

**MINUTES  
HINDS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2023**

Pursuant to Public Notice issued by Secretary-Treasurer, Edderek L. Cole, the Regular Board Meeting of the Hinds County Economic Development Authority was held on December 5, 2023, at the Mississippi Museum of Art, 380 South Lamar Street, Jackson, MS, at 4:00 p.m. The following were present constituting a quorum:

**Trustees Present**

Jason E. Owens, President  
Willie A. Jones, - Vice President  
Edderek L. (Beau) Cole - Secretary-Treasurer  
Dr. Vanda M. Brumfield  
Vincent J. Byrd  
James E. Covington  
Dr. Yolanda D. McElroy  
Robert G. Morgan, II  
Mark Wise

**Trustees Absent**

Louis P. Wright

**Excused Absences**

Jared W. Turner

**Staff Present**

Luxie L. Frison, Director of Office Management & Accounting  
Tamika E. Jenkins, Executive Director  
Kemsye T. Smith, Director of Workforce Development

**Staff Absent**

None

**Attorney Present**

Dorian E. Turner

**Guests Present**

None

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Jason E. Owens called the Regular Board Meeting of the Hinds County Economic Development Authority to order at 4:09 p.m. Luxie L. Frison was appointed to record the minutes.

**MINUTES  
HINDS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2023**

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon a motion by James E. Covington, seconded by Willie A. Jones, with all nine trustees (Brumfield, Byrd, Cole, Covington, Jones, McElroy, Morgan, Owens, and Wise) present voting in favor, it was

**RESOLVED** to approve the agenda as amended by President Owens by moving agenda item #6 (New Business) after item #4 (Approval of Minutes).

**EXCUSED ABSENCE**

Jared E. Turner's absence was excused.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion by James E. Covington, seconded by Mark Wise, with all nine trustees (Brumfield, Byrd, Cole, Covington, Jones, McElroy, Morgan, Owens, and Wise) present voting in favor, it was

**RESOLVED** to approve the November 20, 2023, Joint Executive and Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion by Yolonda D. McElroy, seconded by Edderek L. Cole, with all nine trustees (Brumfield, Byrd, Cole, Covington, Jones, McElroy, Morgan, Owens, and Wise) present voting in favor, it was

**RESOLVED** to approve the October 25, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Title Search for Metro Central Mall**

Upon a motion by Edderek L. Coley, seconded by Mark Wise, with all nine trustees (Brumfield, Byrd, Cole, Covington, Jones, McElroy, Morgan, Owens, and Wise) present voting in favor, it was

**RESOLVED** to table this item until there is an actual prospect from MDA who needs this.

**MINUTES  
HINDS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2023**

**Request by Executive Director to attend Live Exchange and other Conferences**

Executive Director Jenkins requested the board's approval to attend the following conferences in 2024:

- Business Facilities LiveExchange in Richmond, VA, on March 17-19, 2023, at a cost of \$11,000.00.

No action taken.

*Willie A. Jones exited the meeting at 4:32 p.m.*

- IEDC Leadership Conference at a cost of \$840.00 and IEDC Annual Conference at a cost of \$ 1,200.00.

Upon a motion by Edderek L. Cole, seconded by James E. Covington with all eight trustees (Brumfield, Byrd, Cole, Covington, Morgan, Owens, and Wise) present voting in favor, it was

**RESOLVED** to approve the Executive Director's request to attend the IEDC Leadership Conference at a cost of \$840.00 and IEDC Annual Conference at a cost of \$ 1,200.00

- MEDC 2024 Annual Conference in Biloxi MS at a cost of \$5,000.00.

Upon a motion by Edderek L. Coley, seconded by Mark Wise with all eight trustees (Brumfield, Byrd, Cole, Covington, Morgan, Owens, and Wise) present voting in favor, it was

**RESOLVED** to approve the Executive Director's request to attend the MEDC 2024 Annual Conference in Biloxi MS, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

*Yolonda D. McElroy exited the meeting at 4:41 p.m.*

**MOU and Participation in IEDC Program**

Executive Director Jenkins recommended the approval of the MOU between ERC/IEDC and HCEDA and participation in the ERC Economic Recovery Corp Fellowship Program.

Upon a motion by Mark Wise, seconded by Robert G. Morgan, II, with all seven trustees (Brumfield, Byrd, Cole, Covington, Morgan, Owens, and Wise) present voting, it was

**RESOLVED** to approve the MOU and participation in the ERC Economic Recovery Corp Fellowship Program contingent upon ERC/IEDC agreeing to accept Counsel Turner's changes to the MOU.

Trustees Owens, Wise, Cole, Brumfield, and Morgan voted in favor. Trustees Covington and Byrd abstained from the vote.

**MINUTES**  
**HINDS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 5, 2023**  
**Wally Hammons Investment**

No action was taken.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Executive Director Jenkins provided the board with a written and oral report on general and project updates. (*Attachment No. 1*)

**PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING**

President Owens commented on the retreat that was held prior to today's board meeting and the upcoming work of the board and staff as a result of the conversations and planning during Strategic Plan discussions.

**FINANCE REPORT**

The Finance Report, consisting of a **Balance Sheet** and **Statement of Revenues and Expenses** for the period ending October 31, 2023, was presented. (*Attachment No. 2*)

Upon a motion by James E. Covington, seconded by Mark Wise, with seven trustees (Brumfield, Byrd, Cole, Covington, Morgan, Owens, and Wise) present voting in favor, it was

**RESOLVED** to accept the October 31, 2023, Finance Report.

The **Check Detail** report for October, 2023, was presented. (*Attachment No. 2*)

Upon a motion by James E. Covington, seconded by Mark Wise, with seven trustees (Brumfield, Byrd, Cole, Covington, Morgan, Owens, and Wise) present voting, it was

**RESOLVED** to accept the October 2023 Check Detail.

All trustees present voted in favor, with the exception of Trustee Owens who voted against.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR REPORT**

Director of Workforce Development and Assistant Business Development, Kemsye T. Smith, provided the board with a written and oral report providing updates on industry visits, ACT Work Readiness Certificate testing, the Workforce Nexus, Hinds County workforce data, and highlights from the National Association of Workforce Professionals Annual Symposium that she attended November 6-8, 2023, in Las Vegas, NV. (*Attachment No. 3*)

**MINUTES  
HINDS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2023**

**RECONGNITION OF BIRTHDAYS**

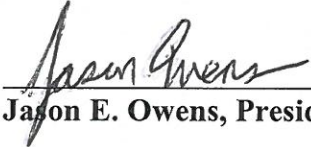
Vanda M. Brumfield (25<sup>th</sup>) was recognized for a November birthday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by James E. Covington, seconded by Mark Wise, with seven trustees (Brumfield, Byrd, Cole, Covington, Morgan, Owens, and Wise) present voting in favor, it was

**RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

**Economic Development Authority  
Hinds County, Mississippi**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jason E. Owens, President

**ATTEST this 5th day of December 2023**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Edderek L. (Beau) Cole, Secretary-Treasurer**

**Attachments:**

- 1. Executive Director Report**
- 2. Finance Reports**
- 3. Workforce Development Report**
  - a. ACT Work Ready Communities and Hinds County Workforce Data**