29	6.04	5.09	5.09	4.76	6.71	8.29	6.04	5.09
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	68.67	61.95	60.58	62.62	59.58	56.51	61.65	45.53	45.53	62.62	59.58	56.51	61.65	45.53
Muscooke Manor														
% Occupancy	44.37%	46.17%	45.05%	45.63%	45.16%	46.08%	45.41%	49.12%	49.12%	45.63%	45.16%	46.08%	45.41%	49.12%
Medicaid%	87.95%	86.74%	89.62%	90.35%	91.62%	91.93%	89.70%	90.32%	90.32%	90.35%	91.62%	91.93%	89.70%	90.32%
Medicare%	1.48%	1.10%	2.08%	1.45%	1.09%	0.14%	1.22%	1.56%	1.56%	1.45%	1.09%	0.14%	1.22%	1.56%
Private %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.11%	0.19%	1.67%	1.67%	0.00%	0.00%	0.11%	0.19%	1.67%
Hospice %	10.57%	12.16%	8.29%	8.20%	7.29%	6.82%	8.89%	6.29%	6.29%	8.20%	7.29%	6.82%	8.89%	6.29%
ADV %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.15%	0.15%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.15%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	1.29	1.00	1.84	1.30	0.97	1.09	1.66	1.66	1.66	1.30	0.97	1.09	1.66	1.66
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	150.07	140.17	138.55	138.36	136.71	148.26	142.02	139.74	139.74	138.36	136.71	148.26	142.02	139.74

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
12 MONTH MOVING STATISTICAL REPORT

	Dec-25	Nov-25	Oct-25	Sep-25	Aug-25	Jul-25	Jun-25	May-25	Apr-25	Mar-25	Feb-25	Jan-25	Dec-24	13 Mo. Average	Profit Year AVE
Orchard View															
% Occupancy	77.37%	79.70%	68.98%	67.10%	65.10%	61.24%	56.05%	56.77%	58.97%	61.89%	65.13%	63.37%	67.61%	64.55%	62.87%
Medicaid%	80.78%	76.91%	78.43%	74.99%	72.89%	75.22%	76.63%	76.83%	76.07%	75.48%	71.57%	76.94%	74.74%	76.17%	75.46%
Medicare%	3.68%	6.45%	3.63%	4.84%	6.39%	7.64%	6.35%	6.05%	7.45%	7.34%	5.30%	6.22%	8.06%	6.44%	7.06%
Private %	9.41%	8.73%	8.16%	7.90%	8.72%	8.12%	3.82%	9.17%	8.18%	8.26%	8.93%	9.47%	6.23%	8.68%	9.06%
Hospice %	2.90%	3.78%	4.99%	4.10%	3.87%	3.08%	4.68%	4.20%	3.43%	3.66%	3.43%	2.43%	2.70%	3.96%	3.86%
ADV %	3.23%	4.13%	4.73%	8.17%	9.03%	5.34%	2.55%	3.78%	1.90%	2.06%	5.69%	4.38%	6.25%	4.79%	4.56%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	10.00	15.60	11.54	17.47	20.09	15.90	10.30	11.46	11.00	11.39	20.82	14.06	19.25	14.51	14.72
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	211.22	199.11	192.93	196.02	192.17	186.04	180.05	179.26	172.00	169.72	176.75	194.86	187.60	167.47	179.57
Ridgcrest															
% Occupancy	59.68%	58.89%	59.33%	57.02%	57.22%	57.45%	50.83%	50.69%	49.29%	46.77%	45.43%	45.43%	43.01%	42.47%	46.00%
Medicaid%	60.88%	61.12%	62.50%	60.96%	57.18%	52.57%	60.11%	59.92%	58.13%	55.47%	59.94%	57.40%	54.84%	56.07%	56.73%
Medicare%	11.45%	7.95%	2.46%	7.17%	9.19%	10.82%	13.96%	9.70%	2.17%	6.24%	9.52%	9.21%	10.86%	8.52%	8.33%
Private %	21.90%	22.91%	23.75%	21.52%	26.54%	20.57%	15.30%	19.39%	19.81%	21.65%	21.61%	20.12%	21.16%	20.24%	21.34%
Hospice %	3.99%	4.58%	4.92%	7.17%	8.33%	6.63%	7.42%	7.05%	3.05%	7.54%	5.98%	5.49%	4.54%	7.24%	6.32%
ADV %	2.39%	3.44%	5.37%	2.76%	4.77%	6.35%	3.28%	3.94%	11.84%	8.09%	5.98%	5.41%	4.64%	5.27%	4.72%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	6.94	5.63	3.91	4.76	6.71	8.23	3.53	3.81	3.80	4.51	5.48	5.45	5.68	5.89	6.29
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	64.67	61.95	60.58	62.62	59.58	56.51	53.53	51.02	50.89	47.67	46.18	48.44	46.43	55.13	45.53
Murcoghe Manor															
% Occupancy	44.37%	46.17%	45.75%	45.63%	45.16%	45.08%	47.06%	48.03%	47.83%	48.06%	48.34%	48.91%	48.91%	46.90%	48.12%
Medicaid%	47.64%	46.74%	49.67%	49.34%	49.62%	49.93%	49.11%	50.05%	49.73%	49.95%	51.48%	51.48%	51.11%	50.45%	50.32%
Medicare%	1.45%	1.40%	1.08%	1.45%	1.09%	1.44%	1.87%	1.41%	1.60%	1.37%	1.06%	0.90%	1.63%	1.28%	1.56%
Private %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.14%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Hospice %	10.67%	12.16%	8.29%	8.20%	7.29%	5.82%	6.94%	7.51%	5.76%	5.62%	5.84%	6.63%	6.24%	7.53%	6.29%
ADV %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.13	0.80	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.57%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%	0.16%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	1.29	1.00	1.84	1.30	0.97	0.33	1.29	1.32	2.83	1.29	1.54	1.54	1.55	1.22	1.65
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	150.07	140.17	138.55	138.36	136.71	148.26	150.02	137.54	140.04	136.41	136.41	146.61	153.48	142.52	139.74

Date: June 25, 2025
COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
Columbus Health Department Board Room

Item #3.

<p>Presiding: Sylvester McRae, MD – Chairman</p> <p>Attending Board Members: Joy Adegbile, MD, Bantwal Baliga, MD, Yasmin Cathright</p> <p>Not Present: Devica Alappan, MD, Berry Henderson</p> <p>Others Present: Dr. Beverley Townsend, Joanne Strickland, AnQuavis Simpson, Tori Endres, LaTrice Johnson, Kristi Ludy, Danielle Saunders, Jeananne Polhamus, Brandi Nelson, Pamela Kirkland, Steve Gunby and Andrew Rhea</p>			
Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	<p>Dr. McRae</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. • Acknowledged quorum has been established. 		None
Approval of Agenda	<p>Dr. McRae</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to the June meeting agenda as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, called for a motion to approve the agenda. 	Motioned by Dr. Joy Adegbile to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Ms. Yasmin Cathright. Approved by all members present.	None
Discussion and Approval of Minutes	<p>Dr. McRae</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to the minutes from May 28, 2025, as delivered to all board members. Dr. McRae asked for a motion to approve the minutes. 	Motioned by Ms. Yasmin Cathright to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Dr. Joy Adegbile. Approved by all members present.	None
Commissioner of Health Report	<p>Dr. Beverley A. Townsend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update that the BCCP Contract has been completed. • Provided an update that federal funding for HIV-related programs has been officially approved. 	None	None

<p>Financial Report</p>	<p>Joanne Strickland, District Administrator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented the financial report as of May 31, 2025. The current budget is \$13,675,113. Line 3 shows total expenses are \$12,313,492.76, which is 90% and is below our target of 92% for 11 months of operation. Line 4 shows the comparison of expenses to last year with an increased variance of \$516,834.83. Line 5 shows total fees and income at \$1,129,889.52. Lines 6-17 show the breakdown of fund sources and their comparison to the same time last year. Line 18 shows variance at an increase of \$34,067.49. Line 19 shows an increase of \$91,183.96 for admin claiming. Pages 7 and 8 are included as back-up for the original overview and it shows a breakdown by line item of expenses and revenues. Page 9 shows all the programs that are governed by the lead county are on target for eleven months of operation. • Presented the billing report as of May 31, 2025. Shows the breakdown of our programs and our total charges. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provided a follow-up to Dr. McRae’s question from the previous meeting regarding the percentage breakdown of payment methods. Cash accounts for 11% of total fees collected. Checks, used only for Environmental Health and contracted services, make up 4%. Credit and debit card payments represent 51%, while electronic funds transfers (EFTs) from insurance companies and contracts comprise the remaining 34%. <i>Dr. McRae inquired whether there have been any requests from clients to use platforms such as Cash App or Venmo.</i> Joanne responded that there have been no such requests at this time. She also noted that while we are charged fees for credit card transactions, those fees have recently been reduced from 7–8% to 4–5% following a successful renegotiation. ○ Provided an in-depth update to the HIV Funds mentioned by Dr. Townsend. Their cycle is from June to May. We received some funding for the month of June. The additional funds are on their way. It is not enough to cover their expenses, so the district must make up the difference. There is a meeting with the state on July 1st to discuss these funds. <p>No further comments/Questions</p>	<p>The Financial Report and the Billing Report are attached and made a part of these minutes.</p>	<p>None</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin-left: auto;">Item #3.</div>
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Excused Absences	Dr. Devica Alappan	None	None	Item #3.
Old Business	BCCP Program Biopsies Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Townsend provided an update in her report. 	None	None	
New Business	None	None	None	
Program Reports	<p>Epidemiology – Brandi Nelon, Epi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported notifiable disease 05/22/2025-06/18/2025. • Reported outbreaks disease 05/22/2025-06/18/2025. • Shared CDC Legionella Resource for Clinicians. <p>Public Information – Pamela Kirkland, Public Information Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported the June 2025 Press Releases, Media Stories, Interviews, Social Media Posts. <p>Environmental Health - Danielle Saunders, Environmental Health County Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented Environmental Health report of activities covering the month of May 01, 2025- May 31, 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. McRae asked for details regarding a complaint within the Tourist Accommodation Program. Danielle provided a general explanation of the types of complaints that could occur but noted she would follow up with Dr. McRae regarding the specifics of the complaint in question. <p>Nursing – Tori Endres, District Nursing and Clinical Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented nursing report for July 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025 (FY25), including activities and events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Adegbile inquired whether the numbers for the Women’s Health Comprehensive program are typically that low. Tori confirmed that 	Program reports are attached and made part of these minutes	None	

	<p>they are, explaining that the program is relatively new. She added that some women do not qualify for Family Planning or the Women’s Health Program because they are not of contraceptive age, and they also do not meet the eligibility criteria for the BCCP program. This program serves individuals who fall outside of those specific protocols.</p> <p>WIC – LaTrice Johnson, Nutrition Services Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented WIC overview through May 31, 2025, including participant numbers and events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. McRae inquired about the funding for the WIC program, the likelihood of continued support, and whether it serves undocumented individuals. LaTrice reported that WIC has already received its funding allocation for the upcoming fiscal year, with no changes noted at this time. She confirmed that WIC is a federally funded program and that it does not check for citizenship status, only proof of residency is required. ○ Ms. Cathright asked whether the reported numbers included Fort Benning. LaTrice responded that they do not currently, but she will begin including them moving forward. <p>No further comments/questions</p>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Item #3.</div>
Adjourned	Dr. McRae adjourned the meeting at 1:38 pm	None	Andrew Rhea
Respectfully submitted by: Andrew Rhea, Administrative Assistant 3			
NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING			
Date/Time: August 27, 2025		Place: In-person: Columbus Health Department Board Room	



**COLUMBUS GEORGIA
CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER**

**COLUMBUS IRON WORKS CONVENTION AND
TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING**

OCTOBER 30, 2025

12:00 PM

**BOARDROOM
(SECOND LEVEL)**

A G E N D A

- I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRMAN JONATHAN PAYNE**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 25, 2025**
- III. FINANCIAL REPORT – NICHOLE LEWIS**
 - A. SEPTEMBER 2025**
- IV. CATERING UPDATES – HAYLEY TILLERY**
 - A. SEPTEMBER 2025**
- V. SALES REPORT – HAYLEY TILLERY / MORGAN MOORE**
 - A. SEPTEMBER 2025**
- VI. FACILITY UPDATE – HAYLEY TILLERY**
 - A. PARKING GARAGE – UPDATE**
 - B. HVAC ARP PROJECT – UPDATE**
 - C. INTERNET – UPDATE**
 - D. CARPET RENOVATION PROJECT – UPDATE**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**



**COLUMBUS GEORGIA
CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER**

**COLUMBUS IRON WORKS CONVENTION AND
TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 30, 2025
12:00 PM**

The monthly meeting of the Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center Authority was held Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 12:00 Noon in the Boardroom of the facility.

Authority Members Present: Chairman Jonathan Payne, Vice Chairman Jessica Gray, John Stacy, and Jay Pitts

Authority Members Absent: Brittany Perkins

Administrative Members Present: Executive Director Hayley Tillery, Assistant Director Morgan Moore and Finance Manager R. Nichole Lewis

Administrative Members Absent: Secretary Chasity Deppe

CALL TO ORDER

At 12:00 PM, Chairman Jonathan Payne called the meeting to order and welcomed members and staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

Chairman Jonathan Payne asked the members if they had received and read the minutes from the previous regular meeting dated September 25, 2025. Hearing no additions or corrections to be made, Jonathan made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. John Stacy second the motion, which was carried out unopposed by all members present.

FINANCIAL REPORT – NICHOLE LEWIS

A. SEPTEMBER 2025 – See attached report.

Chairman Jonathan Payne made a motion to approve the September 2025 Financial Report as prepared and presented by Finance Manager R. Nichole Lewis. Jay Pitts second the motion that was carried unopposed by all members present.

Finance Manager R. Nichole Lewis also distributed an updated copy of the June 2025 financial report to each member and the corrections made were briefly explained and discussed. See attached.

CATERING UPDATES / OAK VIEW HOSPITALITY GROUP - HAYLEY TILLERY

A. SEPTEMBER 2025 Average client survey score for catering based on 3 surveys was a 100.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported with the current catering contract with Oakview Group Catering due to expire June 30, 2026, she would be starting the request for proposal process for potential catering vendors. Hayley added that she would first notify the city, then draft the RFP that would be presented to the Authority before publishing. Hayley stated that the city required at least three vendors, however she expected to receive four to five. Concluding, she hoped to have the vendor selected by February 2026.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery then stated that she would like to commend catering General Manager Andrew Brailsford and the catering team again for their initiative to increase revenue by providing signature drink options to clients. Hayley stated that the latest Ranger Ball had the highest bar sales of the year in part because of the specialty drink option. Also, Andrew had been working with the Valley Rescue Mission to donate surplus food from events. Hayley stated that 64 lbs. of food had been donated, feeding an estimated 200 people.

SALES REPORT – HAYLEY TILLERY / MORGAN MOORE

A. SEPTEMBER 2025 – See attached report.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery briefly went over the sales reports for the month of September 2025. Hayley stated for the month there were 23 call-in clients, 10 walk-in clients, 42 planning kit requests and 8 requests for proposals with 23 contracts issued. Adding there were 68 event days during the month with over 16K attendees.

Hayley shared the September client survey report, which contained just three surveys for the month with an overall score of 99.6. **See attached report.** Also, several Google Reviews were shared.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery highlighted a few events that took place during the month of September to include the Ranger Ball, Fountain City Tattoo Expo, the Filipino American Association Induction Ball, Sound Choices Gala, 1st Lady of Columbus Charity Lunch, Georgia Business Education Association Conference, Georgia City County Management Association Fall Conference and a signature pop up event Swift and Shop. Hayley added that the city-wide impact for September was just over \$348K.

Conference / Convention Event Leads Report - **See attached report**, prepared, by Assistant Director Morgan Moore.

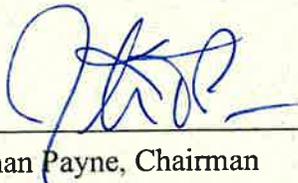
FACILITY UPDATE – HAYLEY TILLERY

- A. PARKING GARAGE UPDATE** Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported that she had been having a lot of one-on-one meetings with stakeholders and had several more planned before scheduling another town hall meeting. Hayley continued that she was still gathering letters from current social event clients, convention/conference clients and individuals within the Historic District supporting the project. Adding, she had also met with the new director of the Development Authority who was also in support. Hayley assured the members she would keep them updated on any progression.
- B. HVAC ARP PROJECT UPDATE** Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported that she had received notice the work on the project was now projected to begin in December with added scope of work not included in the initial quote. Hayley expressed her displeasure, adding that she had a meeting scheduled the next week with the company to discuss and clarify the additions.
- C. INTERNET UPDATE** Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported the project was complete and she had reached out to Lightspeed Data Link to cancel service.
- D. CARPET RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE** Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported there were still a few common areas remaining to complete the project, adding the carpet installation was still being scheduled around events being held.

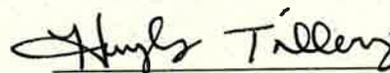
Executive Director Hayley Tillery also shared with the members her Overview of Recent Events, to include current and completed facility projects and employee updates. **Please see the attached report.**

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items of business to discuss, Chairman Jonathan Payne adjourned the meeting at 12:50 PM. The next regular meeting, which is normally held monthly on the fourth Thursday, due to the Thanksgiving holiday will be held Thursday, November 20, 2025.



Jonathan Payne, Chairman
Columbus Iron Works Convention and
Trade Center Authority



Hayley Tillery, Executive Director
Columbus Georgia Convention and
Trade Center



COLUMBUS GEORGIA CONVENTION AND TRADE CENTER FY 25- JUNE 2025 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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UPDATED 10/01/2025

R. Nichole Lewis

REPORT 2 –JUNE 2025 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

➤ REVENUES

- Operating Revenue
 - Our Miscellaneous account was given \$82 credit from payroll correcting accounts from years past.
- Tax/Other Source Revenue
 - Investment interest was an additional \$24,141 more than originally provided.
 - Hotel/Motel Tax was \$7,392 more than the original EOY amounts.
- Total Revenue of was \$31,646 more at \$203,994 for June 2025.

➤ EXPENSES

- Labor Cost
 - Labor expenses stayed the same at \$318,028 for the month.
- Operating Expenses
 - Contractual services were \$714 more due to late billing from a vendor and Finance able to back date this payment.
 - Administrative services were \$121 more due to the copier account fees being back dated.
 - Natural gas is \$44 more than originally posted due to the billing issues during the year and an accrual not removed till June.
 - Operating expenses is \$96 more due late billing from the city warehouse.
 - Total Operating Expenses were \$81,701, which is \$974 more than originally reported.
- Other Expenses
 - Capital expenses is \$5,790 more due to invoices being back dated by finance to June.
- Total Expenses were \$444,813, which is \$6,765 more than before.

➤ NET PROFIT

- Net Profit for June 2025 was **-\$11,706**. The original net profit was **-\$36,557**

REPORT 3 –JUNE 2025 YEAR TO DATE PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

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➤ REVENUES

- Operating Revenue
 - Total Operating Revenue of \$3,165,681, \$82 more than previously stated.
- Tax/Other Source Revenue
 - Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$1,711,002.
- End of Fiscal Year 2025 Revenue of \$4,876,683, \$31,646 more than stated before.

➤ EXPENSES

- Labor Cost
 - Total labor expenses were \$1,767,028.
- Operating Expenses
 - Total Operating Expenses were \$951,386.
- Other Expenses
 - Total other expenses were \$507,999.
- Reserve Fund Expenses
 - The Fiber Internet install final payment was made in FY26, correction is made.
 - The Carpet Install project payments were backdated to FY25, this is corrected in all financials.
 - The Total Reserve Fund is \$736,034, \$215,316 more than previously reported.
- End of Fiscal Year 2025 Expenses were \$3,962,446.

➤ NET PROFIT

- Total Net Profit for the End of Fiscal Year 2025 was \$1,650,270, which is \$24,851 more than reported before. With the Reserves Project payments, our year-to-date net profit is \$914,237.

REPORT 4 – FY 2025 YTD FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

➤ Revenue

- Space Rental is 27% higher than the 5-year average.
- Other Revenue is 7% higher than the average.
- Total Revenue YTD is 15% higher than the average.

➤ Expenses

- Labor Costs are 18% higher than the 5-year average.
- Repairs and Maintenance to the Building is 42% lower than the average.
- Utilities are 20% higher than the average.
- Total expenses are 25% higher with the added expenses of the Reserves Projects.

➤ Net Profit

- Net Profit, excluding the Reserves Projects, is 6% higher than the average.



COLUMBUS GEORGIA CONVENTION AND TRADE CENTER FY 26-SEPTEMBER 2025 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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R. Nichole Lewis

REPORT 1 – REVENUE SUMMARY

- September 2025, there were 68 event days, 41 events, and 16,761 attendees.
- Church of the Highlands was charged a total of \$60,269 for September 2025.
- Top Events

September 2025		September 2024 (Last Year)	
Event	Total Revenue	Event	Total Revenue
Ranger Ball (Cash bar sales was \$13,222)	\$75,899	Georgia ASYD Conference (After School & Youth Development) 2024	\$103,918
Georgia City County Management Association Fall Conference (GCCMA)	\$62,986	Society of Human Resources Management Georgia State Council Annual Conference and Expo	\$77,092
Sound Choice Gala	\$44,570	Church of the Highlands Sunday Services	\$42,812

- F&B Revenue was \$323,404; Operations Revenue was \$158,586; Total Revenue was \$481,990.
- September 2024, there were 58 event days with 17,050 attendees and a Total Revenue of \$540,349.

REPORT 2 – SEPTEMBER 2025 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

➤ REVENUES

- Operating Revenue
 - There was no catering commission for September.
 - Space Rental was \$130,151.
 - The equipment rental was \$17,391.
 - Total Operating Revenue of \$158,585.
- Tax/Other Source Revenue
 - Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$89,748. The amount for the Hotel/Motel Tax is an accrual. This will be updated as soon as the amount is posted.
- Total Revenue of \$248,333 for September 2025.

➤ EXPENSES

- Labor Cost
 - Total labor expenses were \$136,391.
- Operating Expenses
 - Contractual services were \$10,139. The boilers had their yearly inspection, along with the yearly fire extinguisher inspection.
 - Repairs and Maintenance to the building was \$6,080.
 - Utilities were a total of \$61,745 for the month.
 - Total Operating Expenses were \$106,986.
- Other Expenses
 - The total other expenses were \$28,991. This amount includes the quarterly Cost Allocation payment to the city.
 - Total Expenses were \$326,168.

- Reserve Funds Expenses
 - Payment was made for the carpet installation; this was \$53,800.

➤ NET PROFIT

- Net Profit for September 2025 was **-\$24,035**.

REPORT 3 – SEPTEMBER YEAR TO DATE 2025 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

➤ REVENUES

- Operating Revenue
 - Space Rental was \$428,555.
 - The equipment rental was \$47,388.
 - Client Electrical Usage was \$21,105.
 - Total Operating Revenue of \$519,288.
- Tax/Other Source Revenue
 - Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$350,444.
- Total Revenue of \$868,782 for September 2025.

➤ EXPENSES

- Labor Cost
 - Total labor expenses were \$363,416.
- Operating Expenses
 - Contractual services were \$246,271.
 - Repairs and Maintenance to the Building is \$11,208.
 - Utilities were \$209,418.
 - Total Operating Expenses were \$299,816.
- Other Expenses
 - The total other expenses were \$91,087.
- Reserve Funds Expenses
 - Total Reserve Fund Expenses is \$79,297.
- Total Expenses were \$832,616.

➤ NET PROFIT

- Net Profit excluding Reserve projects for September 2025 was \$115,463.

REPORT 4 – FY 2025 YTD FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

➤ Revenue

- Space Rental is 16% higher than the 5-year average.
- Other Revenue is 15% higher.
- Total Revenue YTD is 12% higher than the average.

➤ Expenses

- Labor Costs are 12% higher than the 5-year average.
- Contractual Services are 10% higher than the average.
- Utilities are 13% higher than the average.
- Total expenses are 5% higher with the added expenses of the Reserves Projects.

➤ Net Profit

- Net Profit, excluding the Reserves Projects, 25% lower than the average.



CLIENT SURVEY SCORES AND CUSTOMER COMMENTS

SEPTEMBER 2025

3 SURVEY

		EC	PLANNING	EVENT DAY	F&B	POST EVENT	OVERALL	NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	COMMENTS: Verbal, Survey, or Email
September 17, 2025									
Professional Development		MR	100	98	100	97.5	98.9	90	Special shout out Lucy, Day 1 Banquet Captain, who was just amazing and sliced the memorial cake for us. The banquet teams were fantastic both days!
Technical Training									Everybody was very nice and accommodating. The bar lady outside, I forgot her name but she is the best. She was my go to person for all our drinks. Food was excellent to me or most of us, Can't please everybody. Dessert was perfect. Justin Bowles, Payten Hartshorn and the bar girl outside the Ballroom, I wish I remembered her name were exceptional.
Filipino American Association Induction Ball		PH	100	100	100	100	100	450	Everything went so smoothly. Haley is a fantastic communicator and I couldn't have been more pleased. Event day was perfect. We were super pleased with everything with catering! Paula was wonderful to work with. Both Haley and Paula were exceptional. Every interaction with service staff was great. Thank you for a wonderful experience!
Sound Choices Gala		HS	100	100	100	100	100	840	
OVERALL AVERAGE SCORE - VERBAL OR EMAIL									
			100	99.3	100	99.2	99.6		
CLIENT COMMENTS - VERBAL OR EMAIL									
Fountain City Tattoo Expo September 17-21, 2025									(Flowers w/card sent to Executive Director Hayley Tillery) Thank you so much for all to the hard work during the Fountain City Tattoo Expo. We're so grateful for the kindness, professionalism and support. We couldn't have done it without you. - Thomas & Rachel Randall

Olivia's 9th Birthday - Spa Day
September 20, 2025

Good Morning Everyone,

I want to say thank you for hosting my goddaughter birthday party this past weekend. The spa party was a different feel, and I must give KUDOS to Andrew/Paula's leadership and team for the level of care, professionalism, kindness, attentiveness, and most of all the intention of the relationship was great. Morgan thank you for the layout. It was the most appropriate layout for the set up of everything. Andrew & Paula thank you for coming to see the space and see how things were set up. Mrs. De Los Santos was uncertain to trust this kid friendly experience with the Trade Center as this being her very first experience went well, and I want to thank the team overall but especially Oakview team. This event brought a smile to a 9yr old face. This was something that the little girls will never forget this so much. Thank you so much and please know that we are sharing photos to ensure that you all can see. The food was 10/10!!!

Now I know we did not land on finding the brand-new diffuser. This was purchased by Mrs. De Los Santos, I think we landed that she was seen bringing the item, so we never found it. Please know the decorator Ms. April did not see it and she checked again to ensure that nothing was picked up accidentally and she has not seen anything either. Mrs. De Los Santos has shared she is welcomed to answer any questions if anyone would be like to reach out to her directly via email.

Again, thank you for this special moment and hope you all have a great day!!!

Lauren A. Chambers, CEO
The Mill District Inc.
3707 2nd Ave Suite 113
Columbus, Georgia 31904

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SEPTEMBER 2025 SALES RECAP

MONTHLY REVENUE

CITY WIDE IMPACT

(Sent from the Columbus Visitor's Bureau)

Trade Center Revenue **\$158,586**

Total Revenue **\$481,990**

\$348,068

MONTHLY SALES

Does not include Catering Sales

CONFERENCES

	Event Days	Sales
2025	11	\$25,858
2024	23	\$104,380

CONSUMER/ TRADE SHOWS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	9	\$24,711
2024	8	\$21,721

MEETINGS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	24	\$17,577
2024	9	\$3,795

RELIGIOUS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	8	\$58,236
2024	10	\$67,670

SOCIAL

	Event Days	Sales
2025	12	\$22,149
2024	7	\$11,015

SPORTS/ ENTERTAINMENT

	Event Days	Sales
2025	0	\$0
2024	1	\$8,265

WEDDINGS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	4	\$7,913
2024	0	\$0



FY26 16,761

vs

FY25 17,050

FY26 September attendee count is down by 289 people compared to FY25.

SALES INQUIRIES

INQUIRIES **83**

CALL-INS **23**

WALK-INS **10**

PKR'S **42**

RFP'S **8**

CONTRACTS SENT

23

OVERALL SURVEY SCORE

99.6%

Based on 3 surveys

Conference/Convention Event Leads

Event Leads	FY26	FY27	FY28+
# of Events	5	12	5
Total Attendees	1,280	11,380	1,625
Total Rental Revenue	\$65,500	\$280,315	\$90,500

Leads Converted to Business			
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees
March	2026	FY26	200
October	2025	FY26	300
February	2026	FY26	175
June	2026	FY26	600

Fiscal Year 2026 (July 2025-June 2026)

Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
January	2026	FY26	200	\$6,700	GASROE Executive Seminar
February	2026	FY26	80	\$4,800	Pratt & Whitney Conference
April	2026	FY26	500	\$10,000	Cyber Inspire: Empower Girls
April	2026	FY26	200	\$25,000	Georgia Chapter of Government Management Information Sciences (GA GMIS) Spring Conference 2026
June	2026	FY26	300	\$19,000	GACS Convenience Store and Petroleum Show

Fiscal Year 2027 (July 2026-June 2027)

Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
August	2026	FY27	500	\$20,000	NSDAR Fall Forum
October	2026	FY27	200	\$9,600	AFLAC Triple Crown
October	2026	FY27	4000	\$8,000	GARBA Festival
November	2026	FY27	1500	\$29,415	SkillsUSA Georgia Fall Leadership Conference
December	2026	FY27	1000	\$83,000	2026 USATF Annual Meeting
January	2027	FY27	100	\$9,200	Georgia Council of Supervisors of Mathematics Conference 2027
February	2027	FY27	200	\$16,000	2027 GHPCO Annual Conference (Georgia Hospice and Palliative Care Organization)
March	2027	FY27	750	\$22,000	Christian Product Expo (CPE)
March	2027	FY27	130	\$7,500	Georgia Association of Floodplain Management Conference
March	2027	FY27	200	\$12,000	2027 Georgia Emergency Communications Conference

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April	2027	FY27	300	\$13,600	Georgia Economic Developers Association SPRING WORKSHOP 2027
June	2027	FY27	2500	\$50,000	GA Republican Party State Convention 2027
Fiscal Year 2028+ (July 2027+)					
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
September	2027	FY28+	150	\$13,900	Georgia Geospatial Association 2027 Conference
September	2027	FY28+	150	\$12,000	The Old Guard Association 2027 Reunion
October	2027	FY28+	400	\$16,000	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Georgia State Meeting 2027
October	2027	FY28+	500	\$13,600	GRPA 2027 State Conference
October	2027	FY28+	425	\$35,000	National Onsite Wastewater 2027 Conference



**COLUMBUS GEORGIA
CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER
Overview of Recent Events**

Date: October 30, 2025

Current Projects

- American Rescue Plan / SPLOST
 - Trade Center 2.6 million – HVAC System
- Trade Center carpet renovation

Completed Projects/Updates

Facilities and Operations:

- Continuing to replace interior & exterior lights while changing them over to LEDs – Currently have replaced upwards of 250 lights.
- Replacing exterior stairwell wooden handrails; Quoted pricing of \$3,600+ from local lumber companies – Parts & materials for in house replacement cost us \$400.
- In the process of upgrading our elevator emergency system with help from IT & King III Communications to finish installing wireless cell signal in all elevators to ensure we have the necessary communication in each elevator in case of an emergency.

Employee Updates

Active Job Postings - TOTAL: (4) Positions Open

Operations:

- One (1) Event Attendant Crew Leader – Advertised
- Two (3) part-time Events Attendant – Advertised

Facilities:

- One (1) part-time – Advertised

Authority Meeting Agenda

- November 20th – (Nov. 27th – Thanksgiving) Covering month of October



**COLUMBUS GEORGIA
CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER**

**COLUMBUS IRON WORKS CONVENTION AND TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY
OCTOBER 30, 2025**

The Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center Authority entered into executive session at 12:51 PM on October 30, 2025, following the regular monthly meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Authority Members Present: Chairman, Jonathan Payne, Vice Chairman Jessica Gray, John Stacy and Jay Pitts
Authority Member Absent: Brittany Perkins

During this executive session the Authority members discussed the recently completed performance evaluation of Executive Director Hayley Tillery, covering fiscal year 2025. All members confirmed they had received and reviewed the previously distributed performance evaluation. There was an in-depth discussion, where each Authority member provided their supporting thoughts and comments. After which, Authority chair Jonathan Payne made a motion to approve a merit increase of 15% for Executive Director Hayley Tillery, to be implemented during the first pay period of December 2025. Jay Pitts second the motion, and it passed with unanimous approval.

Members exited the executive session at 1:05 PM

Jonathan Payne, Chairman
Trade Center Authority
Center

Hayley Tillery, Executive Director
Columbus, GA Convention and Trade

Chasity Hall Deppe, Secretary
Columbus GA Convention and Trade Center
Trade Center Authority

Date: December 4, 2024
COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes

Columbus Health Department Board Room

<p>Presiding: Sylvester McRae, MD – Chairman</p> <p>Attending Board Members: Yasmin Cathright, Joy Adegbile, MD, Bantwal Baliga, MD, Marci Norris (City Mgr. office)</p> <p>Not Present: Joshua Beard (Mayor's office), Devica Alappan, MD</p> <p>Others Present: Dr. Beverley Townsend, Joanne Strickland, Tori Endres, AnQuavis Simpson, Michelle Crawford, Kristi Ludy, Andrew Rhea, Karye Rayborn, Berta Cox, Danielle Saunders, Brandi Nelson, LaTrice Johnson, Pamela Kirkland</p>			
Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	<p>Dr. McRae</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called the meeting to order at 1:02pm. Acknowledged a quorum has been established. 		None
Approval of Agenda	<p>Dr. McRae</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred to the December meeting agenda as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, called for a motion to approve the agenda. 	Agenda was approved by general consent.	None
Discussion and Approval of Minutes	<p>Dr. McRae</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred to the minutes from October 23, 2024, as delivered to all board members. Dr. McRae asked for a motion to approve the minutes. 	Motioned by Dr. Joy Adegbile to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Marci Norris. Approved by all members present.	None
Commissioner of Health Report	<p>Dr. Beverley Townsend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wished everyone Happy Holidays. Thanked Marci Norris for her service. This is her last meeting she has taken another position and will be leaving the City Manager’s office. Thanked all the Board members for their continued support. 	None	None

	No further comments/Questions			Item #3.
Financial Report	<p>Joanne Strickland, District Administrator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented the FY25 Financial overview as of October 31, 2024. The current budget is \$14,051,047.00. Line 3 shows total expenses are \$4,172,568.82 which is 29.7% and is below target of 33% for 4 months of operation. Line 4 shows the comparison of expenses to last year with an increased variance of \$328,599.95. Line 5 shows total fee income as of 10/31/24 of \$468,920.31. Lines 6 through 17 show the breakdown of fund sources and their comparison to the same time last year. Line 18 shows variance at an increase of \$27,152.86. Pages 10 & 11 show a breakdown by line item of expenses and revenues. Page 12 shows the total grants governed by the Columbus Board of Health (all are on target for 4 months of operation). <p>No further comments/Questions</p>	The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes.	None	
Excused Absences	Devica Alappan, MD	None	None	
Old Business	None	None	None	
New Business	<p>Berta Cox</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented the Calendar of Meetings for 2025. 	None	None	



