

**GEORGIA DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
MACON, GEORGIA  
JANUARY 11, 2022**

**Present**

Board Members (In-Person): Tonya Parker, Ricky Clark, Jeffrey Fowler, Christian Hamilton, Ellen Hill, Matthew Hill, Sadie Krawczyk, Emily Hopkins, Monica Rentfrow, Qaijuan Willis, Abigail Strickland and Kendrick Ward. (Virtually) - Aundi Lesley and April Norton.

Partners: Jessica Reynolds, Cindy Edison, Steve Foster, Danny Bivins, Leigh Burns, and John VanBrunt  
Staff (Virtually): Emily Davenport

**Call to Order**

President Ellen Hill called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

**Review and Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the November meeting will be presented at the next meeting held in February.

**Review and Approval of Financial Report**

Emily Davenport presented the October financial report.

**Partner Updates**

Updates were then presented in the following order: Cindy Edison with the Georgia Municipal Association, Jessica Reynolds with DCA Office of Downtown Development, Steve Foster with Georgia Power, Danny Bivins with UGA, Leigh Burns with the Fox Theatre Institute, and John VanBrunt with the Electric Cities of Georgia.

**Committee Reports**

Internal - President Hill showcased the election results of the membership. She mentioned the totals and welcomed all new positions to the board. Next, she shared the proposed meeting dates for 2022. It was decided to continue every other month virtual and Atlanta in-person meeting. Next, she presented information from the Executive Committee Meeting in regards to the conference planning, including a brief overview of the meeting and ideas were mentioned.

Education - Jeffrey Fowler explained an update from the Mentoring Program would be given at the next meeting since Christopher Pike was not present. He then moved into the GDDP Program. After brief discussion, it was decided to move forward with revamping the GDDP Program with UGA. A motion was made by Mathew Hill and Sadie Krawczyk made the second. It was unanimously approved by all directors present.

Membership / Marketing - April Norton gave a brief overview of the Membership & Marketing committee and highlighted upcoming projects.

Legislative - Ricky Clark gave a brief overview of the Legislative Committee and was excited for this committee to become apart of Internal Operations.

**Staff Updates**

Emily Davenport shared that there are no updates at this time.

**Other Business**

There was no other business at this time.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned with a motion from Matthew Hill and seconded by Jeffrey Fowler.