

Technology & Entrepreneurship Advisory Board
Special Called Meeting
Minutes – June 26, 2025

1. Call to Order: Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
2. Roll Call: Chairman Richardson; Directors Boman, Kennedy, Rhoades, and Pearson were present.

Director Vellidis and Ritchie were absent.

Staff: Tabitha Clark – Communications Director, and Joni Ary – Recording Clerk.

Guest(s): None.

3. Citizens with Input - None.

4. New Business

- a. Discuss venue options for the July/August Speaker Series Event.

Ms. Clark asked if the Board concurred with the venue location for the next Speaker Series to be held at Perfect Pear. All members concurred with the recommendation.

Ms. Clark requested two dates for the event: a primary date and a backup date, in case the venue is booked on the first date, allowing the second one to serve as a backup. Following discussion by the Board, the primary date would be July 24th, and the secondary date would be August 7th. All members concurred with the two dates for the event. Ms. Clark stated that if the Board were in agreement, they would have hors d'oeuvres for the event. The Board concurred with the recommendation.

The next Speaker Series event will be held at the Perfect Pear restaurant on either July 24th or August 7th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, with hors d'oeuvres served at the event. All members concurred with the recommendation, which was approved unanimously.

5. Staff Items

- a. Monthly Updates.

Ms. Clark stated that the City of Perry's Independence Day Celebration will be held on July 4th from 7:00 to 10:00 pm in Historic Downtown Perry.

Ms. Clark stated that Ms. Alicia Hartley will return from maternity leave on July 7, 2025. Ms. Clark also wishes to congratulate Ms. Harley on the 2025 Georgia Downtown Ambassador award.

6. Member Items:

Director Kennedy requested more information regarding Perry's Strategic Planning, specifically for the development of East Perry, including street names. Ms. Clark stated that she would get that information to Director Kennedy.

Director Bowman asked about the development on Sam Nunn Boulevard. Ms. Clark stated that the infrastructure upgrades were for the new Jack Link's facility.

Director Rhoades suggested that some Board members might find the Middle Georgia Regional Commission classes beneficial for learning more about the Strategic Planning process, or perhaps attending the Perry Leadership class offered through the Perry Area Chamber of Commerce.

Chairman Richardson stated that on Wednesday at 5:30 am, he will be a guest on 13 WMAZ with Mr. Paul Allen for the Workforce Wednesday series. Chairman Richardson also distributed information on the "Live2Lead" conference, hosted by John Maxwell, which will take place on August 26, 2025, in Orlando, FL.

7. Adjournment – As there was no further business to come before the Board, Director Rhoades motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Bowman seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm.