



EDACC Executive Committee			
August 19, 2025		7:31 AM	EDACC Conference Room
Meeting called by	Chairman, Rick Evans called the meeting to order @ 7:31 AM.		
Type of meeting	Executive Committee Meeting		
Facilitator	Chairman, Rick Evans		
Note taker	Linda Peplau		
Adjourned	8:26 AM		
Attendees	Rick Evans, Stan Shepherd & Jean Garniewicz		
Staff/Guests	Cheney Eldridge, Anita Patel, Stuart Hilsman & Linda Peplau		
Meeting Agenda			
1 minute	Chairman, Rick Evans		
Discussion	Chairman, Rick Evans called for a motion to jointly approve the agenda for the August 19, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting and the minutes for the July 16, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting.		
Conclusions	Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Stan Shepherd Motion carries unanimously (3-0)		
Minutes of Previous Meeting			
0 minutes	Chairman, Rick Evans		
Discussion	See above.		
Conclusions	Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Stan Shepherd Motion carries unanimously (3-0)		
DACC Financial Report			
12 minutes	Chairman, Rick Evans		
Discussion	<p>Chairman, Rick Evans, reported on the following items in the financial reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presented of the new financials that are now produced by the county's finance department.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Angie Russell is the producer of our new financial reports.◦ Chairman, Rick Evans reported that Angie did a great job mirroring the previous financial reports produced by SME.• Page 1 (balance sheet):<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Provided a report summary on the balance sheet for July (2025).◦ All funds in the White Oak Debt Service account were transferred to the Phase III Loan account to zero it out for closing.◦ White Oak Debt Service account has been closed, reflecting a zero balance in the Restricted Funds line of the report.• Page 2 & 3 (month/July expenses):<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Discussed the county appropriations monthly distribution pay structure.<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Services and payroll divided by 12 months.* Rick Evans asked the county to accrue the appropriations monthly vs end of FY.• Page 6 (2026 FY budget).<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ One month into the new FY.◦ A line by line over budget review was conducted for clarifications.◦ A journal entry was made to write off the furniture depreciation for old office furniture.		
Conclusions	The Executive Committee unanimously agreed to present the July 2025 financial reports to the board for review ONLY. The final approval will take place after the audit has been completed.		

Chairman's Report	
4 minutes	Chairman, Rick Evans
Discussion	<p>Chairman, Rick Evans shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opened a strategy discussion regarding Cheney's approaching maternity leave of absence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ When the time comes, Cheney will always be available to everyone by phone or email. ◦ Rick suggested that Cheney keep an open dialogue with Scott Johnson during her leave. ◦ Jean Garniewicz reported that things have changed for the better at EDACC. We now have a full and capable team to work together to complete the workload.
Economic Development Updates	
10 minutes	Executive Director, Cheney Eldridge & staff
Discussion	<p>Executive Director, Cheney Eldridge shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Augusta Technical College's President search: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The search has yielded 4 strong finalists. ◦ Interviews are scheduled for August 25 & 26, 2025. ◦ After the interview process, the committee will deliberate & submit the strongest applicant for board approval. ◦ The committee is on target for the decision date of October 2, 2025. • Town Hall meetings with county commissioners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Cheney will attend 2 town hall meetings to answer questions on the Tech Park project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 08.21.2025 - Appling Courthouse with Alison Couch & Michael Carraway (6:30-7:30 P.M.) * 08.25.2025 - Hardin Auditorium with Alison Couch & Connie Melear (6:30-7:30 P.M.) • Chamber of Commerce Future Forward Summit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Scheduled for 09.04.2025 at the Columbia County Exhibition Center (9:00 -1 P.M.) ◦ Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Troy Jordan (Jordon Trotter) * Jordan Collier (Meybohm) * Matt Forshee (Georgia Power) * Robbie Bennett (SRSCRO) * Cheney Eldridge (EDACC) * Call Wray (Augusta Dev. Authority) ◦ Summit topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Commercial Development * Rising population * Workforce and housing * Regional Economic Development outlook
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Anita Patel was successful at finding a house in Columbia County for Masters week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The contract has been signed, and the reservation has been made. ◦ Anita is actively searching for a caterer for Master's week.
Old Business	
Discussion	N/A
New Business	
Discussion	N/A



Calendar of Events			
4 minutes	Chairman, Rick Evans		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• August 27, 2025 - EDACC Board Meeting• September 12, 2025 -Property Development Committee @ 7:30 a.m.• September 12, 2025 - Existing Business & Workforce Committee @ 8:30 a.m.• September 19, 2025 - Executive Committee Meeting (Friday)		
Closed Session			
24 minutes	Chairman, Rick Evans		
Discussion	Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to enter closed session. Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Stan Shepherd Motion carries unanimously (3-0) Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to exit closed session. Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Stan Shepherd Motion carries unanimously (3-0)		
Conclusions	Vice Chairman, Stan Shepherd reported that a property matter was discussed during the closed session & that NO ACTION WAS TAKEN on the property matter.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
None		N/A	N/A
Adjournment		8:26 AM	
Conclusions	Chairman Rick Evans calls for a motion to adjourn @ 8:26. Motion: Stan Shepherd 2nd: Jean Garniewicz Motion carries unanimously (3-0)		
Next meeting: September 19, 2025 (Friday)		Economic Development Authority Conference Room	