

Statesboro Business Commission
November 13, 2023
Minutes

Members Present: Maurice Hill, Tom McKeithen, AJ Jetwani, Maria Proctor, Prince Preston, and Quaeisha Oglesby

Chair-elect Tom McKeithen called the meeting to order at 5:42pm.

Approval of General Agenda

Maria Proctor

AJ Jetwani- Second

Approval of September 11, Minutes

Maria Proctor

Prince Preston- Second

New Business

A. Chair-elect Tom McKeithen asked the commission to review the copy of the Standards Operating Procedures for Boards and Commissions. He asked the commission to especially pay attention to the attendance policy.

City Clerk Leah Harden stated members with a one-year term limit will be expiring at the end of December. She stated the City will begin accepting applications in December and if current members wanted to continue to serve on the commission, they would need to reapply.

B. Listening Session Review- Chair-elect Tom McKeithen stated he felt the second listening session went well especially with representation for nonprofit organizations. Mr. Preston echoed similar comments and stated that the commission should seek to encourage their attendance and participation in commission activities. Mrs. Proctor stated that more information was shared that could help small businesses.

C. Networking Event- Chair-elect Tom McKeithen asked the commission members to begin thinking about the networking event, when and where they would like it to occur. He stated the commission will begin working on coordination and planning for this event. Mr. Preston stated the event should be promoted as a business to business event and possibly to have vendors there to answer questions versus soliciting services. Chair-elect Tom McKeithen stated he would reach out to Alan Gross with BIG to discuss use of City Campus and Mr. Preston stated he would reach out to his contact with Fox Hall.

Commission comments- Commission members discussed how information for new businesses could be easily accessed either on the website or via a pamphlet/booklet.

Adj- Maurice Hill & Maria Proctor