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Minutes
Tuesday, June 9, 2026 ♦ 1:00 PM
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The Putnam Development Authority met on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at approximately 1:00 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 204, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Walt Rocker III
Member Patty Burns
Member Mylle Mangum
Member Gregory Manley
Member John Wojtas

OTHERS PRESENT

Attorney Kevin Brown
Economic Development Director Matt Poyner
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth
Commissioner Richard Garrett, BOC Liaison

Opening

1. Call to Order

Chairman Rocker called the meeting to order at approximately 1:11 p.m.
(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes.)

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2. Approval of Minutes

- a. April 14, 2026 Regular Meeting
- b. April 14, 2026 Executive Session
- c. May 21, 2026 Called Meeting
- d. May 21, 2026 Executive Session

Commissioner Garrett commented that he was present at the last four meetings however it was not noted in the minutes.

Motion to approve the April 14, 2026 Regular Meeting and Executive Session minutes and the May 21, 2026 Called Meeting and Executive Session minutes with the addition of Richard Garrett being present.

Motion made by Member Mangum, Seconded by Member Burns.

Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Mangum, Member Manley, Member Wojtas

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Financials

3. Approval of Financials - May 2026

Member Burns reviewed the financials.

Attorney Brown advised issuing another check to Mr. Pat Topping to clear up that old uncleared payment of \$55.10.

Motion to approve the May 2026 Financials.

Motion made by Member Mangum, Seconded by Member Wojtas.

Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Mangum, Member Manley, Member Wojtas

(Copy of financials made a part of the minutes.)

Reports

4. Economic Development Director Report

(Copy of report made a part of the minutes)

- Administrative
- Business & Industry Company Contacts
 - Local Industry
- Workforce Development
 - Putnam College & Career Academy
- Marketing & Branding
 - Marketing
- Project Status
 - Project activity
- Rock Eagle Technology Park
 - Miscellaneous
- South Industrial Park
 - Property overview

Motion to move forward with the Simonton agreement regarding the eight-acre parcel in the South Industrial Park. JW/MM - all yes

Motion made by Member Wojtas, Seconded by Member Mangum.

Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Mangum, Member Manley, Member Wojtas

(Copy of agreement made a part of the minutes.)

Regular Business

5. Discussion and possible action on Marketing Proposal

Executive Director Poyner explained the marketing proposal and advised that this matter has been at a standstill for about six months. Member Wojtas advised that there are some businesses in Greensboro that do marketing/website, that the Middle Georgia Regional Commission should be consulted, and that other proposals are needed before the board can make any decisions. Executive Director Poyner will seek other proposals. No action was taken.

Other Business

6. Other Business

None

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Next Meeting Items

7. Next Meeting Items

Due to the absence of some of the members, the July 14, 2026 PDA meeting will be cancelled.

Executive Session

8. Enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4, if necessary, for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate

Motion to enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for Real Estate.

Motion made by Member Burns, Seconded by Member Manley.

Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Mangum, Member Manley, Member Wojtas

Meeting closed at approximately 1:51 p.m.

Member Mangum left the meeting at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Garrett left the meeting at approximately 3:10 p.m.

9. Reopen meeting and execute Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting

Motion to reopen the meeting and executive the Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting.

Motion made by Member Wojtas, Seconded by Member Burns.

Voting Yea: Chairman Rocker, Member Burns, Member Manley, Member Wojtas

(Copy of affidavit made a part of the minutes.)

Meeting reopened at approximately 3:21 p.m.

10. Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session

No action taken.

Closing

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Member Wojtas, Seconded by Member Manley.

Voting Yea: Chairman Rocker, Member Burns, Member Manley, Member Wojtas

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Walt Rocker III
Chairman

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