



Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Chamber Board of Directors Minutes

Friday | January 6, 2026 | 8:30 AM

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

Present: Lynn Johnson, Jose Lopez-Cruz, Jessica Davies, Nevin Shennett, Tonya Boyd, Renee Hill, Chris Vanlandingham, Ella McGalliard, Devin Vargas, Bobbie Clemons, Sami Cannon

Absent: Chipper Jones

I. WELCOME & INVOCATION

- a. Jose Lopez-Cruz called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM. Jessica Davies led the invocation.

II. MINUTES & FINANCIALS APPROVAL

- a. Lynn Johnson presented November 2025 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 November and December 2025 Financials with Profit and Loss statements for each month. A motion was made to accept the financial statements as presented, including the Profit and Loss statements. There was a second. Passed unanimously.

III. CHAMBER REPORT

- a. The Chamber has 170 members as of January 6, 2026

IV. CHAMBER REPORT: UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. January 7: Business of the Month Recognition
- b. January 8: Employee of the Month Recognition
- c. January 27: Perry Chiropractic Screenings
- d. March 13-14: Peaches to the Beaches
 - Volunteers Needed

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Lynn Johnson presented the proposed 2026 Member Benefits Packet. The board suggested two changes. There was a motion made to accept the 2026 Members Benefits Packet with the two modifications. There was a second. Passed unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Overview of Bylaws: Lynn Johnson presented an Overview of Bylaws to the board. No changes were made.
- b. Board Member Contract: Lynn Johnson presented Board Member Contract to the board.
- c. 2026 Proposed Budget: Lynn Johnson presented the 2026 Proposed Budget. A motion was made to accept the budget as presented. There was a second. Passed unanimously.
- d. Set Dates for 2026 Events: The board discussed dates for events in 2026. Two new events (Chamber Chat & Chow and Summer Family Night with the Chamber) were added to the event list. One event (Saturday Street Eats) was removed from the event list. A motion was made to approve the 2026 calendar. There was a second. Passed unanimously.
- e. Open Board Seat: Lynn Johnson presented two names for the open board seat. The board discussed the two options. A motion to have Jim Ball fill the seat was made. There was a second. The motion was approved by majority vote, with one member abstaining.
- f. Expired Membership(s): Lynn Johnson presented a list of expired members.
- g. Membership Drive: Lynn Johnson presented an initiative for a membership drive. The Board agreed to allow the membership drive initiative.

VII. ADJOURN

- a. Jose Lopez-Cruz adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM.