



**ROCK HILL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**Board of Directors Annual Meeting**

**June 10, 2025**

The annual meeting of the Rock Hill Economic Development Corporation (RHEDC) Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 4:30 pm in-person at Brakefield at Riverwalk. Notice of the meeting was sent to all RHEDC members, City Economic Development staff, and media.

**RHEDC Board Members Present:**

John Black, City Council	Jerrienne Jackson	Jim Reno, City Council
Matt Dosch	Jack Leitner	Wes Tuttle
Joanne Fockler	David Vehau, City Manager	Dr. Stacey Moore, Guest Speaker

**RHEDC Board Members Absent**

Dean Faile	Dr. Edward Serna	Joel Hamilton
Robert Alexander	Justin Smith	

**Others Present:**

John Gettys, Mayor	Jason Flora, Staff	Daimen Hoover, Staff
Rick Norwood, Staff	Lisa Brown, Staff	David Lawrence, Staff
Eduardo Venegas, Staff	Elaine Wilmore, Staff	Sabrina Truesdale, Staff
Janice Miller, Staff	Greg Austin	Amanda Baker
Bret Baronak	Tyson Blanton	John Blomberg
Austin Boyd	Roddy Broadnax	Lynda Burke
Kevin Butler	Gretchen Carson	Tyson Clawson
Andy Clinton	Colleen Coesens	Nate Barber
Nathan Mellichamp	Michael Szemon	Diana Brawnbeck
Ashley Hogan	Debbie Gilbert	Rob Buddo
Christopher Potts	Melanie Cooper	Tyler Copeland
Ray Crabb	Miranda Craig	Teresa Curtice
Chris Daly	Ryan Doherty	Harris Douleveris
Mark Farris	Dave Farve	Massie Flippin
Caroline Floyd	Chris Franckhauser	Jamie Frost
Tom George	Kelly Hahn	Stacie Harrison
Watts Huckabee	Manning Kimmel	Sheilah Kimmel
Kaelin Jing	Tyler Lewis	Sandy Martin
Jordan McCraw	Allan Miller	Thomas Monroe
Jen Newendyke	Bobby Plair	Lain Reavis
Cyphese Redfern-Plair	Scott Reynolds	Heidi Reynolds
Felicia H. Robinson	Quanisha Savage	Andy Shene
Gary Simrill	Anthony Smith	Lucinda Sutton
Teresa Thomas	Skip Tuttle	Bob Vande Weghe.
Auggie Wong	Teresa Urquart	Ashely Teasdel, Guest Speaker
James Chappell, Guest Speaker	Susie Shannon, Guest Speaker	

**I. Call to Order and Welcome.....*Matt Dosch, RHEDC Chair***

The meeting was called to order at 4:36pm; RHEDC Board Members Board Members and guests were welcomed.

**II. Board Meeting..... *Matt Dosch, RHEDC Chair***

a. Review and Consider Approval of April 1, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

i. ***(Board unanimously approved the April 1, 2025 minutes)***

b. Review and Consider Approval of Financial Reports as of: March 31, 2025

i. ***(Board unanimously approved the financial reports as of Mar 31, 2025)***

c. Review and Consider Approval of FY26 Budget

i. ***(Board unanimously approved the proposed FY26 budget)***

d. Review and Consider Approval of FY26 Board Composition

i. Re-elections to the Board – propose FY2028 term expirations:

1. Joel Hamilton (appointed 2019)
2. Stacey Moore (appointed 2022)
3. Jim Reno (appointed 1998)
4. David Vehaun (appointed 2010)

ii. New Board members – propose FY2028 term expirations:

1. Nicki Nash, Founders
2. Mitch Miller, York County Ec. Dev.

iii. Slate of Officers/Executive Committee

1. Robert Alexander, Chair
2. Joanne Fockler, Vice-Chair/Treasurer
3. David Vehaun, Secretary/Ex-Officio/Non-voting
4. John Black, Ex-officio
5. Jim Reno, Ex-officio
6. Stacey Moore
7. Joel Hamilton
8. Justin Smith
9. Lisa Brown, Ex-Officio/Non-voting

***iv. Board unanimously approved FY26 Board Composition.***

e. Review and Consider Approval of FY26 Meeting Schedule

i. Board and Committees Social on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

- ii. Bi-monthly Board & Exec Comm meetings opposite one another on every first Tuesday, with Exec Committee beginning Sept 2nd.
  - 1. Full Board: October 14, 2025 at noon – Gathering Space (RHSD + Fort Mill SD are both off the first week of the month)
  - 2. Full Board: April 14, 2026 at noon – Gathering Space (RHSD + Fort Mill SD Week are both off the first week of the month)
- iii. **Board unanimously approved proposed FY26 meeting schedule.**

f. Review and Consider Approval of FY26 Committee Structure

- i. Proposed Committee Chairs:
  - 1. Infrastructure & Development – Joanne Fockler, Pinnacle
  - 2. Workforce Development – Thomas Monroe, SCDEW
  - 3. Small Business & Entrepreneurship – Jerrienne Jackson, Blu J Agency
  - 4. Placemaking – Melanie Cooper, York County Arts Council
- ii. Continuing the standard process for membership started last year:
  - 1. June – Thank committee members + ask if they want to commit for the next FY
  - 2. July – Break
  - 3. August – Committee kick-off social for all members; include RHEDC board members; provide on-boarding for committees w/ calendar, goals, etc.

**III. Social Break**

**IV. Call to Order and Welcome.....*Matt Dosch, RHEDC Chair***  
 The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm; RHEDC Board Members were welcomed.

**V. FY25 Highlights.....*Matt Dosch, RHEDC Chair***

a. Investment & Development Committee

- i. Aspen Business Park
  - 1. C-A-T Resources (Combat Application Tourniquet). A life saving device used by U.S. Military and Allies
  - 2. Business Retention project
  - 3. \$18 M capital investment
  - 4. Retained 200 Jobs – potential for 300
  - 5. Current Cost to complete Aspen Phase 2 international drive extension is \$6,725,000
- ii. U.S. EDA grant was received to complete a technology business ecosystem mapping and attraction project.
  - 1. TIP Strategies prepared this project through data analysis, SWOT analysis and discussions with numerous stakeholders.
  - 2. TIP Strategies is finalizing the final report now.
- iii. The identification of redevelopment sites is ongoing; looking for an opportunity where RHEDC and City of Rock Hill can become involved.

1. The identification and marketing of more properties likely eligible for textile tax credits due to state law amendments is in progress.
- iv. A Voluntary Clean-up Contract (VCC) Policy has been drafted to formalize RHEDC's services and to seek compensation for its efforts.

b. Workforce Development Committee

- i. Grew Diversification of Committee Members and Increased Participation across Agencies and Sectors
  1. 10 in 2024 to 27 members in 2025
- ii. Expanded Opportunity to Educate and Collaborate on WFD Initiatives
  1. Tour Rock Hill School District 3 STEAM Tour
  2. Worked SCMEP to coordinate Advanced Manufacturing Site Visit & Project with Saluda Trail Middle School,
  3. York County Chamber, Catawba Regional DEW, and American Cornhole
  4. Subcommittee organizing EPIC Challenge present solutions for addressing Skills Gap
- iii. Awareness of Future Jobs
  1. STEAM Schools Tour District 3
  2. SCMEP, York County Regional Chamber, SC DEW, and American Cornhole, Saluda Trail Middle School, Advanced Manufacturing Visit
- iv. Talent Pipeline Relaunch with New Small Business Owners
  1. 8 Talent Pipeline Students
  2. 3 Talent Pipeline Upskills

c. Placemaking Committee:

- i. Music and Cultural Trail plans underway
  1. Frontis Brooks Memorial identified as a placemaking site for the Southside and the head of the Music and Cultural trail
- ii. ETV Documentary about Rock Hill Murals – Artists, local businesses, David Platt (Executive Director, SC Arts Commission), city representatives including Mayor Gettys were interviewed for this documentary. Now available online.
  1. Expanded board participation to include individuals with different background and expertise in architecture, planning and landscaping.

d. Small Business & Entrepreneurship Committee:

- i. Two Business Mixers held and sponsored the SBDC Government Contracting event.
  1. Over 55+ Participants on each event, representing businesses across the city
- ii. Student-Made Rock Hill
  1. In partnership with Winthrop University.
  2. Retail store NOW open at The Hickory Post in downtown
  3. Over 15+ Student Creators and 25+ in the pipeline
  4. RHEDC received \$18,000 grant from SC Commerce (SC Stimulate) for the implementation of this program

5. SAVE THE DATE – September 4 – Ribbon Cutting event

- e. Thank you to Matt Dosch for his commitment and leadership throughout the years as RHEDC Chair.

**VI. Keynote Speaker.....Mayor, John Gettys**

- a. *Deputy Secretary of Commerce*
- b. *James Chappell, President & CEO, SCbio*
- c. *Susie Shannon, President & CEO, SC Competes*
- d. *Dr. Stacey Moore, President, York Technical College*

**VII. Wrap Up.....Mayor, John Gettys**

Thank you for attending and looking forward to another year.