

MINUTES OF KENNESAW SISTER CITIES COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF KENNESAW
City Hall Conference Room
May 9, 2023
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Mr. Friedrich called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Members Present: James Auld, Neil Brunetz, Travice Obas and Sheb True

Members Absent: Leslie Patton, Angelo Brown, and Dana Johnson

2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

A. March 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mr. True to approve the March 14, 2023 minutes, seconded by Mr. Auld. Vote taken, motion passed 4-0-3 (Ms. Patton, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Johnson were absent).

3. Financial Report

4. Old Business

A. New Meeting Date

In December 2022, the Commission voted to temporarily move their regularly scheduled meeting date and location from the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Council Chambers to the second Tuesday of the month in the City Hall Training Room. This temporary meeting change expired in April 2023. Since then, there have been discussions about making this temporary change permanent. This special called meeting had to be moved to the City Hall Conference Room due to a conflict in the Training Room. Due to the location and atmosphere of the Conference Room, the Commission decided to start meeting there from now on instead of the Training Room.

Motion by Mr. Brunetz to move the Kennesaw Sister Cities meeting date and location to the second Tuesday of the month in the City Hall Conference Room, seconded by Mr. True. Vote taken, motion passed 4-0-3 (Ms. Patton, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Johnson were absent).

5. New Business

A. Discuss Updates to 1 Year Strategic Plan

It was determined that varying cities will have varying needs and priorities for programs and projects which will affect budgets and memberships of other local organizations. Once conversations are had between the Commission and a potential sister city, the Commission decided to hold off on the creation of a short-term strategic plan.

6. Staff Comment

Mr. Friedrich announced Mr. Johnson tendered his resignation from the Commission due to conflicts with his work schedule. Mr. Johnson had considered resignation in December 2022 when his term was up for renewal, but decided to stay due to the bylaws which require a member from the Cobb Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development team. Mr. Friedrich suggested that the Commission consider amending the bylaws to change the membership requirements from the Cobb Chamber to a more Kennesaw focused organization such as the Kennesaw Business Association or the Kennesaw Downtown Merchants Association. The Commission decided that Mr. Friedrich will reach out to Mr. Johnson one more time to see if he can find a replacement at the Cobb Chamber before considering amending the membership requirements of the bylaws.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Auld to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. True. Vote taken, motion passed 4-0-3 (Ms. Patton, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Johnson were absent). Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm.