

**THOMASTON-UPSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 2026, BOARD MEETING CITY/COUNTY MEETING**  
**ROOM**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chase Fallin, Chairman  
Josh Rabalais  
J. D. Stallings  
Jennifer Rogers  
Sydney Sharpe  
Slade Gullede, Executive Director

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Johnnie Caldwell, Attorney  
Susan Hill, Office Administrator  
Russell Thompson, City Manager

**GUESTS:**

Dave Piper, WTGA Radio  
Jessica Hudson, Brightmark Community Relations Specialist  
Gina Means  
Brenda Ragsdale  
Andrew Carroll, Upson Beacon

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Rabalais, seconded by Ms. Rogers and approved to accept the April 27th Minutes.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Stallings, seconded by Ms. Rogers and approved to accept the April Financial Reports.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Director's Report

The IDA closed on Iron Solutions LLC on May 22, 2026, the company purchased 10.718 acres in the Central GA Business and Technology Park to development an industrial fabrication facility. The price is \$25,000.00 per acre.

Mr. Gullede has provided the board with a written report on last month's activities. Any questions by the board concerning his written report will be answered.

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2. Update on the Community Growth & Development Survey

Mr. Rabalais updated the board on the list of questions for the community to give their feedback to the public. These questions will be available on-line through our Facebook page and the chambers page. The questionnaire will directly influence our recruitment strategies for new industries, retail, and housing. One hundred and twenty-three (123) have responded to the survey. Mr. Rabalais shared with the board that the survey was positive but with gaps in housing, shopping and dining with comments on hiring locals. Mr. Thompson raised some questions about the survey and stated that several questions were ambiguous and vague. The survey began in April and will be available to the public for six weeks with discussion and analysis at June's meeting.

3. EPA Public Hearing for Brightmark Air Permit

Brightmark Circularity Center Thomaston, LLC has been issued a draft Air Permit by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD). The EPD has set a public hearing for May 18, 2026. The draft permit, if finalized, will award Brightmark their full air permit.

OTHER BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Rogers, seconded Mr. Rabalais and approved to exit Executive Session.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22nd, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Slade Gullfledge, Secretary