

Regular Meeting Minutes – Development Authority of Walton County

Date: 8:30 a.m., Monday, September 29, 2025

Location: 132 E. Spring Street, Monroe, Georgia, 30655 - Conference room

Board Members Present:	Morris Jordan (Chairman)	Bettye Ray
	Melinda Dally	David Thompson
	John Howard	Skip Baliles
	Tom Carter	Neal Jackson
	David Keener	

Others Present: Shane Short; Ben McDaniel; Dessa Morris; Jami Cash; Chris Atkinson, Attorney

- 1) **Welcome and Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.
- 2) **Adoption of Agenda** –The Board adopted the agenda on a motion by D. Keener, second by S. Baliles, which passed unanimously.
- 3) **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes for the 08/25/2025, meeting were presented. The Board approved the Minutes on a motion by D. Thompson, second by B. Ray, which passed unanimously.
- 4) **Approval of Financials** – Financials for the month ending 08/31/2025, were presented and were approved on a motion by D. Thompson, second by D. Keener, which passed unanimously. S. Short is to inquire on the negative interest reflected in financials.
- 5) **Old Business** –
[N. Jackson arrived]
 - a) Rivian Groundbreaking – S. Short discussed the groundbreaking ceremony on September 16, which went well.
 - b) Piedmont Regional Industrial Park Improvements – S. Short discussed that the scheduled bush-hogging has been completed and that the service went as planned.
 - c) Social Circle Data Center(s) Update – S. Short discussed the ongoing pursuit of data centers. There has been no agreement on water; the Board then had a discussion about water procurement and use.
 - d) Purchase and Sale Agreement of 30+/- acres – S. Short advised that the purchase and sale agreement with MGM Products has been signed.
- 6) **New Business** – N/A

- 7) **Walton Works Report** – D. Morris and J. Cash discussed various initiatives and events, including meetings with high schools, Georgia Reads Day, and the Career Connections Expo.
- 8) **Economic Development Report** – B. McDaniel presented on current projects and various project inquiries.
- 9) **Executive Director Report** – S. Short discussed hosting a broker's event in Atlanta.
- 10) **Announcements/Other Business** – M. Jordan reminded the Board on continuing education requirements, and opportunities to satisfy such requirement. D. Thompson discussed that the Walton County Sheriff has opened a precinct in Walnut Grove High School. S. Short advised that the legislative breakfast would be October 28, 2025 at the Rock Gym in Loganville.
- 11) **Executive Session** – None.
- 12) **Adjourn** –The Board adjourned at 9:20 a.m. on a motion by J. Howard, second by M. Dally, which passed unanimously.