

A meeting of the Downtown Development Board was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at City Hall, 400 South Orange Avenue, Second Floor, Veterans Conference Room, Orlando, Florida. Chair Eugene Jones called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. noting a quorum was present.

Board Members Present Dr. Eugene Jones, *Chairman*
Kimberly Stewart, *Vice Chair*
Jason Chin
Steve Garrity

Board Member Absent Rachel Moalli

Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board Member Absent
Kelly Martinez Semrad, *Orange County Commissioner*

Staff Present

David Barilla, Executive Director
Justin Eason, Assistant Director
Dr. Kristen Holmes, Assistant Director
Stacey Adams, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Felix Roman, Board Secretary
Alejandra Caceres, Interactive Media Coordinator
Brooke Devon M. Rimmer-Bonnett, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Charles Zollars, Economic Development Coordinator
Christel Brooks, Fiscal Coordinator
Christina Hyson, Project Manager
Eric Ushkowitz, Business Development Division Manager
Gerhard van der Snel, Facilities Supervisor
Jeremiah Caret, Project Manager
Juliana Bernal Guinand, Project Manager
Kelly Allen, Marketing and Communications Manager
Kiara Alamo-Valentin, Marketing and Communications Intern
Manuel Ospina, Economic Development Coordinator
Martin Hudson, Chief Urban Project Manager
Mary-Stewart Droege, Project Manager
Michael Whiteman, Economic Development Coordinator
Molly Diaz, Fiscal Manager
Paul Lewis, Chief Planning Manager

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kimberly Stewart and seconded by Steve Garrity to approve the February 26, 2025, Downtown Development Board meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Executive Director's Report

David Barilla, Executive Director

David Barilla presented a PowerPoint to the Board that provided updates on downtown businesses, the nighttime economy, and recent and upcoming events such as:

- CRA Acquisitions
- AEDs on LYMMO buses
- 407 Connect
- Lake Eola nomination for Best City Park by USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Awards

- 407 Day savings at Discover Downtown
- Walk for Wishes on March 27, 2025
- Bike to Work Day on March 28, 2025
- Spring Fiesta in the Park from April 5-6, 2025
- UCF Celebrates the Arts from April 1-13, 2025
- New staff update:
 - Juliana Bernal Buinand, Project Manager
 - Manuel Ospina, Economic Development Coordinator
 - Molly Diaz, Fiscal Division Manager

New Business

None

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Downtown Development Board will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Veterans Conference Room.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Downtown Development Board, Chair Dr. Eugene Jones adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.



David Barilla
Executive Director



Felix Romar
Board Secretary