

**THOMASTON-UPSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES OF THE
JUNE 22, 2026, BOARD MEETING CITY/COUNTY MEETING ROOM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chase Fallin, Chairman
Josh Rabalais
J. D. Stallings
Sydney Sharpe
Dan Brue
Slade Gulledge, Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Johnnie Caldwell, Attorney
Susan Hill, Office Administrator

GUESTS:

Dave Piper, WTGA Radio
Mark Woodall
Ryan Gill
Rusty Blackston

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

Congratulations to Mr. Falling and Mr. Rabalais for their completion of the Board Boost Development Authority 2-Hour Mandatory Supplemental from Georgia Tech.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Stallings, seconded by Mr. Rabalais and approved to accept the May 18th Minutes

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. Brue and approved to accept the May Financial Reports.

APPROVAL OF 2025 AUDIT

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. Rabalais and approved to accept the 2025 audit submitted by Fulton & Kozak LLC.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Director's Report

Mr. Gulledge 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. Discussion on the Community Growth & Development Survey

Mr. Rabalais reviewed the findings obtained from the online survey. Thank you to all survey participants. We received 155 responses.

- 78.7 % have lived in Upson County for 20+ years
- 31% are 55-64 years of age
- 92.3% are homeowners
- 58.7% work within Thomaston-Upson County

Overall Summary

Residents generally support growth provided it is managed responsibly. Key priorities include creating well-paying local jobs, protecting the county's rural character, and prioritizing the redevelopment of existing buildings over developing farmland. The survey highlights specific gaps in shopping, dining, housing, and job training, reflecting a community desire for progress that improves quality of life while protecting its long-term future.

The complete report is attached to these minutes.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Upson-Lee Athletics Sponsorship

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Stallings, seconded by Mr. Rabalais and approved to support the Upson-Lee athletes by sponsoring them at the platinum level of \$1,600.00

OTHER BUSINESS

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

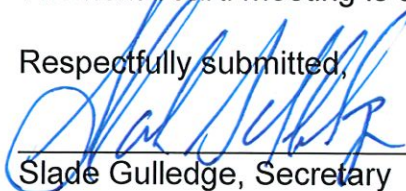
A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Rabalais, seconded Mr. Brue and approved to exit Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2026

Respectfully submitted,



Slade Gullede, Secretary