

Board Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2026
20 Doyle Street, Toccoa, GA

Attending: Brian Akin, Evan Hellenga, Rick Phillips, Cassandra Wilkins, Craig Oglesby, Fredda Wheeler, Christian Hamilton, Chad Dorsett, Abby Watson, Julie Paysen, Tessa Reavis, Kevin McCraney, Janney Sanders, Brittany Ivey, & Sadie Hawkins

Chairman Brian Akin called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Sanders opened with prayer. Akin led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the confidentiality & conflict of interest statement.

A motion was made to approve the agenda with the addition of a Board Action Item to consider authorizing the Chairman & Secretary to sign an MOU approved by our attorney with Project Seven, [Phillips:Hellenga]. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made to approve the May 20, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes, [Hellenga:Wilkins]. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made to approve the May financials as presented, [Hellenga:Phillips]. All in favor; none opposed.

Board Action Items:

A motion was made to Approve 2026-2027 Budget, [Phillips:Wilkins]. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made to Authorize the Chairman and other members of the authority as needed to sign 2015 & 2018 Bond Termination Documents for KTX, [Wilkins:Phillips]. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made to Authorize the Chairman to sign an extension for the PSA with ASI moving their closing date to no later than July 31, [Hellenga:Phillips]. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made authorizing the Chairman & Secretary to sign an MOU approved by our attorney with Project Seven, [Phillips:Hellenga]. All in favor; none opposed.

Program Updates/Reports:

Attraction: Project Diamond Cable dropped. Project MAX remains active as SCDA works toward closing on 27 North Pond Street. Project Next remains on track, with the developer hoping to secure a contract by the end of June. Project Osiris completed virtual and will have an in-person site visit at Haystone Brady Business Park. Project Seven hopes to close soon. Existing: Ivey reported Sark Wire is moving forward with its seventh expansion that will result in an estimated \$15 million investment and the relocation of its U.S. headquarters to Toccoa. Pak-Pro is still expanding operations, and SKAPS is actively hiring at their Toccoa location.

Product Development: The Freeman Creek Lift Station project is complete, fully operational, and under budget.

President's Report:

Existing Industry: SCDA met with Sark Wire & members of Senator Warnock's regional office.

Workforce Development: The Manufacturing Challenge concluded with nine Stephens County graduates completing the program and interviewing with local industries for potential job placement opportunities.

Recruit New Industry: The Industry Lunch & Learn will be held June 24 and will focus on LEAN processes and the County wide Continuous Improvement Contest.

Input from Others: Hamilton gave an update on the county budget and Comprehensive Plan. Wheeler shared the city's budget had been approved. McCraney shared updates on regional energy-related ordinances. Reavis reported on upcoming Chamber activities, and Paysen provided a Chamber budget and accreditation update.

Executive Session: A motion was made to enter Executive Session for the discussion of real estate matters as provided by O.C.G.A 50-14-3(4) at 7:58 a.m., [Phillips:Hellenga]. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 8:15 a.m., [Phillips:Wilkins]. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 a.m., [Phillips:Hellenga]. All in favor; none opposed.

Submitted By:

Attested By:

Brian Akin, Chairman

Brittany W. Ivey, President/CEO