

**THOMASTON-UPSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES OF THE
JULY 28, 2025 BOARD MEETING CITY/COUNTY MEETING ROOM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chase Fallin, Chairman
Dan Brue
Lonnie Joyce
Jennifer Rogers
Josh Rabalais
JD. Stallings
Slade Gullede, Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Johnnie Caldwell, Attorney
Susan Hill, Office Administrator

GUESTS:

Dave Piper, WTGA Radio
Mark Woodall

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Joyce seconded by Mr. Brue and approved to accept the April 28th minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Rabalais, and approved to accept the April, May and June 2025 financial reports.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Rogers and approved to accept the 2024 audit submitted by Fulton & Kozak LLC.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Strategic Planning Recap

Mr. Fallin provide an update / recap on the Strategic Planning retreat in Savannah last month. A Strategic Planning Document will be available next month.

2. Director's Report

Mr. Gullede will not give a formal "Director's Report" every month. Any questions by the board concerning his written report will be answered.

3. Discussion and Possible Consideration for an Intergovernmental Agreement between the IDA and the City of Thomaston for the Half of Fee Cost with Retail Strategies

An agreement with the city contributing to the effort of paying half the cost of a two-year agreement with Retail Strategies. The city suggested a 2-year agreement with an option for a 3rd year. A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Brue, seconded by Mr. Joyce and approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Thomaston.

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4. Discussion and Possible Consideration of Proposal from Retail Strategies, Retail Consultant

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Brue, seconded by Mr. Joyce and approved the revision of April 28th motion for Retail Strategies. The revision is to execute a two-year (24 months) contract agreement with an option of a 3rd year with Retail Strategies, in assisting retail recruitment. Cost to retain the retail consulting firm is an annual investment of \$45,000. The City of Thomaston will be participating by sharing half of the cost; per the intergovernmental agreement.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Fallin announced that Brightmark has submitted their application with EPD, Environmental Protection Division, for their air permits for the Circularity plant.

Brightmark also announced the hiring of Jessica Hudson, as its new Community Relations Specialist for its Thomaston plant. Ms. Hudson will serve as Brightmark's primary local representative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

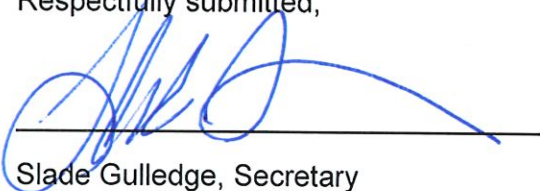
A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Joyce, seconded Mr. Rabalais and approved to go into Executive Session. This motion was unanimously approved by the following, which were present; Mr. Joyce, Mr. Fallin, Ms. Rogers, and Mr. Brue and Mr. Rabalais and Mr. Stallings.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Joyce, seconded Mr. Brue and approved to exit Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Slade Gullledge, Secretary