



A NEW DAY.

**NORTHWEST JACKSONVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND
(NWJEDF) ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY HALL AT ST. JAMES
117 WEST DUVAL ST., SECOND FLOOR, SUITE 250
ZOOM/LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
JACKSONVILLE FL, 32202**

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026 at 3:30 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

Location: City Hall at St. James, 117 West Duval St., Second Floor, Suite 250, Zoom/Large Conference Room, Jacksonville, FL 32202

Advisory Committee Members Present: Valerie H. Jenkins

Advisory Committee Members Present via Zoom: Chair Tillery Durbin, Eun Cho and Edward Rush II

Advisory Committee Members Absent: Vice Chair Cedrick Gibson, Aaron Mitchell, and Philip Elson

Office of Economic Development Staff Present: Brian Bergen, Director of Economic Programs; Sonia Carroll, Director of Operations; Marice Hague, Assistant Project Manager; Michelle Stephens, OED staff

Representing the Office of General Counsel: Daren Anderson

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Durbin called the NWJEDF Advisory Committee meeting to order at approximately 3:40 p.m. Introductions were made. A quorum was not confirmed prior to the meeting, which is why the meeting was scheduled via Zoom and there are no action items on the agenda.

II. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

NWJEDF FINANCIALS UPDATE

Ms. Carroll provided a brief overview of the NWJEDF Financials.

- Three new deals have been added to the project tracking. Baker's Sports, Inc.; Main Street Food Park and Mini Golf; and Springfield Animal Hospital.
- Staff is in the process of reviewing some old projects with balances and if the money can be put back into the NWJEDF. There could be approximately \$1 million coming back into the fund in projects that have not been paid. We have to determine legally if we are able to unencumber the funds.

- It was noted that the deal with Tyson Foods was never codified as they did not meet their employment numbers leaving \$400,000 that could go back into the NWJEDF.
- There are a few projects in default that may also roll back into the NWJEDF. Default letters have been sent out and we are waiting for responses. When a default letter is sent, a company has 30 days to cure or at least notify us and if we do not receive a response, they are terminated.

Mr. Bergen advised that at the request of Kappa Alpha Psi, staff is in the process of submitting legislation to City Council at their April 28, 2026 meeting, to consider extending the completion date for the Dr. C.B. McIntosh Community Achievement Center that was approved for a \$500,000 NW Trust Fund Grant in February 2023. They lost a significant amount of funding due to some federal funding that was pulled back (similar to funding for the Emerald Trail) They are back on track and we are giving them a 24 month extension to complete their project.

III. OLD BUSINESS

No old Business was discussed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Durbin adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:48 p.m.

The next quarterly NWJEDF Advisory Committee meeting date is TBD.

The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed. For verbatim comments, an audio file for the meeting is available upon request. Please contact Michelle Stephens at (904) 255-5452, or by email at msteph@coj.net.