

**SOUTHERN GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

**SPORTS COMPLEX & CIVIC CENTER • 786 AUSTIN AVE., E. • PEARSON, GA 31642  
AUGUST 26, 2021  
11:00 A.M.**

**Members in Attendance:**

Bennett, Neal  
Evans, Joyce  
Gowen, Lee  
King, Barbara  
Maefield, Barbara  
Stone, Keith

**Staff Present:**

Cribb, Lisa  
Dorsey, Rex  
Fowler, Megan  
Strom, Chris  
Vining, Kim

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:** Chair Joyce Evans called the meeting to order and welcomed Executive Committee members, staff and guests.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2021 EXECUTIVE**

**COMMITTEE MEETING:** Chair Evans reminded those present that the minutes of the June 24, 2021 Executive Committee meeting were emailed to members for their review (copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Neal Bennett made a motion to accept the minutes, and Barbara Maefield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING:**

Chair Evans reminded those present that the minutes of the June 24, 2021 Council meeting were emailed to members for their review (copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Barbara Maefield made a motion to accept the minutes, and Neal Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF JUNE 2021 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE**

**REPORT:** Chair Evans reminded those present that a copy of the June 2021 Revenue and Expenditure Report had been emailed to members (copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Barbara King made a motion to accept the June 2021 Revenue and Expenditure Report. Barbara Maefield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SGRC PUBLIC TRANSIT TITLE VI COMPLIANCE**

**PLAN:** Chair Evans called upon SGRC Transit Mobility Coordinator Megan Fowler to present the Resolution to Adopt SGRC Public Transit Title VI Compliance Plan to the executive committee. Ms. Fowler referred committee members to a copy of the resolution in their meeting packets (copy attached and made a part of these minutes). She informed executive committee members that the SGRC council adopted the Public Transit VI Plan in March 2021, and the resolution presented today is to adopt an updated version. She reminded those present that the Public Transit Title VI Plan is a nondiscrimination policy to ensure that all passengers are treated equally and fairly. The plan will protect individuals from discrimination based on race, color, and national origin. Ms. Fowler asked for questions from those present. There being none, Chair Evans called for a motion. Lee Gowen made a motion to adopt the SGRC Transit Title VI Compliance Plan Resolution. Barbara King seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**LENDING PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:** Chair Evans called on SGRC Lending Program Director Rex Dorsey to address the executive committee. Mr. Dorsey referred committee members to the 2021 Loan Program Annual Report in their packets (copy attached and made a part of these minutes). He stated that for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2021, the loan program closed or approved nine traditional loans totaling \$7,686,060; an additional five loans were packaged and approved but not closed, totaling \$3,984,156. Through the CARES Act, the Lending Department participated in funding 97 Second Round Paycheck Protection Program Loans totaling \$3,450,333. The total volume for FY2021 was \$15,120,549. There were 658 jobs created or retained. Mr. Dorsey also reviewed specifics such as the type & location of the businesses assisted, the types of loans, and the participating banks. Mr. Dorsey then concluded his report by reviewing the lending activities of the Southern Georgia loan program since its inception.

**REAPPOINTMENT OF LOAN PROGRAM BOARD MEMBERS:** Mr. Dorsey referred those present to a listing of the current Loan Board of Directors included in their member packets (copy attached and made a part of these minutes). He then reviewed the board composition requirements. Mr. Dorsey stated that the loan board recommended the reappointment of the current board members. Lee Gowen made a motion to accept the recommendation of Reappointment of the Loan Program Board Members, and Barbara Maefield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:** SGRC Assistant Executive Director Chris Strom shared the Annual Performance Evaluation results with the executive committee. He reminded committee members that the evaluation was emailed and that all council members were asked to participate. Mr. Strom directed the committee to a copy of the results from the performance evaluation located in their packets (copy attached and made part of these minutes). The results were separated to show two sets of responses; the council members' responses and the city/county managers' responses. Mr. Strom stated that 28 council members and nine city/county managers had completed the survey. Overall a positive response was given for the Regional Commission and the Executive Director. Mr. Strom asked if there were any questions. There being none, Barbara King made a motion to accept the Annual Performance Evaluation Results, and Keith Stone seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:** With there being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Joyce Evans, Chair

  
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Matt Seale, Secretary