

Bland County Economic Development Authority

Authority Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2025

EDA Conference Room

20 Fairground Street,

Bland, VA 24315

Call to Order:

Mr. Havens, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

The following authority members attended the meeting:

Mr. James Starks

Mr. Timothy Havens

Mr. Wade Hall

Mrs. Linda Townley

Mr. John Martin

Mr. John Babbitt

Mr. Andy Davis

Members Absent: *none*

Others present:

Mr. Stephen Kelly, Board of Supervisor Member

Mrs. Cameron Burton, County Administrator

Ms. Teresa Tolbert, EDA Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and Invocation

Mr. Martin led the pledge and offered an invocation.

AGENDA/MINUTES/TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVAL

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the agenda with addition of contract clarification—Dough Boys, transfer of funds, and school board's invitation to teacher convocation. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve June 9, 2025, meeting minutes. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report tabled, pending arrival of Treasurer Townley.

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NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Martin made a motion to transfer \$16,000 from the EDA money market account to the operating checking account to cover Building 9 renovation costs. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Davis made a motion to allow Dough Boys to make the lease and loan payments on the first day of each month or the fifteenth day of each month. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Authority to provide some EDA items to be distributed at the teacher convocation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Projects update. Mrs. Burton provided a project update.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Martin made the following motion: "Pursuant to Section 2.2 – 3711 (A) (5) and (47) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Bland County Economic Development Authority convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussion of prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding, *more specifically Project Precision's loan/performance agreement, and discussion or consideration of a grant to Project Daycare.* This motion was seconded by Mr. Hall. Motion passed.

Mrs. Townley and Mr. Babbitt enter meeting.

The Authority retired into closed session.

OPEN SESSION AND CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Martin made the motion that the EDA return to open session. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Martin made the following motion: "Pursuant to Section 2.2 – 3712 of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Bland County Economic Development Authority team while in closed session discussed only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements as previously stated in Virginia Law and that only such matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered." This motion was seconded by Mr. Hall. Member roll call: Mrs. Townley – yes; Mr. Starks– yes; Mr. Babbitt–yes; Mr. Martin – yes; Mr. Havens –yes, Mr. Davis—yes, and Mr. Hall– yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Townley made a motion to grant \$4,000 to Kids Kikkin It program along with a signed performance agreement. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Townley made a motion to authorize Mrs. Burton to negotiate loan agreement with Project Precision representative and bank per stipulations of the Authority. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Mrs. Townley presented the Treasurer's report. Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Babbitt. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

August 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at EDA Conference Room.