



ROCKDALE PLANNING COMMISSION
April 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM
Rockdale County Assembly Hall
901 N Main St NW, Conyers, GA, 30012

MINUTES

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MEMBERS' PRESENT:

John Lee Peterson, Chair
Marlessia Yancey, Vice Chair
Danny Forrester, Commissioner
Ernestine Stovall-Goolsby,
Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Brandon White, Director
Lara Parker, Deputy Director
Jessica Pollet, Project Manager
Aischa Paul, Admin. Operations Coordinator
Kierston McDaniel, Development Plan Review Specialist
Ryan Saddler, Planner
Bill Spivey, Senior Planner
Jenniffer Rutledge, Director of Government Affairs
County Clerk

1. **Call to Order:** John Lee Peterson, Chair; called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. for the items on the agenda. The agenda is attached hereto and is now made a part of these minutes.
 - A. Invocation: Commissioner Danny Forrester
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
2. **Determination of a Quorum**
 - a. Roll Call
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Ms. Pollet directed the Chairman to amend the agenda due to an error in the meeting time; it should have stated 3:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. She also recommended removing the approval of the minutes because of the inaccurate time listed on the agenda. Jennifer Rutledge further explained to the Board that the meeting had been lawfully posted; however, due to the clerical error in the stated time, and out of an abundance of caution, she recommended that the Board refrain from voting on any items because of concerns related to the Open Meetings Act.

Vice Chair Yancey moved to amend the agenda by removing Item 4 and acknowledging the clerical error in the amended agenda. Commissioner Forrester seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Approval of the Minutes:** Removed from the agenda pursuant to the amendment approved under Item 3. No action was taken.

5. **Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings:** The Rules for Public Hearing were not read into the record because the proceeding was conducted as a mock trial format.
6. **Old Business:** None
7. **New Business:**

ITEM R-1:	Mock Public Hearing
PURPOSE:	To provide training commission members from County Staff.
APPLICANT:	County Staff

STAFF REPORT Planner Ryan Saddler presented the case files and provided an overview of the staff report. Ms. Saddler stated that all materials and information presented were for training purposes only and did not pertain to the actual case.

THE APPLICANT: County Staff

PUBLIC COMMENTS: N/A

PLANNING COMMISSION QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Commission members posed questions to staff and discussed matters related to the mock rezoning application and associated conditions presented for training purposes.

BOARD VOTE/ RECOMMENDATION: No formal vote or recommendation was taken by the Planning Commission due to concerns related to the clerical error in the posted meeting time and compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

ITEM R-2:	UDO Work Session
PURPOSE:	To provide commission members with a technical review of the draft Unified. Development Ordinance (UDO) from County staff
APPLICANT:	County Staff

STAFF REPORT: Project Manager Jessica reviewed the Unified Development Ordinance and requested feedback from the Board for consideration and inclusion in the final draft.

THE APPLICANT: County Staff

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

N/A

PLANNING COMMISSION QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Board members questioned some of the changes and how they would work for the county.

8. Reports:

- A. The Board of Commissioners will hold the Zoning Public Hearing for county items in person at 6:00 PM at 901 Main Street NW, Conyers, GA 30012, in the auditorium.
- B. The Next Regularly Scheduled Planning Commission Meeting will be in person on.

Date	Day	Time	Location	Address
May 14, 2026	THU	6:00 PM	Assembly Hall	901 Main St NW, Conyers, GA, 30012

9. Adjournment:

Vice Chair Yancey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Forrester seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.