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Carroll – Grayson – Galax Regional Industrial Facilities Authority

**Carroll-Grayson-Galax Regional Industrial Facilities
Authority Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, August 24, 2026
Time: 3 :00 PM
Location: Crossroads Institute Café**

1. Call to Order
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Minutes from July 27th Meeting and Treasurer's Report
3. SBDC Report
4. BRCEDA Report
5. Announcements
6. Closed Session – 2.2-3711 (Effective July 1, 2024) Closed meetings authorized for certain limited purposes.
 - a. A (1) Discussion of employment
 - b. A (5) Prospective industry
 - c. A (6) Investment of public funds
 - d. A (8) Consultation with legal counsel
 - e. A (29) Award public contract
7. Adjourn

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Roll Call

- Mike Watson- Carroll County present
- Jody Early- Carroll County present
- Mike Burnette- City of Galax present
- Sharon Ritchie- City of Galax absent
- Steven Boyer - Grayson County present
- Mike Hash- Grayson County present
- Tracy Moore- Carroll alternate absent
- Evan Henck- Galax alternate present
- Paul Richardson- Grayson alternate present
- Others present-
 - Ashlyn Shrewsbury- BRCEDA Director
 - Cathy Stripling- SBDC Director
 - Reid Broughton- Sands Anderson – virtual
 - Ben Alexander- Pluck'd

Call to Order

Mr. Burnette called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

Consent Agenda and Treasures Report

Mr. Boyer made the motion to amend the consent agenda to include Closed Session A (1) Personnel. Mr. Watson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Hash made the motion to approve the amended consent agenda. Mr. Henck seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

SBDC Report

Ms. Stripling reviewed the SBDC report for the board. She informed the board that she is resigning from the position and her last day will be August 10th.

Director's Report

Ms. Shrewsbury provided a summary of her report.

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Announcements

Closed Session

Mr. Watson made a motion to go into closed session for discussions concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community. Mr. Hash seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

End Closed Session and Reconvene Regular meeting.

Mr. Hash made a motion to end closed session and return to regular session. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Adoption of Resolution of Certification of Closed Session

WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Crossroads Economic Development Authority Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative BRCEDA Agenda recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Blue Ridge Crossroads Economic Development Authority Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Blue Ridge Crossroads Economic Development Authority Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting which this certification resolution applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Blue Ridge Crossroads Economic Development Authority Board. The motion was adopted by a Roll Call vote as follows:

Member & Vote

Mike Watson – aye
Jody Early – aye
Mike Burnette – aye
Steven Boyer – aye
Mike Hash – aye
Paul Richardson – aye

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Mr. Boyer made a motion to name Ginny Plant as the Interim SBDC Director, with interim pay, starting August 1st. Mr. Watson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Minus Mr. Henck as he left.)

Mr. Boyer made a motion to allow Pluck'd to make their year one payment in lieu of taxes payment in 5 monthly installments from August through December, due on the 1st of each month, with a 6% interest charge added per annum. Mr. Hash seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted - by Ginny Plant on behalf of Mike Hash, Secretary

Michael Burnette - Chairman

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