

**Lee County Industrial Development Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
The Collaboratory, 2031 Jackson Street
December 14, 2023**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Lee County Industrial Development Authority was called to order at 10:06am on December 14, 2023 by Douglas Gyure, Board Chair, and determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

Gail Markham
Wayne Kirkwood

Robbie Roepstorff
Matthew Price

Tom Hoolihan
Douglas Gyure

Guests Present

Kristen Vanselow, FGCU
Elaine Pietre, FM Tech College

Ashley Bowers, FGCU Navigator
Tessa LeSage, Future Makers

Whitney Ryhne, FSW

Staff Present

Warren Baucom, EDO
Sharon Brotherton, Administrator

Thomas B. Hart, General Counsel

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Gail Markham made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 19, 2023; seconded by Robbie Roepstorff, and unanimously approved.

III. ANNUAL REPORT FROM STOP OUT PROGRAM AND TECH SCHOOL INITIATIVE

Tessa LeSage led the team presentations from Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida Southwestern State College and Fort Myers Technical College in the deployment of funds provided with IDA contributions.

IV. TREASURER’S REPORT

Gail Markham presented the financial reports for the two months of the fiscal year through November 30, 2023 in the absence of the treasurer. Wayne Kirkwood made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented; seconded by Gail Markham, and unanimously approved.

V. HORIZON COUNCIL REPORT

Robbie Roepstorff reported to the Authority that two meetings had occurred since her last report: November and December 8, 2023. November meeting was very productive with lots of discussion and implementation of strategic plan. Sean Smith with the RedSox, Mark Webber with the Minnesota Twins and Butch Swank of Goodland & Swank Insurance were accepted as new at-large members.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Chris Traber reported to the Authority that the Shell Point bond is still on hold. If they do not close by March 2024, the documents may need to be prepared again.

The Lee County Community Charter Schools, LLC project is intending to close in 2023.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS

In 2024, new 4 hours of ethics training will be required and reported on Form 1. The course has not yet been developed. More information to follow at a later date.

X. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 am by Douglas Gyure, Board Chair.

**Next IDA Board of Directors Meeting January 25, 2024
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