

**Warren County Economic Development Commission**  
**501 Hwy 158-Business East**  
**Warrenton, NC 27589**

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting July 17, 2023 - 4:00 P.M.  
Meeting held at Warren County Armory Civic Center

**Members Present:** John Earl Alston, Victor Hunt, Stanley Jones, Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Brady Martin, Brock Pepper, Jim Whitley

**Members Absent:** Jane Ball-Groom, Claude O'Hagan

**Ex-Officio Members Absent:** Wayne Aycock, Mayor of Norlina; Carroll Harris, Mayor of Macon; Walter Gardner, Mayor of Warrenton; Leanne Patrick, Lake Gaston Chamber of Commerce; Keith Sutton, Superintendent of WCPS; Diane Cox, President Kerr-Tar COG; Rachel Desmarais, President VGCC

**Also Present:** Charla Duncan, Community and Economic Development Director; Vincent Jones, County Manager; Rose Ponton, Economic Development Specialist; Mary Lesa Pegg, EDPNC Project Manager; Scott Hadley, County Realtor; Tom White, Director NCSU ED Partnership

The July 17, 2023 meeting of the Warren County EDC Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Brady Martin at 4:01 PM.

Chairman Brady Martin requested all to join him in a moment of silence. Chairman Martin read the conflict-of-interest disclaimer. No conflicts were identified. A quorum was verified.

Chairman Martin asked members to review the July 2023 meeting agenda.

After review, a motion was made by Jim Whitley to set the meeting agenda, seconded by Victor Hunt. Duly carried by a unanimous vote; the July 17, 2023 meeting agenda was set.

Chairman Brady invited board members to review the June 2023 meeting minutes. After review, a motion was made by John Earl Alston to approve the June 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Stanley Jones, and duly carried by a unanimous vote; the June 19, 2023 minutes were approved.

Victor Hunt then made a motion to enter into closed session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) for Industry and Business Location. The motion was seconded by Stanley Jones and carried by a unanimous vote; the board entered into closed session.

After closed session discussion, Brock Pepper made a motion to leave closed session. This motion was seconded by Angelena Kearney-Dunlap and passed with a unanimous vote.

John Earl Alston then made a motion to table all remaining agenda items until the following meeting. This motion was seconded by Angelena Kearney Dunlap and passed with a unanimous vote. All remaining agenda items were then tabled until the following meeting.

During board comments and remarks, Director Duncan was commended for her recent NC EDA Emerging Leader award and a note was made by Angelena Kearney-Dunlap that one of the current statements of interest to serve would expire before the following meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Brock Pepper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Victor Hunt. Duly carried by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.