

**GEORGIA DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL
AUGUST 2, 2023**

The GDA Board of Directors held a special called meeting on Wednesday, August 2 via Zoom. President Fowler called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

The following Board Members were in attendance: President Jeffrey Fowler, Secretary/Treasurer Aundi Lesley, Mr. Mathew Hill, Ms. Velinda Hardy, Mr. Taylor Smith, Ms. Tonya Parker, Ms. Abbey McLaren, Ms. Kira Harris-Braggs, Ms. Suzanne Roberts, Mr. Jason Ford, and Mr. Qaijuan Willis.

Absent: Ms. Abigail Strickland, Ms. Emily Hopkins, Ms. April Norton, and Ms. Kendrick Ward.

The following Staff Members were in attendance: Ms. Emily Davenport and Ms. Sharon Collins.

The following Partners were in attendance: Ms. Ebony Simpson and Ms. Ellen Hill.

Review and Approval of the Bylaws: Ms. Norton sent in her recommendations on spacing and formatting. Ms. Harris-Braggs suggested clarifying that officers have one-year terms and adding subsections under Article V. Ms. Lesley motioned to approve the bylaws as presented with the minor changes discussed. Mr. Willis seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of the Board Member Agreement: Ms. Lesley suggested adding verbiage from the bylaws regarding missing three consecutive meetings, so board members acknowledge they would be subject to removal from that position by a vote from the board. Ms. Harris-Braggs suggested adding the word “that” to line 10. Ms. Harris Braggs motioned to adopt the agreement with the two amendments. Ms. Parker seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Mr. Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:18 pm.