

**ARENA DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
Friday, April 4, 2025

Committee Members Present:

Mayor Kelly Girtz, Committee Chair  
Commissioner Allison Wright  
David Bradley, Athens Chamber of Commerce  
Jennifer Zwirn, Classic Center Authority  
Tres Small, Classic Center Authority  
Jason Leonard, Downtown Development Authority

Committee Members Absent:

Commissioner John Culpepper

Staff:

Brad Griffin, Acting Manager  
Andrew Saunders, Interim-Assistant Manager  
Ilka McConnell, Interim-Assistant Manager  
Judd Drake, County Attorney

Christine Howard, Executive Assistant  
Chinesia Thompson, Executive Assistant  
(Recorder)

Visitors:

Linda Ford, Downtown Development Authority  
Brandon Stroud, Classic Center  
Paul Cramer, Classic Center  
Jamie Childers, Classic Center  
David Cheatwood, Financial Advisor

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Committee Chair Mayor Kelly Girtz called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. He introduced himself and invited brief introductions from attendees. He then provided a brief overview of the day's agenda before turning the meeting over to begin the presentations.

**A. Items Discussed:**

1. Presentation from Athens Downtown Development and Discussion about Parking Needs in Eastern Downtown
2. Presentation from Athens-Clarke County and Discussion about Bond repayment obligations basics
3. Presentation from Classic Center Authority Parking and Discussion about Classic Center Parking Needs
4. Presentation from Classic Center Authority and Discussion about Pro Forma for Bond repayments

Jennifer Zwirn motioned for quarterly updates on performance relative to the pro forma. David Bradley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Presentation from Chair about the Development Facilitator Draft job description

The committee discussed the next meeting date and time. Set the next meeting for April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am

Commissioner Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Zwirn seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.