



**Charlottesville Economic Development Authority (CEDA)
Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2026**

Members Present

Steve Johnson
Denise Herndon
Quinton Harrell
Jay O'Donnell

Staff Present

Chris Engel
Jenny Biche
Trish Carpenter

Not Present

Addison Barnhardt
James Cauthen
Gareth Gaston

A meeting of the Charlottesville Economic Development Authority occurred on Tuesday, July 14th, 2026, at CitySpace. The Vice Chair, Mr. O'Donnell, called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

Mr. O'Donnell, the Vice Chair, asked if there was any public comment, no public comments noted.

Mr. O'Donnell asked the Board members if there were any comments or questions regarding the June 9, 2026, meeting minutes or the financial report for May 2026. There being no comments or questions, the Vice Chair asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, motion moved by Mr. Johnson, second by Ms. Herndon, all in favor. Motion passed.

First order of business was an update on Goal 3: Pathways for Opportunity & Charlottesville Talent Network. With the reconfiguration of the City Manager's office, the Office of Economic Development was asked to reassume oversight and management of the Downtown Job Center. Following an assessment of the program and review of the current services available to job seekers a new reimagined program will launch this fall. Jenny Biche, Workforce Development Program Manager presented to the Board an overview of the program, now labeled - Cville Talent Network (CTN). The presentation discussed how there will be connections between the nonprofits and existing organizations within the City and CTN to be mindful of not duplicating services and better servicing job seekers and city businesses in meeting their specific needs.

Mr. Engel reminded the Board about the joint EDA meeting with the County scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th. Currently on the agenda are two items – a presentation on the Innovation Corridor report and a presentation on the economic impact and opportunity of outdoor recreation in our area.

There being no further business, Mr. O'Donnell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, so moved by Ms. Herndon, second by Mr. Johnson, all present in favor. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:23 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris Engel", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Engel, Secretary

Date Approved by CEDA