

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 24, 2026  
5:30 P.M.**

The Economic Development Authority (EDA) of the Town of Rocky Mount, Virginia met at the Rocky Mount Municipal Building on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Board Members Present: Vice Chair Justin Muse, Kera Matthews, Melanie Wright at 5:32pm, Doug Guilliams, Bernice Cobbs, and J.T. Edwards

Board Members Absent: Ruth Cook

Others Present: Economic Development Director Daniel Pinard and EDA Secretary/Treasurer Cherie Compton

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Pinard opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Member Bernice Cobbs made a motion to elect Justin Muse as Chair. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Pinard declared nominations closed for Chair.

Motion By: Member Bernice Cobbs

Second: Member J.T. Edwards

Action: The board members voted to elect Justin Muse as Chair

Chair Justin Muse opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. Chair Justin Muse made a motion for Member Bernice Cobbs to be elected as Vice Chair. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Muse declared nominations closed for Vice Chair.

Motion By: Chair Justin Muse

Second: Member Doug Guilliams

Action: The board members voted to elect Bernice Cobbs as Vice Chair

Chair Justin Muse opened the floor for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. Member Doug Guilliams made a motion for Cherie Compton to remain the Secretary/Treasurer. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Muse declared nominations closed for Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion By: Member Doug Guilliams

Second: Member J.T. Edwards

Action: The board members voted to elect Cherie Compton as Secretary/Treasurer

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented

Motion By: Member Doug Guilliams

Second: Vice Chair Bernice Cobbs

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

## **REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Let the record show that prior to the meeting, the Economic Development Authority received the following draft minutes for review and consideration of approval:

**October 28, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**December 4, 2025 - Special Called Meeting Minutes**

Motion: To approve minutes as presented

Motion By: Vice Chair Bernice Cobbs

Second: Member Melanie Wright

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

## **SECRETARY REPORT**

Secretary/Treasurer Cherie Compton advised members that the statement ending February 28, 2026, had a balance of \$37,900.00.

## **STAFF UPDATES**

Economic Development Director Daniel Pinard provided economic development & business updates.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None at this time

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None at this time

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Quarterly Payments**

Mr. Pinard requested the EDA to accept the checks from the Town for \$300,000 and requested the quarterly accounting checks to be written to the Harvester Performance Center LLC in the amount of \$300,000.

Motion: To accept the checks from the Town in the amount of \$300,000 and the checks to be written to the Harvester Performance Center LLC in the amount of \$300,000

Motion By: Vice Chair Bernice Cobbs

Second: Member Melanie Wright

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

## **AUTHORITY BOARD COMMENTS**

Members inquired about the old bank building and the downtown hotel that had not had any more movement. Daniel stated he had interest in the bank building and showed it to a couple of developers.

## **UPCOMING NETWORKING EVENTS & EDA MEETINGS**

Chair Muse reminded members of various upcoming events for April and May.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn By: Member J.T. Edwards

Second: Member Melanie Wright

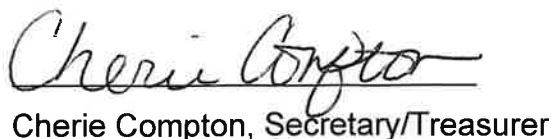
Action: Adjourned by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 6:03 p.m.



Justin Muse, Chair

ATTEST:



Cherie Compton, Secretary/Treasurer

