

MINUTES
GEO. L. SMITH II GEORGIA WORLD CONGRESS CENTER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
GWCC Authority Board Room
Tuesday, May 20, 2025
12:30 p.m.

The following eleven out of fifteen Board members were present:

Brian Daniel, Chair	Maxine Burton, Treasurer
Don Balfour	Natasha Bell
Glenn Hicks	Bill Russell
Doug Tollett, Vice Chair	Rachel Little
Dexter Warrior, Secretary	Bill Jones
Aaron McWhorter	

Chair Brian Daniel called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

A motion to approve the April 29, 2025 Board of Governors meeting minutes was made by Glenn Hicks, seconded by Doug Tollett, and unanimously was approved.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Rey Rodriguez, Director of Finance, reviewed the April 2025 Financial Report.

FY26 BUDGET (ACTION ITEM)

Rey Rodriguez, Director of Finance, reviewed the staff recommendations for the FY26 Budget and Surplus Utilization.

A motion to approve the staff's recommendation for the FY26 Budget and Surplus Utilization, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, was made by Bill Russell, seconded by Don Balfour, and unanimously was approved.

RESOLUTION – LIMITED AUTHORITY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (ACTION ITEM)

Ron Miranda, Chief Human Resources Officer, and Pargen Robertson, Chief Legal Officer, reviewed the draft Resolution essentially granting to the Chief Executive Officer express limited authority in respect of annual renewals of Authority coverages in respect of employee benefits (inclusive of medical benefits, dental benefits, vision benefits, life insurance, disability insurance, critical illness insurance, accident insurance, flexible spending account (FSA), and such other benefits as are customary and appropriate) and for post-employment retirees, OPEB Trust-funded benefits.

A motion was made by Glenn Hicks, seconded by Doug Tollett, and unanimously was approved authorizing the Resolution Granting the Chief Executive Officer Express Limited Authority in Respect of Annual Renewals of Employee Benefits and Post Employment Retiree Benefits, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

TEAM MEMBER RECOGNITION

Janet Finlayson, GWCCA Chief Financial Officer, recognized Rey Rodriguez, Chris Duggar, Kay Lawrence, and Tyree Pittman for their outstanding work in respect of the annual budget process.

A motion was made by Aaron McWhorter, seconded by Dexter Warrior, and unanimously was approved to adjourn the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:

James Pargen Robertson, Jr., Chief Legal Officer

Dexter Warrior, Secretary