

Business Development and Workforce Taskforce Meeting

Meeting Date: March 26, 2024

Meeting Time: 1:00PM-2:00PM

Location: City Hall – Conference Room 301B

YouTube Link: <https://youtube.com/live/xxinisriL4g?feature=share>

Present Task Force Members:

Commissioner Tiffany Taylor
Commissioner Carol Myers
Wesley Mellina
Michelle Pearson Tucker
Tim Johnson
Keisha Ryals
Ilka McConnell

Facilitator:

Kara Fresk

Staff & Guest

Kenshundria Bailey-Allen
Alejandra Calva
Niki Jones
Blaine Williams
Mayor Kelly Girtz

- I. Commissioners Tiffany Taylor and Carol Myers welcomed the committee and introduced themselves and their role as co-chairs of the task force.
- II. Commissioner Carol Myers introduced Mayor Kelly Girtz who discussed the Taskforce Charge and Background with the focus of connecting Athens residents with
 - High Wage Employment
 - Small Business Development Opportunities
 - Worker Empowerment Rights
- III. Manager, Blaine Williams covered the key points highlighting:
 - Quantity vs. Quality of the proposed priorities/initiatives
 - \$4MM Budget
 - Sustainability of proposed priorities/initiatives
 - The unintended implications of proposed priorities/initiatives
- IV. Commissioner Myers introduced the Business Development and Workforce Taskforce Facilitator, Kara Fresk of Lion Leadership who discussed the process and timeline which includes:
 - Individual Interviews with each task force member
 - Sub-committee work sessions:
 - Focus areas to consider.
 - Gathering inventory of what exist in Athens Clarke County.
 - Researching Models and Ideas.
 - Full Group Task Force Meetings
 - Sub-Committee Presentations
 - Prioritize and complete the deliverable by July 2024.
- V. Commissioner Myers, scheduled the orientation meeting for
 - Tuesday April 9, 2024 12:30-2PM at Snipes Water Resource Center.

