



ALLIANCE FOR DADE, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 17, 2026
 Historic Courthouse Event Room

PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE

Quorum Present? **Yes**

| | Name | | Present |
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| Board Directors and Officers | George Williams | Chair | ✓ |
| | Harry Abell | Secretary | ✓ |
| | Marcy Williams | Treasurer | ✓ |
| | Dena Abell | | ✓ |
| | Stacey Prater | | ✓ |
| | Josh Ingle | | ✓ |
| | Hans Pfunder | | |
| | Kathleen Reed | | ✓ |
| | Leisa Cagle | | ✓ |
| | Mark Cagle | | ✓ |
| | William Back | General Counsel | ✓ |
| | Staff | Sandy White | President & CEO |
| Patricia Cloud | | Welcome Center Manager | ✓ |
| Guests | Josh Parham | Chattanooga Industrial Motors | ✓ |

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND ROUTINE MOTIONS

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| Call to Order | George Williams, Chair at 6:00pm |
| Invocation | Harry Abell |
| Pledge of Allegiance | Harry Abell |
| Introduction of Guests | |
| Motion to Approve Minutes from meeting held on January 13, 2026 (as amended with date for next meeting changed to 3/17/26) | Motion by: Stacey Prater Second by: Marcy Williams Vote: Unanimous approval |

TREASURER'S REPORT – Marcy Williams

Financial Reports attached – 2025 Year End and 2026 Year-to-Date

Motion to Accept Financial Report: Harry Abell

Second by: Leisa Cagle

Vote: Unanimous approval

2025 Form 990 Tax Return presented for board approval.

Motion to Accept: Harry Abell

Second by: Kathleen Reed

Vote: Unanimous approval

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Sandy White

President's Report attached.

Sandy also mentioned that results of the survey of Alliance investors showed overwhelming support for the upcoming SPLOST proposal.

Motion to accept the President's Report: Kathleen Reed

Second by: Josh Ingle

Vote: Unanimous approval

TEAM REPORTS

Executive Team – George Williams. Josh Ingle has replaced Carey Anderson as a member of the Executive team.

Finance Team – George Williams. Alliance for Dade bylaws state that any person who holds public office or is a candidate for public office in Trenton, Dade County, or the state of Georgia is ineligible to be an Alliance for Dade Director, Officer, Team Chair or Vice Chair. Since Jane Dixon announced her candidacy for county commissioner, she has resigned from the Alliance board, the Finance Team, and chair of the Jolly Holiday Market. William Back filled in for this evening's finance team review and all financial matters were found to be in good order.

Kathleen Reed has agreed to join the Finance Team moving forward.

Governance Team – Leisa Cagle. Wesley Bethune is interested in joining the board – to be voted at this meeting.

Workforce Development - Hans Pfunder. George filled in for Hans and said Forklift and First Aid Training classes are scheduled. These classes are closer to home for Dade County residents half the cost of the classes offered in Dalton.

Don Townsend and Josh Ingle have met with Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC) to develop training classes in Dade County.

Tourism Funding Team – Marcy Williams. Kathleen Reed agreed to replace Carey Anderson as a member of this team, which reviews and approves tourism funding requests from outside organizations.

Two Mountains Fine Art & Craft Show Team - Marcy Williams. The team has had several meetings and Sarah Moore from the Association of Visual Arts was a guest speaker. She provided several suggestions which are being reviewed and considered by the team.

Jolly Holiday Market Team – With Jane Dixon's resignation, George Williams is interim Team Chair. George invited anyone interested to contact him about becoming the lead. George will set a date for a meeting to begin planning for the 2026 Jolly Holiday event.

Hawthorn Project – George Williams encouraged support for this group. They will be holding a Spring Social on May 30, 2026, to raise awareness of the project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Historic Marker. Stacey Prater and William Back reported that the actual three-corner spot is not easily accessible and proposed that a new marker could be placed at some distance from the original marker. They are working on contacting the property owner(s). More information will be provided at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorandum of Understanding. William Back said an MOU between the Alliance for Dade, Inc. and the Dade Community Fund (DCF) will provide approval to transfer all funds being held by the Alliance for the Hawthorn Project to DCF. This will allow donations to the Hawthorn Project to be tax-deductible for the donors.

Motion to accept MOU: Stacey Prater
Second: Marcy Williams
Vote: Unanimous approval

Board Director Election. Wesley Bethune is being considered for a three-year term as an Alliance for Dade board director.

Motion to accept: Leisa Cagle
Second: Marcy Williams
Vote: Unanimous approval

Election of Officers and Team Chairs scheduled for May meeting. Leisa Cagle said the board will vote to fill these positions at our May 12, 2026, meeting. If anyone is interested in being considered for an Officer or a Team Chair position they should contact her soon.

OPEN FLOOR

George Williams accepted Jane Dixon’s resignation and praised her work on the Alliance board of directors. George reminded us that we can personally vote as we would like, but when representing the Alliance, we must stay politically neutral.

ADJOURNMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE

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| Motion to Adjourn at 6:58 pm | Motion to Adjourn: Josh Ingle Second: Kathleen Reed Vote: Unanimous approval |
| Next Regular Meeting | Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 6:00 pm Dade County Historic Courthouse Event Room on 2 nd floor |
| Attachments | Financial Reports President’s Report |
| Submitted by | Harry Abell, Secretary |
| <i>Note: These Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board</i> | |