

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
MEETING

Proceedings held on Thursday, July 10, 2025,
commencing at 2:00 p.m., at the Jacksonville Public
Library, 303 North Main Street, Multipurpose Room,
Jacksonville, Florida, before Diane M. Tropa, FPR, a
Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at Large.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

LINZEE OTT, Chair.
MATT BROCKELMAN, Board Member
KEVIN CRAIG, Board Member.
ENNIS DAVIS, Board Member.
PETER DEIULIIS, Board Member.
JOSEPH LORETTA, Board Member.

ALSO PRESENT:

GUY PAROLA, DIA, Operations Manager.
VAN CHRISTIANSEN, DIA, Redevelopment Coordinator.
DYLAN REINGOLD, Office of General Counsel.
CHRIS MILLER, City Council Member/Liaison.
AVA HILL, DIA, Administrative Assistant.

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1 MS. HILL: Ava Hill, DIA.
2 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Hi.
3 City Council, Chris Miller.
4 THE CHAIRWOMAN: And Chair Linzee Ott.
5 Thank you, Council Member, for being here
6 as well.
7 So we have no old business on the agenda
8 today. We actually, as far as I know, as far
9 as new business, have officer elections on the
10 agenda. This is a -- again, our bylaws are
11 really funky that we do this segmented. We
12 choose a chair different -- in a different
13 process than we choose the rest of the
14 officers.
15 So, staff, do you have a report?
16 MS. CHRISTIANSEN: So just per our bylaws,
17 yeah, as the chair mentioned, at the July
18 meeting the DDRB board members will elect a
19 chair for the upcoming year, so we're just
20 looking at you all to, you know, entertain a
21 motion to elect a chair.
22 Following that, the chair will nominate --
23 will actually select -- appoint -- excuse me --
24 shall appoint two members to a Nominating
25 Committee. The Nominating Committee shall meet

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S
2 July 10, 2025 2:00 p.m.
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4 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. It is officially
5 2:00 p.m. We are going to call the July 10th
6 DDRB meeting to order.
7 We have a short agenda today, y'all, and I
8 appreciate you being here for this, getting
9 downtown for this.
10 So we'll do introductions real quick just
11 for the record and then get into it.
12 Mr. Deiuliis, do you want to start?
13 BOARD MEMBER DEIULIIS: Peter Deiuliis,
14 DDRB member.
15 BOARD MEMBER LORETTA: Joseph Loretta,
16 DDRB member.
17 BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Ennis Davis, DDRB
18 member.
19 BOARD MEMBER BROCKELMAN: Matt Brockelman,
20 DDRB member.
21 BOARD MEMBER CRAIG: Kevin Craig, DDRB
22 member.
23 MR. REINGOLD: Dylan Reingold with the
24 Office of General Counsel.
25 MR. PAROLA: Guy Parola, DIA.
MS. CHRISTIANSEN: Van Christiansen, DIA.

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1 to discuss a slate for vice chair and
2 secretary, and that slate will be presented to
3 the board as a whole at the next regular
4 meeting in August. So the Nominating Committee
5 would have to meet prior to the August 14th
6 board meeting.
7 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Great. We love those
8 simplistic bylaws.
9 Okay. I guess we will open it up for
10 discussion -- nominations, discussion,
11 questions for sure.
12 MR. PAROLA: Madam Chair --
13 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Parola.
14 MR. PAROLA: -- so we don't forget, if you
15 could quickly approve the minutes, and then go
16 into it, that would be great.
17 THE CHAIRWOMAN: That is an excellent
18 point. Thank you.
19 Yes, addressing the June -- I don't
20 remember the date. Does somebody remember the
21 date?
22 MR. PAROLA: The 26th.
23 THE CHAIRWOMAN: The 26th -- thank you --
24 June 26th DDRB minutes. Has everybody had a
25 chance to review? Any edits, amendments?

