Statesboro Business Commission 50 East Main Street, Statesboro, Georgia City Council Chambers Called Meeting January 29, 2024 5:30 P.M.

Call to Order

Chairperson Tom McKeithen called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Recognition of Members

Tom McKeithen (Elect-Chairperson)

Eisha Oglesby (Secretary)

Prince Preston

Aj Jetwani

Maria Proctor

Larry Clark

Venus Mack (new member)

Brandon Blair (new member)

STAFF AND EX-OFFICIO PRESENT

Olympia Gaines (Assistant to the City Manager)

Approval of General Agenda

Prince Preston

Maria Proctor (Second)

Approval of Minutes (November 13, 2023)

Venus Mack

Eisha Oglesby(Second)

New Business

- A. Election of Officers
 - a. Tom McKeithen (Chair)
 - b. Venus Mack (Co-Chair)
 - c. Eisha Oglesby (Secretary)
- B. New Members Orientation: (Standard Operating Procedures for Boards and Commission, Bylaws, Scope of Authority)
 - a. Handouts given to new members
- C. Networking Event
 - a. Date February 27th @6pm
 - b. Possible location BIG
 - c. Maria Proctor will oversee this project
 - d. All members if we are able should have personal business resources to Maria by Sunday February 4th.

- e. We will create a step by step (how to guide) for new business owners. Olympia will send a draft of a step by step to everyone by 1/30. The board be sure to look over document make changes and add info and give feedback at next meeting in March
- f. Website: city has a budget for 2025 we will revisit this option later in the year.
- D. Public Participation
 - a. 1 Guest Nichol Watkins with Work Source Coastal
 - b. Ms. Watkins offered some great resources for finding/hiring new employees for local businesses.

Next meeting March 26th @ 5:30pm

Tom McKeithen, Chairperson

ADJOURNMENT

Announcing no other business to discuss Chairperson T	om McKeithen adjourned the meeting at 6:20pm.
Venus Mack	
Aj Jetwani (Second)	

Date