

BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
Griffin-Spalding County Land Bank Authority
February 24, 2025
Spalding County Senior Services Center
885 Memorial Dr. Griffin, GA 30223
9:00 AM

Call to Order

Determination of Quorum

Vice Chairwoman Patricia Beckham presided, convening the meeting at 9:15 AM

Board Members present were Newton Galloway (Chairman,) Patty Beckham (Vice Chair), Bruce Ballard (Treasurer) Cora Flowers and Pamela Sutton. Also present were David Penland (Counsel), David Allen, Michelle Haynes, Eva Morales, Christopher Blocker (Land Bank Authority Manager) and members of the Griffin Housing Authority Staff and Board Members

Approval of Agenda

Call to Motion to approve agenda made by Patty Beckham

Motion to approve agenda made by Cora Flowers. Second by Bruce Ballard. No further discussion and no objection.

Motion approved 5-0

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes for the Regular Scheduled Meeting for January 27, 2025 (Redacted from the agenda)

Public Comments

At this time, the Chairman opens the floor to comments from public. Comments should relate to a specific agenda item. Comments related to property availability can be directed to Christopher Blocker, Land Bank Authority Manager at (678) 544-5292 and cblocker@cityofgriffin.com

Regular Agenda

1. Griffin -Spalding Land Bank Authority Board Workshop Discussion (Blocker)

Griffin-Spalding Land Bank Authority Board Training & Workshop to provide training for the board, city and county partners as well as facilitated discussion regarding the direction for the Authority for 2025 and beyond led by Sara J. Toering with SJT Partners

Christopher introduced Sara J. Toering with SJT Partners to lead the workshop and training session

Griffin-Spalding Land Bank Authority Board Members and attendees learned completed an exercise to understand land bank acquisition procedure

Griffin-Spalding Land Bank Authority Board Members learned about the history of land banks in Georgia and across the country

Griffin-Spalding Land Bank Authority Board Members reviewed maps and determined that the Land Bank Authority would work in clusters for future redevelopment

Griffin-Spalding Land Bank Authority Board Members reviewed identified an area surrounding the Thomaston Mill area as a target area for property disposition.

Authority Member Comments

No additional comments were made

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM