

Franklin County Industrial Building Authority  
Preliminary IBA Work Session Meeting Minutes  
January 23rd, 2025

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Mayor Lee Moore	Robert Isherwood	Shane Scoggins
Mayor Courtney Umbehant	Annie Wallace	Courtney Lon
Mayor Keith Turman		Kathy Papa
Mayor Missy Holbrook		Leslie
McFarlin		
Aubrey Lunsford		Abbott Hayes
Tonya Powers		
Rachel Howington		

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### **A. Preliminaries**

Mayor Lee Moore called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. There was no declaration of Conflict of Interest.

### **B. Work Session Items for Discussion**

1. Chairman, Mayor Lee Moore welcomed everyone and turned to Executive Director, Tonya Powers for agenda items to be discussed. Powers welcomed each member and introduced guests, Kathy Papa with DCA and [Leslie McFarlin](#) with North Georgia Technical College, also in attendance was Abbott Hayes, legal counsel for the IBA.
2. Kathy Papa with DCA reviewed Franklin County's tier status, currently Tier 2 and reviewed the incentives that are included to industries, Papa also reviewed DCA's willingness to work with the cities and the IBA in potential infrastructure grants that may be needed. [Leslie McFarlin](#) discussed leadership and training programs the colleges offer to current and incoming students, workers and companies in our community.
3. Powers reviewed confidentiality, NDA's and executive session items, the IBA continues to cover the importance of confidentiality within the board and in discussions with community partners.

### **C. Executive Session**

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to enter executive session at 11:25, Mayor Courtney Umbehant mad a motion, Aubrey Lunsford seconded, all were in favor.

Motion to leave executive session and enter back in to the worksession at 12:17pm, Mayor Missy Holbrook made a motion, Mayor Keith Turman seconded, all were in favor.

Mayor Lee Moore asked for a motion for the IBA to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with each city. Cities that have not moved to enter into this agreement will be

able to do so at any time after today's meeting. Mayor Umbehant made a motion, Aubrey Lunsford seconded, all were in favor.

**D. Work Session Items for Discussion Continues**

1. Powers introduced W.O.W. workforce initiative (women of the workforce). Powers mentioned the partnerships that are being built with our local and state resources that will partner with the program, the program will provide resources and mentorship to women who desire to be employed or who may need assistance in training programs for desired positions. Powers will be launching the program the first quarter of this year and asking for mentors.
  
2. Powers asked the board for laptops for the office/ executive secretary, a motion was made by Mayor Holbrook, Mayor Turman seconded, all were in favor. Powers requested in accordance with additional authorities to replace the Executive Director to President /CEO. A motion was made by Mayor Keith Turman to move on title change, Mayor Umbehant seconded, all were in favor. Powers will be meeting with Mayor Umbehant, IBA member Robert Isherwood and a social media representative to put together a marketing campaign for the IBA.

**E. Adjournment**

Motion by Mayor Turman to adjourn the meeting at 12:45pm. Seconded by IBA member Aubrey Lunsford. No discussion. Unanimous approval.

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IBA Treasurer

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IBA Executive Secretary

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