

FINAL MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2019, REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY HELD AND
CONDUCTED ON THE 14TH DAY OF
FEBRUARY 2019, AT 8:30 A.M.
IN THE MCEDA CONFERENCE ROOM
OF THE MCEDA OFFICES AT 135 MISSISSIPPI PARKWAY,
CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

The regular meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority was conducted on the 14TH day of February 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS.

Members Present: Doug Jones, Lanny Slaughter, Tracy Bailey, Ed Gardner, Gerard Gibert, Calvin Harris

Staff: Joseph Deason, Attorney Arthur Jernigan, Taquana Mack, Danielle Winningham, Lauren Scheel

Guests: Jan Collins, Cecil Harper, Serena Tolar, Chad Wages, Mike McGuffie, Derrell McGee

At 8:30 p.m., Chairman Jones announced that the members present constituted a quorum, declared the meeting duly convened and directed that the notice for the meeting be filed with the minutes.

Mr. Bailey opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to adopt the agenda. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2019, MCEDA Board meeting. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Chad Wages presented to the MCEDA board the architectural layout and details for the expansion of Systems Electro Coating and to receive approval of the plans according to MCEDA's covenants. Mr. Harris made a motion for board approval of Systems Electro Coating Plans and Specifications subject to and contingent upon Madison County Planning/Zoning/Department Head approval of plans and specifications for the Systems Electro Coating expansion located on Parcel Number 082E-21-017/01.00 located west and adjacent to Old Jackson Road in the Central Mississippi Industrial Center. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Jan Collins with the Madison County Business League and Foundation provided a report and a calendar of events for the next upcoming months. Mr. Cecil Harper, Chairman of MCBL&F board, thanked Mr. Deason and MCEDA for arranging the Golden Triangle Region tour.

There was a motion by Mr. Slaughter and a second by Mr. Gibert to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the need for an Executive Session to address legal matters with Project Phoenix, Personnel Matters, and the transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation, or expansion of a business or industry. The motion passed unanimously. There was then discussion of the need to go into Executive Session to consider the aforementioned, at the conclusion of which there was a motion by Mr. Gardner and a second by Mr. Slaughter to do so. This motion was unanimously adopted. Mr. Deason, Ms. Scheel, Ms. Mack, and Ms. Winningham left the

room and recused themselves during the Personnel Matter discussion. Chairman Jones then opened the meeting to announce publicly that the Board was going into Executive Session to discuss the legal matters with Project Phoenix, Personnel Matters, and the transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation, or expansion of a business or industry. Chairman Jones convened an Executive Session for this purpose. Mr. Bailey made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Gibert there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the open session. The following actions were taken in Executive Session and were then reported by the Chairman:

The Chairman then announced that he was appointing a committee consisting of Tracy Bailey, Gerard Gibert and Ed Gardner to review the contract and compensation for the Executive Director and make a report to the Board at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Deason went over the 2019 Policom Micro and Metropolitan review for the board.

Mr. Deason informed the board that up to 700 employees are facing pending layoffs at the Nissan Plant in Canton. The suppliers will be affected but the number of jobs has not been identified yet.

Ms. Scheel provided an existing industry visit report.

Ms. Winningham stated that she is working to identify workforce soft skills' training.

Mr. Deason, Ms. Scheel, and Ms. Winningham attended the MEDC conference on February 6-7, 2019 at the Westin Hotel in downtown Jackson.

Ms. Scheel stated that the MDA site development grant application for \$250,000.00 was submitted on February 1st and the Entergy MS Excellerator Grant for \$25,000.00 will be submitted by the end of February.

Ms. Mack stated that the Madison County Project Initiatives Corporation that was incorporated and organized by MCEDA in 2013 to handle the Nissan Logistics Center had an open dormant account at Bankplus that had not been used for several years. This account was closed, and the monies were transferred to MCEDA's millage account.

At 10:18 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.



Doug Jones, Chairman

ATTEST:



Tracy Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer