



Date: January 15, 2026

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Trumps Catering

Minutes

Members Present:

Marty Clark
John Daniell
Dodd Ferrelle
Doug Haynie
Bruce Henry
Joe Hicks
Todd Higdon
John Howard
Tommie Jennings
Janet Jones
Deborah Krause
Blake McCormack
Wendell McNeal
Carol Meyers
Bill Palmer
Jay Paul
Fred Perriman
Shane Short
Amy Stone
Brad Tucker

Members Absent:

Ronnie Boggs
Phil Brock
Michael Coile
David Eady
Kelly Girtz
Pat Graham
Daniel Graves
Serra Hall
David Hunt
Jesse Johnson
Terry Lawler
Dee Lindsey
Demond Mason
Billy Pittard
Tony Rogers
David Thompson
DeAshley Thurman
William Trimier

Guests Present:

Beth Eavenson, DCA

Staff Present:

Amber Bailey
Mark Beatty
Amy Jones
Michele Kelley
Eva Kennedy
Sophia Primer

Call to Order

Chairperson Shane Short called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. He asked that everyone rise and join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Short informed the attendees that the November 20, 2025 minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. He called for a motion to approve the minutes unless there were any additions or corrections. A motion was made by Mr. Fred Perriman and seconded by Mr. Blake McCormack to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.



Items of Local Interest

Chairperson Short announced that today, two counties would report on items of local interest. Todd Higdon (Madison County) and Blake McCormack (Morgan County) shared items of interest and updates from their respective counties.

Audit & Finance Committee – Mayor Fred Perriman

The Audit & Finance Committee met earlier today and reviewed two (2) items that require Council action. The Committee reviewed the October 2025 financial statements for the 4th month of the fiscal year that reported revenues in excess of expenditures by \$442,499.65. The Committee also reviewed the November 2025 financial statements for the 5th month of the fiscal year that reported revenues in excess of expenditures by \$464,811.72. There is currently 66% of the budget remaining this fiscal year.

Mayor Perriman made motions to recommend Council approval of the October and November 2025 financial statements as presented and was seconded by Mr. John Howard.

Programming and Government Services – John Howard

The PGS Committee met earlier today, and the following 7 project requests require action:

The seven (7) project requests included:

- A request from the Town of Between, City of Loganville, Walton County, Newton County and the City of Nicholson for assistance with their comprehensive plan updates. The fees for this assistance are \$3,000, \$6,000, \$20,000 and \$3,000, respectively.
- A request from Oglethorpe County for assistance with preparing a Transit Development Plan. There is no fee for this assistance.
- A request to assist Elbert County with the facilitation of the annual retreat for the Board of Commissioners. There is no fee for this assistance.

There are no project closeouts.

Based on recommendations by the Executive Director followed by the Committee's review, Mr. Howard made motions to approve these project requests for inclusion in the FY26 program-of-work and was seconded by Mr. Tommie Jennings. The motions passed unanimously.

Executive Committee – Chairperson Short

Chairperson Short stated that the Council needed to ratify the Executive Committee's adoption of the NEGRRC's FY25 Audit Report. Chairperson Short made motions to approve the FY25 Audit Final Report and was seconded by Mr. Fred Perriman. The motions passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report – Eva Kennedy



Executive Director Eva Kennedy greeted the Council and thanked everyone for their attendance. She had no items that required Council action.

NEGRC Closed for Renovations

Executive Director Kennedy stated that the NEGRC would be closed for renovations and staff would work remotely starting January 16.

FY25 Annual Report

Executive Director Kennedy discussed the NEGRC's FY25 Annual Report and stated that it delivered approximately \$13.5 million dollars in programs and services and a \$21 return on investment for every city and county dollar paid in dues.

February Housing Round Table

Executive Director Kennedy stated that a Housing Round Table would be held prior to the next Council meeting on Thursday, February 19 at 11am. She invited city and county staff to attend.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Council, Chairman Short adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Amber Bailey
Amber Bailey, Executive Assistant
Northeast Georgia Regional Commission

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Date Approved