



EDACC Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee			
March 14, 2025		8:32 AM	EDACC Conference Room
Called by	Jean Garniewicz - called the meeting to order at 8:32		
Meeting	Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee		
Facilitator	Jean Garniewicz		
Note taker	Linda Peplau		
Adjourned	9:19 AM		
Attendees	Jean Garniewicz, Rick Evans & Kerry Bridges		
Staff/Guests	Cheney Eldridge, Anita Patel, Stuart Hilsman & Linda Peplau		
Meeting Agenda			
1 minute	Jean Garniewicz		
Discussion	Jean Garniewicz called for a motion to jointly approve the agenda for the March 14, 2025, Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee meeting & the minutes for the January 13, 2025, Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee meeting.		
Conclusions	Motion: Rick Evans 2nd: Kerry Bridges The motion passed unanimously (3-0).		
Minutes of Previous Meeting			
0 minutes	Jean Garniewicz		
Discussion	See above.		
Conclusions	Motion: Rick Evans 2nd: Kerry Bridges The motion passed unanimously (3-0).		
Old Business & Updates			
46 Minutes	Cheney Eldridge & EDACC staff		
Discussion	Cheney Eldridge shared the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masters week updates.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Board member & board commissioner's dinner (Monday of Masters week).○ Existing industries (tickets & dinner) will be hosted on Wednesday of Masters week.<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Stuart reports on his list that coincides with his introduction/support visits. Stuart Hilsman shared the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Existing Industry visit updates.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Shares what he learned regarding the industry's model and the products they produce.○ Shares employee numbers for the visited industries.○ Learned about employee benefits.○ Inquired about expansion plans if any.• Work Force updates.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Stuart shares his takeaways from the GA Tech Manufacturing Partnership training he participated in<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Shares that he learned about the manufacturing auditing process.* Received an education on the Quality Management Systems (for quality standards).○ Discovery discussion for industry collaboration with tech schools for future hiring. Kerry Bridges shared the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kerry Bridges offers his services to facilitate more introductory meeting with Stuart Hilsman.• Starts the discussion on the current & future need of EV Repair Technicians (regionally & globally).• Post hurricane Helene discussion - Kerry shares GA Power's post hurricane Helene photo book.• Destination Retail discussion -suggests that EDACC facilitates a meeting with Smoke Show owners and other successful BB&Q owners to help encourage and produce a successful business expansion.		
Adjournment		9:19 AM	
Conclusions	Jean Garniewicz called for a motion to adjourn: Motion: Kerry Bridges Second: Rick Evans The motion passed unanimously (3-0)		
Next meeting: May 09, 2025		Economic Development Authority Conference Room	