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1 BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.)
2 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay? Motion --
3 BOARD MEMBER CRAIG: Motion to approve the
4 June 26th meeting minutes.
5 BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Second.
6 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Motion by
7 Mr. Craig, second by Mr. Davis.
8 All those in favor of approving the
9 minutes signify by saying aye.
10 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
11 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Any opposed?
12 BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.)
13 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. The minutes are
14 approved.
15 Thank you.
16 Now we will open it up to discussion,
17 questions, nominations from the board.
18 You are recognized, Mr. Brockelman.
19 BOARD MEMBER BROCKELMAN: Thank you, Madam
20 Chair.
21 If the floor is open for nominations, I'd
22 like to nominate our current chair, Ms. Linzee
23 Ott, to serve a second term.
24 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you,
25 Mr. Brockelman.

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1 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Brockelman nominated,
2 Mr. Davis seconded.
3 Okay. All of those in favor of approving
4 the motion to retain me as chair signify by
5 saying aye.
6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
7 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Any opposed?
8 BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.)
9 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you all for your
10 vote of confidence and support. That's very
11 kind.
12 Okay. I will next --
13 MR. PAROLA: (Indicating.)
14 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Yes, Mr. Parola.
15 MR. PAROLA: Thank you. Sorry I'm -- I
16 keep interrupting you today, Madam Chair. My
17 apologies.
18 If I could offer an unsolicited
19 observation about Nominating Committees.
20 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.
21 MR. PAROLA: I have seen them work
22 successfully when the chair has asked, by a
23 show of hands, who amongst the board has
24 previously served as chair or vice chair.
25 THE CHAIRWOMAN: And seeing those present,

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1 Received. I would be willing to serve a
2 second term if so chosen.
3 BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I agree with that
4 nomination.
5 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Is that a -- do we need a
6 second? Is that a motion?
7 MR. REINGOLD: Typically, the way I see it
8 handled -- and I must admit, this is the first
9 DDRB meeting I've covered, but typically you
10 have a nomination and a second. And then,
11 typically, what happens is you open up the
12 floor for -- if there are any other
13 nominations. And then if there aren't any, you
14 kind of just move forward with that.
15 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you, Mr. Reingold.
16 This is unusual from other boards that
17 I've also sat on, so thank you.
18 BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I'll second that
19 nomination.
20 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Any other
21 discussion or questions?
22 BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.)
23 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. I guess I'll call
24 for a vote on the motion?
25 (Discussion held off the microphone.)

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1 I think that would be Mr. Loretta and
2 Mr. Brockelman and myself.
3 Yep. So knowing that, is there, first,
4 anybody who would be willing to volunteer to
5 serve on the Nominating Committee?
6 BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: (Indicating.)
7 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Mr. Davis
8 volunteers. I've got my first taker.
9 Do I have a second?
10 BOARD MEMBER DEIULIIS: (Indicating.)
11 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Mr. Deiuliis.
12 Okay. I think we should be -- and myself,
13 I will probably also sit on that. I think the
14 bylaws -- I think I'm included. Okay. So that
15 is three members.
16 Do we need to approve that? No, because I
17 will just go ahead and appoint Mr. Deiuliis and
18 Mr. Davis and myself as the Nominating
19 Committee.
20 MR. REINGOLD: Yes. And per your bylaws,
21 the chair shall be a voting ex-officio member
22 of each committee of which he or she is not a
23 regular member.
24 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Perfect.
25 Okay. So, again, that is Mr. Deiuliis,

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1 Mr. Davis, and myself for the Nominating
2 Committee. And we will meet prior to
3 August 14th. We'll find some time to do that.
4 Is there any further discussion or
5 business? Or we can move to public comment.
6 (No response.)
7 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay.
8 MS. HILL: I do not have any public
9 comment.
10 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Thank you,
11 Ms. Hill.
12 All right. Board Members, staff, any
13 further business?
14 (No response.)
15 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you. I appreciate
16 it. I truly, truly, sincerely appreciate you
17 all being here in person and getting here for
18 this meeting. You guys are -- you guys are
19 great.
20 And, with that, we will adjourn at 2:07,
21 and we'll see you in August.
22 (The foregoing proceedings were adjourned
23 at 2:07 p.m.)
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