



EDACC Business Recruitment and Incentives Program Committee		
February 5, 2025		7:30 AM
EDACC Conference Room		
Meeting called by	Jim Cox called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.	
Type of meeting	Business Recruitment and Incentives Program Committee	
Facilitator	Chair - Jim Cox	
Note taker	Linda Peplau	
Adjourned	8:32 AM	
Attendees	Jim Cox & Ben Stapleton	
Staff/Guests	Cheney Eldridge, Rick Evans, Anita Patel, Stuart Hilsman & Linda Peplau	
Meeting Agenda		
1 minute	Jim Cox	
Discussion	Jim Cox called for a motion to jointly approve the agenda for the February 05, 2025, Business Recruitment and Incentives Program Committee meeting & the minutes for the December 04, 2024, Business Recruitment and Incentive Committee meeting.	
Conclusions	Motion: Ben Stapleton 2nd: Jim Cox Motion passed unanimously (2-0)	
Minutes of Previous Meeting		
>1 minute	Jim Cox	
Discussion	See above.	
Conclusions	Motion: Ben Stapleton 2nd: Jim Cox Motion passed unanimously (2-0)	
Old Business		
40 minutes	Cheney Eldridge	
Discussion	<p>Jim Cox shares the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported on post hurricane debris clean-up challenges, for GA state parks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Clarks Hill damn tour update (postponed till post hurricane repairs are complete). • Business closures in our community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Big Lots • New businesses coming to our community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Pinnacle Bank @ Town Center. ◦ A couple Dollar Generals. ◦ Evans Town Tavern @ Town Center. • Discussed project potential for our community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Best business fit for the Big Lots building, once it closes and other vacant buildings in the county. <p>Ben Stapleton contributes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inquires about Destination Retail. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Cheney shares an update on Smoke Show BBQ (renovation & move). <p>Cheney Eldridge shares the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board retreat updates. 	



New Business / Updates	
10 minutes	Jim Cox
Discussion	Jim Cox shares the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on EDACC new committee member appointments. • HB-581 discussion (property tax) - community impact for the opt-out option & tax revenue options. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Property tax for boats stored in our county. • Hockey league/ hockey rink discussion.
Updates	
11 minutes	Cheney Eldridge & Stuart Hilsman
Discussion	Stuart Hilsman shares the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New "Score Card" table, for new projects to gage potential bond/incentive eligibility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Target industries. ○ Incentive policies. ○ Building of the score card (questions/company structure). ○ Negative & positive community impacts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Energy, noise pollution, air pollution & carbon footprint. * Added value to quality of life for the residence in our community.
Conclusions	Jim Cox call for a motion to approve the creation of a "Score Card" for new projects, for the purpose of identifying eligibility for potential bonds and/or incentives. Motion: Ben Stapleton 2nd: Jim Cox Motion passed unanimously (2-0)
Adjournment	
	8:32 AM
Conclusions	Jim Cox called for a motion to adjourn. Motion: Ben Stapleton 2nd: Jim Cox Motion passed unanimously (2-0)
Next meeting: April 02, 2025	Economic Development Authority Conference Room