



Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Chamber Board of Directors Minutes

Friday | April 10, 2026 | 8:30 AM

City Hall Board Room – 56 Broad Street – Hawkinsville, GA

Present: Lynn Johnson, Jose Lopez-Cruz, Jessica Davies, Chris VanLandingham, Renee Hill, Ella McGalliard, Bobbie Clemons (via phone), Chipper Jones (via phone), Devin Vargas, Jim Ball

Absent: Nevin Shennett

I. WELCOME & INVOCATION

- a. Jessica Davies called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM. Jessica Davies led the invocation.

II. AGENDA

- a. Lynn Johnson presented amending the Agenda to include Political Forum under New Business. A motion was made to amend the Agenda to include Political Forum. There was a second. Passed unanimously.

III. MINUTES & FINANCIALS APPROVAL

- a. Lynn Johnson presented March 2026 minutes to the Board. The minutes were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented. There was a second. Passed unanimously. Lynn Johnson presented March 2026 Financials with a Profit and Loss statement. A motion was made to accept the financial statements as presented, including the Profit and Loss statement. There was a second. Passed unanimously.

IV. CHAMBER REPORT

- a. The Chamber has 166 members as of April 10, 2026

V. CHAMBER REPORT: UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. Employee of the Month Recognition
- b. Business of the Month Recognition
- c. Tastes of the Town – April 28, 5:30 PM Southern Hills Golf Club
- d. Cruise In – May 29, 6:00 PM Lumpkin Street
- e. Summer Family Night with the Chamber – June 13, Veterans Memorial Park

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Lynn Johnson updated the Board on the status of Tastes of the Town.
- b. Lynn Johnson presented ideas for the Summer Family Night with the Chamber. The Board discussed games, music, and silent auction.
- c. Lynn Johnson presented the status of work on starting a bingo event.

- d. Lynn Johnson presented two options for starting an International Travel Program. The board discussed the options. A motion was made to use Collette. There was a second. Passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Lynn Johnson presented two options to fill the open board seat. The Board discussed the options. A motion was made to fill the seat with Galadriel Johnson of Taylor Regional Hospital. There was a second. Passed unanimously.
- b. Lynn Johnson presented information on attending the GACCE Leadership Conference.
- c. Lynn Johnson presented changing vendor fees for Ocmulgee Riverfest. The Board discussed options. A motion was made to increase the Non-Food Vendor fee to \$45 and the Food Vendor Fee to \$75. There was a second. Passed unanimously.
- d. Lynn Johnson presented a date change for the Chamber Retreat. The Board discussed the change. A motion was made to change the date of the Chamber Retreat to November if it does not contradict the By-Laws. There was a second. Passed unanimously.
- e. Lynn Johnson presented adding a Political Forum to the calendar. The Board discussed. No action taken at this time.

VIII. ADJOURN

- a. Jose Lopez-Cruz adjourned the meeting at 9:48 AM.