



Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Chamber Board of Directors Minutes

Friday | June 5, 2026 | 8:30 AM

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

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

Absent:

I. WELCOME & INVOCATION

- a. Jessica Davies called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM. Jessica Davies led the invocation.

II. AGENDA

- a. A motion was made to approve the Agenda as amended. There was a second. Passed unanimously.

III. MINUTES & FINANCIALS APPROVAL

- a. Lynn Johnson presented May 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 May 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 168 members as of June 5, 2026

V. CHAMBER REPORT: UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. Cruise In- June 5, S. Lumpkin Street
- b. Southern Bridge Counseling Ribbon Cutting - June 12, 2 PM
- c. Summer Family Night with the Chamber - June 13, Veterans Memorial Park
- d. Macon-Bacon Game – June 26
- e. Chamber Connections Luncheon – June 30 at 11:30 AM, Dairy Queen
- f. Irish Splendor Chamber Trip Informational Presentation – July 14, 6 PM at City Hall
- g. Lunch and Learn – July 16, 11:30 AM at City Hall
- h. Cruise In – July 31, 6 PM Location to be determined

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Sara Myers presented information to the board regarding hotel/motel tax and discussed the regulations and pending contract.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Lynn Johnson presented the Board an update on the Summer Family Night with the Chamber.
- b. Lynn Johnson presented suggested pricing, start date, and sponsorship structure for bingo. The board discussed the options. A motion was made to set the pricing at \$15 to play, an additional packet at \$5, and daubers at \$3. There was a second. Passed unanimously.
- c. Lynn Johnson presented the board with brochures for the Irish Splendor trip.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Lynn Johnson presented the Hawkinsville Wooden Tourism Chair refurbishment to the board. A motion was made to approve the chair with the white horizontal Hawkinsville Come Home logo. There was a second. Passed unanimously.
- b. Lynn Johnson presented the Cruise In be relocated to alleviate future conflicts with the Opera House scheduling. There was a motion to move the event to City Hall. There was a second. Passed unanimously.
- c. Lynn Johnson presented adding a State of the Community event to the Chamber calendar. The board suggested polling the community to see if there is an interest. If there is an interest, it may be added to next year's calendar of events.
- d. Lynn Johnson presented hosting a Financial Peace University series. The board discussed. A motion was made to add a Financial Peace University series. There was a second. Passed unanimously.
- e. Lynn Johnson presented themes for the Christmas Parade. The board discussed. A motion was made to set the Christmas Parade theme as Christmas Carnival this year. There was a second. Passed unanimously. Lynn Johnson presented an ice-skating rink for this year's Christmas Parade program. The board requested additional information.
- f. Lynn Johnson presented a 250th year coin. A motion not to use the coin was made. There was a second. Passed unanimously.
- g. Lynn Johnson presented Sami Cannon's resignation to the board. A lunch gathering will be held to thank Sami for her work.

IX. ADJOURN

- a. Jessica Davies adjourned the meeting at 10:02 AM.