**COLUMBUS GEORGIA
CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER**

**COLUMBUS IRON WORKS CONVENTION AND
TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2025**

**12:00 PM
BOARDROOM
(SECOND LEVEL)**

A G E N D A

- I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRMAN JONATHAN PAYNE**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 30, 2025**
- III. FINANCIAL REPORT – NICHOLE LEWIS**
 - A. OCTOBER 2025**
- IV. CATERING UPDATES – HAYLEY TILLERY**
 - A. OCTOBER 2025**
 - B. CATERING MENU UPDATE**
- V. SALES REPORT – HAYLEY TILLERY / MORGAN MOORE**
 - A. OCTOBER 2025**
- VI. FACILITY UPDATE – HAYLEY TILLERY**
 - A. PARKING GARAGE – UPDATE**
 - B. HVAC ARP PROJECT – UPDATE**
 - C. CARPET RENOVATION PROJECT – UPDATE**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**



**COLUMBUS GEORGIA
CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER**

**COLUMBUS IRON WORKS CONVENTION AND
TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2025
12:00 PM**

The monthly meeting of the Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center Authority was held Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 12:00 Noon in the Boardroom of the facility.

Authority Members Present: Chairman Jonathan Payne, John Stacy, Jay Pitts, and Brittany Perkins

Authority Members Absent: Vice Chairman Jessica Gray

Administrative Members Present: Executive Director Hayley Tillery, Assistant Director Morgan Moore Finance Manager R. Nichole Lewis, and Secretary Chasity Deppe

CALL TO ORDER

At 12:02 PM, Chairman Jonathan Payne called the meeting to order and welcomed members and staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 30, 2025

Chairman Jonathan Payne asked the members if they had received and read the minutes from the previous regular meeting dated October 30, 2025. With no additions or corrections to be made, John Stacy made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jonathan Payne second the motion, which was carried out unopposed by all members present.

FINANCIAL REPORT – NICHOLE LEWIS

A. OCTOBER 2025 – See attached report.

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CATERING UPDATES / OAK VIEW HOSPITALITY GROUP - HAYLEY TILLERY

A. OCTOBER 2025 Client survey score for catering based on 1 survey was 100.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported that Oakview Group Catering was actively working on the 2026 menu pricing increase and was currently compiling a comp set based on comparable local and regional facilities. Hayley stated that the comp set and draft menus would be provided at the next meeting, adding that the current 2025 prices would remain in effect until April 2026.

SALES REPORT – HAYLEY TILLERY / MORGAN MOORE

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Hayley shared the October client survey report, which contained just one survey for the month with an overall score of 100. **See attached report.** Hayley also shared several Google Reviews that were received, adding the facility had 188 new social media followers.

Hayley then highlighted a few events that took place during the month of October to include the Dino Adventure, 2025 Walk-Bike-Live Summit, Hope Harbor Gala, Piedmont Columbus Regional Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon and the facility's signature event, Hero for a Day, which benefits Teen Advisors. Hayley added that the city-wide impact for October was \$728,840.

Conference / Convention Event Leads Report - **See attached report**, prepared, by Assistant Director Morgan Moore.

FACILITY UPDATE – HAYLEY TILLERY

A. PARKING GARAGE UPDATE Executive Director Hayley Tillery stated that although she did not have any new information to report, she was still in communication with the stakeholders and felt comfortable with where things were at the moment. Hayley added that she had been given two potential dates to present back to council, stating that she was pushing for the latter, which would be in January. Hayley reassured the members she would continue to keep them updated on any progression.

B. HVAC ARP PROJECT UPDATE Executive Director Hayley Tillery stated that she had unfavorable news to report regarding the facility's HVAC system. Hayley stated that the large chiller, which was not included in the scope of work for the HVAC ARP project was currently non-operational. There was an in-depth discussion regarding cost, funding, and the most responsible long-term solution, where Hayley was asked to obtain answers and clarification before moving forward.

C. CARPET RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE Executive Director Hayley Tillery re-
that the carpet installation had been paused due to events, however there were still a few common
areas remaining to complete the project.

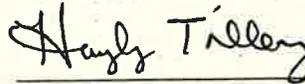
Executive Director Hayley Tillery also shared with the members her Overview of Recent Events, to
include current and completed facility projects and employee updates. **Please see the attached report.**

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items of business to discuss, Chairman Jonathan Payne adjourned the meeting at 1:05
PM. Due to the Christmas holiday, there will not be a meeting in December. The next regular meeting,
which is normally held on the fourth Thursday of each month, will be held Thursday, January 22, 2026.



Jonathan Payne, Chairman
Columbus Iron Works Convention and
Trade Center Authority



Hayley Tillery, Executive Director
Columbus Georgia Convention and
Trade Center



COLUMBUS GEORGIA CONVENTION AND TRADE CENTER FY 26-OCTOBER 2025 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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R. Nichole Lewis

REPORT 1 – REVENUE SUMMARY

- October 2025, there were 66 event days, 40 events, and 18,599 attendees.
- Church of the Highlands was charged a total of \$95,878 for October 2025.
- Top Events

October 2025		October 2024 (Last Year)	
Event	Total Revenue	Event	Total Revenue
COTH Sunday Service	\$40,762	COTH Sunday Service	\$34,531
COTH Together Conference	\$32,882	Piedmont Columbus Regional Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon 2024	\$30,760
Georgia Library Association 2025	\$44,570	Harris Campaign Rally	\$30,486

- F&B Revenue was \$203,603; Operations Revenue was \$184,447; Total Revenue was \$388,050.
- October 2024, there were 50 event days with 12,895 attendees and a Total Revenue of \$248,423.

REPORT 2 – OCTOBER 2025 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

➤ REVENUES

- Operating Revenue
 - There was no catering commission for October.
 - Space Rental was \$161,123.
 - The equipment rental was \$13,571.
 - Total Operating Revenue of \$184,447.
- Tax/Other Source Revenue
 - Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$94,876. The amount for the Hotel/Motel Tax is an accrual. This will be updated as soon as the amount is posted.
- Total Revenue of \$279,323 for October 2025.

➤ EXPENSES

- Labor Cost
 - Total labor expenses were \$157,593.
- Operating Expenses
 - Promotion and Advertising is \$1,023 due to the signature event supplies needed.
 - Repairs and Maintenance to the building was \$4,605
 - Utilities were a total of \$43,772 for the month.
 - Total Operating Expenses were \$62,909.
- Other Expenses
 - The total other expenses were \$12,477
 - Total Expenses were \$232,979.

➤ NET PROFIT

- Net Profit for October 2025 was \$46,344.

REPORT 3 – OCTOBER YEAR TO DATE 2025 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

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- REVENUES
 - Operating Revenue
 - Space Rental was \$589,678.
 - The equipment rental was \$60,959.
 - Client Electrical Usage was \$28,298.
 - Total Operating Revenue of \$702,785.
 - Tax/Other Source Revenue
 - Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$445,319.
 - Total Revenue of \$1,148,105 for October 2025.
- EXPENSES
 - Labor Cost
 - Total labor expenses were \$520,009.
 - Operating Expenses
 - Contractual services were \$55,648.
 - Repairs and Maintenance to the Building is \$15,813.
 - Utilities were \$253,190.
 - Total Operating Expenses were \$362,726.
 - Other Expenses
 - The total other expenses were \$103,563.
 - Reserve Funds Expenses
 - Total Reserve Fund Expenses is \$79,297.
 - Total Expenses were \$1,065,595.
- NET PROFIT
 - Net Profit excluding Reserve projects for October 2025 was \$161,807.

REPORT 4 – FY 2025 YTD FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

- Revenue
 - Space Rental is 15% higher than the 5-year average.
 - Other TC Operating Revenue is 4% lower.
 - Total Revenue YTD is 1% lower than the average.
- Expenses
 - Labor Costs are 18% higher than the 5-year average.
 - Utilities are 15% higher than the average.
 - Total expenses are 19% higher with the added expenses of the Reserves Projects.
- Net Profit
 - Net Profit, excluding the Reserves Projects, 41% lower than the average.
 - The Hotel/Motel Tax is an estimated accrual amount for two months and should be higher when the amounts are published. There has not been a catering commission, mainly due to purchases needed in the catering department. Labor expenses are higher due to being fully staffed and the payroll reform.



CLIENT SURVEY SCORES AND CUSTOMER COMMENTS

OCTOBER 2025

1 SURVEY

	EC	PLANNING	EVENT DAY	F&B	POST EVENT	OVERALL	NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	COMMENTS: Verbal, Survey, or Email
October 21, 2025								
City Manager Search	HT	100	100	100	100	100		
ALL AVERAGE SCORE		100	100	100	100	100.0		
CLIENT COMMENTS - VERBAL OR EMAIL								
CCG- City Manager Search 10/21/25	HT	<p>Hayley, The City Manager Interview Search went great. You and your team did an excellent job setting up the rooms just as we requested. The consultant commented on the location and said, "This is the perfect location" for the interview search. He has been to the Trade Center before for previous Department Head search interviews, and he says it is the best venue. Thanks so much for your help and support! Reather D. Hollowell, IPMA-CP Human Resources Director</p>						



OCTOBER 2025 SALES RECAP

MONTHLY REVENUE

Trade Center Revenue **\$367,938**

Total Revenue **\$203,603**

CITY WIDE IMPACT

(Sent from the Columbus Visitor's Bureau)

\$728,840

MONTHLY SALES

Does not include Catering Sales

CONFERENCES

	Event Days	Sales
2025	12	\$53,720
2024	10	\$21,732

CONSUMER/TRADE SHOWS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	8	\$14,669
2024	2	\$29,449

MEETINGS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	10	\$150
2024	14	\$8,079

RELIGIOUS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	12	\$74,050
2024	9	\$49,424

SOCIAL

	Event Days	Sales
2025	17	\$25,207
2024	13	\$18,382

SPORTS/ENTERTAINMENT

	Event Days	Sales
2025	0	\$0
2024	0	\$0

WEDDINGS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	7	\$14,628
2024	2	\$3,510



FY26 18,599

vs

FY25 12,895

FY26 October attendee count is us by 5,704 people compared to FY25.

SALES INQUIRIES

INQUIRIES **96**

CALL-INS **32**

WALK-INS **7**

PKR'S **47**

RFP'S **10**

CONTRACTS SENT

18

OVERALL SURVEY SCORE

100%
Based on 1 survey



Conference/Convention Event Leads

Event Leads	FY26	FY27	FY28+
# of Events	5	10	2
Total Attendees	2,900	8,380	925
Total Rental Revenue	\$47,812	\$210,315	\$85,300

Leads Converted to Business

Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
February	2026	FY26	80	\$4,800	Pratt & Whitney Conference
October	2026	FY27	300	\$19,000	GACS Convenience Store and Petroleum Show

Fiscal Year 2026 (July 2025-June 2026)

Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
January	2026	FY26	200	\$6,700	GASROE Executive Seminar
January	2026	FY26	2000	\$4,590	ADM Creative Client Meeting
February	2026	FY26		\$1,522	LIV Young Adults "His & Hers" Conference
April	2026	FY26	500	\$10,000	Cyber Inspire: Empower Girls
April	2026	FY26	200	\$25,000	Georgia Chapter of Government Management Information Sciences (GA GMIS) Spring Conference 2026

Fiscal Year 2027 (July 2026-June 2027)

Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
October	2026	FY27	200	\$9,600	AFLAC Triple Crown
October	2026	FY27	4000	\$8,000	GARBA Festival
November	2026	FY27	1500	\$29,415	SkillsUSA Georgia Fall Leadership Conference
December	2026	FY27	1000	\$83,000	2026 USATF Annual Meeting
January	2027	FY27	100	\$9,200	Georgia Council of Supervisors of Mathematics Conference 2027
February	2027	FY27	200	\$16,000	2027 GHPCO Annual Conference (Georgia Hospice and Palliative Care Organization)
March	2027	FY27	750	\$22,000	Christian Product Expo (CPE)
March	2027	FY27	130	\$7,500	Georgia Association of Floodplain Management Conference
March	2027	FY27	200	\$12,000	2027 Georgia Emergency Communications Conference
April	2027	FY27	300	\$13,600	Georgia Economic Developers Association SPRING WORKS 2027

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Fiscal Year 2028+ (July 2027+)						
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name	
September	2027	FY28+	150	\$13,900	Georgia Geospatial Association 2027 Conference	
October	2027	FY28+	425	\$35,000	National Onsite Wastewater 2027 Conference	
September	2028	FY28+	150	\$5,800	Georgia Records Association Conference 2028	
June	2028	FY28+	200	\$17,000	Eastern Star Convention	
November	2028	FY28+		\$13,600	GPRA 2028 State Conference	



COLUMBUS GEORGIA CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER

Overview of Recent Events

Date: November 20, 2025

Current Projects

- American Rescue Plan / SPLOST
 - Trade Center 2.6 million – HVAC System
- Trade Center carpet renovation
- Trade Center Master Plan / Renovation Project Schedule

Completed Projects/Updates

Facilities and Operations:

- Completed installation of new exterior handrails on main walkway in front of Trade Center. Total Cost: \$500. (Savings \$3,600)
- Completed installation of new exterior lightning between South Hall and parking garage to add increased lightning & safety for guests. Added new conduit piping running down parking garage and installation of lights. Total Cost: \$150. (Savings \$1,000)
- Installed new relay board for Mechoshade automatic shades in Foundry pre-function. Total Cost: \$120 (Savings \$930)
- Replaced bad solenoid valve coil that controls water flow from cooling tower to chillers. Total Cost: \$240 (Savings \$960)
- Repaired rooftop leaks above Foundry & Foundry pre-function. Material cost \$500.00. Substantial cost by doing these repairs in house vs outsourcing material & labor.
- Completed installation of wireless cell signals in all elevators through Kings III communication. All elevators in the Trade Center now have proper emergency service communication to the emergency phones through wireless cell service.

Employee Updates

Active Job Postings - TOTAL: (4) Positions Open

Operations:

- One (1) Event Attendant Crew Leader – Advertised
- Two (3) part-time Events Attendant – Advertised

Facilities:

- One (1) part-time – Advertised

Authority Meeting Agenda

- January 22nd – Covering November and December



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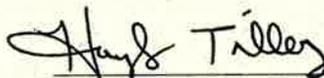
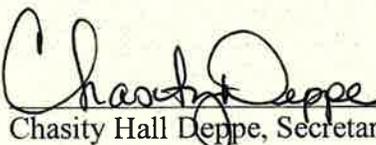
COLUMBUS IRON WORKS CONVENTION AND TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY ELECTRONIC VOTE December 12, 2025

The Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center Authority held an electronic vote on December 12, 2025, following an email received by Executive Director Hayley Tillery regarding an emergency capital purchase. Hayley stated emergency reserve funds were needed for the replacement of the facility's small chiller. Hayley stated that she had reached out to First Mechanical for comparison pricing to rebuild the unit or replace it, adding this was the same unit that had been renovated in 2022 and 2023. Hayley stated that she had also contacted Pam Hodge with the City of Columbus to ask if there was any remaining ARP (American Rescue Plan) funding available to support the unexpected chiller expense. It was confirmed, by Pam Hodge, that all ARP funding had already been allocated and would be fully expended with no additional grants or funding currently available for this need.

Given the urgency of the situation and the timeline required to ensure HVAC reliability before the summer months, Executive Director Hayley Tillery requested a vote from the Trade Center Authority to approve an emergency capital purchase from the facility's reserve fund to replace the small chiller entirely. Considering the significant amount already invested in repairs and the rising costs associated with refurbishing the aging unit, a full replacement would be the most responsible long-term solution.

Upon reviewing the information provided by Executive Director Hayley Tillery, all members voted in favor of Hayley's recommendation to spend \$699,982 with First Mechanical to completely replace the small chiller.

Authority Members Voting: Chairman, Jonathan Payne, Vice Chairman Jessica Gray, John Stacy, Jay Pitts and Brittany Perkins


Jonathan Payne, Chairman
Trade Center Authority
Hayley Tillery, Executive Director
Columbus, GA Convention and Trade Center
Chasity Hall Deppe, Secretary
Columbus GA Convention and Trade Center
Trade Center Authority

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority

Minutes

January 12, 2026, • 1:00 pm

Columbus Civic Center, Catering Room

400 4th Street, Columbus, GA 31901

ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members Present – Andy G. Luker (Chair), Robert L. Wadkins Jr. (Vice Chair), Ashley Woitena (Secretary), Herman E. Lewis, Jr (Treasurer), Will Taylor, Mike Welch, Gerald Miley, Morgan Moore

Voting Members Absent – Jim Rutland

Ex-Officio Members Present – Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, Director Holli Browder, Director Ryan Pruett, Charles Auer, and Jeff Croop

Ex-Officio Members Absent – Director Forrest Toelle and Lt. Kelly Phillips

Visitor(s) Present: Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, and Assistant Human Resources Director Sheila Risper

1. Call to Order

- Andy Luker, Chair, called the meeting at 1:05 pm.

2. Roll Call

- Authority Department Secretary – Zeanne Abano, Civic Center

3. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for December 8, 2025, approved. Motion made by Herman Lewis, second motion by Gerald Miley. *No changes are needed.*

4. Action Items

- **Review and Adoption of By-Laws:**
 - i. Approved By Laws as submitted. Motion made by Mike Welch, second motion by Herman Lewis.
 - ii. By Laws require majority approval of all members for expenditures over \$10,000; emergency funding had been executed through Friends account before bylaws existed and may be ratified later.
 - iii. Board action requires a physical (in-person) quorum; Zoom may allow participation but does not replace physical presence; email votes may qualify as written votes, but procedural ambiguity remains.
 - iv. Planned amendment to add a conflict-of-interest clause for members with financial ties to the building; review scheduled in 1-2 months.

- **Executive Director Job Description:**
 - i. Two draft job descriptions received: one from a counselor; one from Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin.
 - ii. Vote to establish a sub-committee to review and finalize a job description: Sub-committee will consist of: Morgan Moore, Robert Wadkins, Mike Welch, and Herman Lewis. Motion made by Ashley Woitena, second motion by Gerald Miley.
 - iii. Formal subcommittee triggers open-meetings requirements and requires committee confirmation from volunteers.
 - iv. Existing drafts show significant discrepancies; subcommittee will reconcile and finalize job description.
 - v. Committee authorized solicit quotes from 4-5 search firms next month; City HR and Leadership Institute (CSU) will assist; no hiring decision approved.

5. Discussion / Presentations

- **Ice Rink Operations and Finance:**
 - i. Council sets facility rates; pricing requires balance between public access and avoiding General Fund subsidy; out-of-country surcharges are applied to non-Muscogee County residents.
 - ii. Authority authorized to solicit quotes and work with City HR and CSU; quotes to be returned next month (no contract approved yet).
 - iii. Ice Rink operations summarized: calendar full; partners include CHA, Auburn Men's & Women' Hockey, Purple Love Project; Columbus Valley Warriors, Columbus Learn to Skate; Public Skate pricing \$8 (adult), \$5 (kids 10 and under), skate rentals \$4; private ice \$215/hr. (partners) and \$250/hr. (non-partners); private event rental \$1500; party packages \$190 (no food) and \$262 (with food); income statements available FY22 – FY26; Bruster's concession contract and some staff contracts expire June; grab-and-go added to Ice Rink to give more options.
 - iv. Staffing and operations: event staff (security, ticketing), janitorial, one Zamboni driver, box office with four sellers, operating materials line covers maintenance costs; additional maintenance funded via operations, emergency purchases, or program accounts.
 - v. Security and policy: clear bag and wand policies remain enforced for public events and are waived for private events; staff safety incidents justified continued security measures; budget review noted as \$85,000 increase in event staff wages from FY24-FY25 and consideration to raise rates (benchmark venues about \$10 higher).
- **Energy Review / Rate Decision**
 - i. Cherry Street Energy initiated a no-cost energy review and coordinated a formal rate review request with Georgia Power.
 - ii. Georgia Power confirmed Civic Center is on RTP (real-time pricing) and recommended switching to a fixed pricing option with estimated savings \$30,000-\$60,000/year and no capital investment.

- iii. Offer validity is 40 days; notice dated Nov. 25, 2025, = decision deadline Jan. 19, 2026.
- iv. **Memo Action 1:** execute rate change from RTP to fixed pricing; no payment obligation to Cherry Street; execution owners: City of Columbus with Cherry Street and Georgia Power.
- v. **Memo Action 2:** solar procurement proposed as a longer-term capital option for the incoming executive director; LED lighting retrofit already completed with typical payback – 2 years; building-aging and envelope issues may require further assessment.

6. **Public Comment** – NONE

7. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 2:09 pm. Motion made by Herman Lewis, second motion by Gerald Miley.

Minutes Recorded by: Zeanne Abano, Civic Center, Authority Department Secretary

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2026, at 1:00 pm,

Columbus Georgia Convention & Trade Center, Meeting Room 211, 801 Front Ave, Columbus, GA 31901