

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF CHESAPEAKE**

**THURSDAY,
November 20, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Chesapeake was held on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at Summit Pointe, 555 Belaire Avenue, Suite 310, Chesapeake, VA 23320.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Julie Anderson, Chair; Tonya Gill, Vice Chair; Troy Lindsey, Treasurer/Assist. Secretary; Kevin Cosgrove, Member; Luis Jimenez, Member; Jeffrey Ganthner, Member; Gregg Kruer, Member; Bert Ortiz, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kristi Wooten, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Steven C. Wright, Executive Secretary

COUNSEL PRESENT: John Sawyer, WRG PC, EDA Counsel

CED STAFF PRESENT: Preston Wilhelm; Sherry Barnette; Tim Howlett; Edie Saecker; Kerstin Plarr; Constantia Cobert; Austin Bussey

GUESTS PRESENT: Brian Solis, Deputy City Manager; Catherine Lindley, City Attorney; Lauren Harden, Cherry Bekaert; Daniel Brownell, Standard Calibrations, Inc.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair, Julie Anderson, declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. Mr. Jeffrey Ganthner made a motion to adopt the Draft Agenda; seconded by Mr. Gregg Kruer. The motion was unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Ms. Lauren Harden with Cherry Bekaert presented the Fiscal Year 2025 annual audit for the Chesapeake Economic Authority via Teams. No material weaknesses for Internal Controls were identified; however one significant deficiency was identified related to a misstatement that was corrected by management. Mr. Kevin Cosgrove made a motion to approve the audit as presented for Fiscal Year 2025; seconded by Mr. Luis Jimenez. The motion was unanimously approved.

MEETING MINUTES:

After a review of the October 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes, Mr. Kevin Cosgrove made a motion to approve the Minutes; seconded by Mr. Luis Jimenez. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER REPORT:

Ms. Edie Saecker presented the Treasurer's Report for October 2025. No questions or concerns were expressed; Chair Julie Anderson declared October 2025, Treasurer's Report filed for audit.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

Mr. Preston Wilhelm provided an update on the Chesapeake Regional Airport, including a discussion of its funding strategy. Mr. Steven Wright then discussed the November EDAC meeting held at X-Golf and thanked the Chair, Julie Anderson and the Vice Chair, Tonya Gill, for attending the meeting. Mr. Wright also noted that in October, the City recognized Chesapeake's manufacturing base with a luncheon at Cork & Bull, which was attended by Mayor Rick West, City Manager Chris Price, and Deputy City Manager Brian Solis.

Mr. Wright reported that several CED staff members attended the Hampton Roads Alliance Playbook event at Town Center. He explained that the Alliance is launching a new regional initiative focused on core strengths and competencies – Defense, Energy, Aerospace, and Logistics, all of which are strong and growing industries in Chesapeake. Mr. Wright expressed enthusiasm about partnering with the Alliance to support continued growth in these sectors.

Mr. Wright also shared highlights from the groundbreaking ceremony for the Cuffee Aquatics Center and the new public swimming pool, which will be Chesapeake's first public pool.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Wright announced the annual CED Holiday Celebration will be held at Riverview on December 18th directly following the EDA meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Wright discussed the need to designate an EDA representative to the Eastern Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority (EVRIFA). He clarified that Ms. Kristi Wooten will serve as the EDA representative to the Chesapeake Land Bank Authority (CLBA). Vice Chair Tonya Gill was selected to serve as the EDA representative to EVRIFA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. John Sawyer, EDA Counsel, stated the EDA may wish to consider a motion to conduct a closed meeting for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining or negotiating position of the Economic Development Authority (EDA); all as permitted by Sections 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia. Chair Julie Anderson called for a vote to go into the Executive Session. Mr. Jeffrey Ganther made a motion to go into Executive Session; seconded by Ms. Tonya Gill. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. John Sawyer, EDA Counsel, stated the EDA may wish to consider a motion to certify that to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered. The certification was approved unanimously and the Executive Session closed by Chair Julie Anderson via roll call vote.

MOTION(S):

Mr. Luis Jimenez made a motion to authorize the Chair to negotiate the terms and conditions for the Three Oaks project discussed in Executive Session seconded; by Mr. Bert Ortiz. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- **November 21, 2025 - Evolve Imagery Grand Opening**
 - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm - 809 Live Oak Drive Unit 25
- **December 05, 2025 - Hampton Roads Alliance Holiday Party**
 - 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Chrysler Museum of Art
- **December 10, 2025 - Hampton Roads Chamber Annual Meeting**
 - 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM - Virginia Beach Convention Center
- **January 24, 2026 – Chesapeake Regional Healthcare 50 Years - Golden Gala**
 - 6:00 pm – Chesapeake Conference Center

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Jeffrey Ganthner made a motion to adjourn; no second being needed, it was the consensus to adjourn the meeting.



Steven C. Wright
Executive Secretary