



**Columbia Area  
Development Partnership**  
Richland County's Economic Engine

**Columbia Area Development Partnership (CADP)  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 30, 2026 | 11:00 AM  
Mark Anthony Brewing  
3160 Shop Road  
Columbia, SC 29209**

**Jesica Mackey, Co-Chair   Damon Jeter, Co-Chair**

**Board Members Present:** Jesica Mackey, Co-Chair; Damon Jeter, Co-Chair; Stephen Cutler, Secretary; Kim Smith, Treasurer; Rick Shippey; Tracy Dunn; Paul Livingston

**Staff Present:** Jeff Ruble; Kate Bugby; Carrie Turner; Terry Wise

**Guest Present:** Beth Webb

**Call to Order:** Co-Chair Mackey called the meeting to order at 11:12 am.

- I. **Adoption of Agenda:** Co-Chair Mackey called for a motion to adopt the agenda, so moved by Mr. Livingston and seconded by Co-Chair Jeter. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.
- II. **Approval of 01-26-26 Meeting Minutes:** Co-Chair Mackey called for a motion to approve the minutes from January 26, 2026 meeting of the Board of Directors, so moved by Mr. Jeter and seconded by Ms. Smith. Upon unanimous vote the motion carried.
- III. **Financial Report:** Kate Bugby gave a detailed report of finances. FY 2026 Budget vs Actuals July 2025-February 2026
- IV. **Items for Action/Discussion:**

**A. Executive Session**

1. **Project Explorer:** Jeff Ruble

**Executive Session:** Co-Chair Mackey called for a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:15 am., so moved by Mr. Livingston and seconded by Ms. Smith. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**Out of Executive Session:** Co-Chair Mackey called for a motion to come out of Executive Session at 11:23pm., so moved by Dr. Cutler and seconded by Co-Chair Jeter. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

***No action taken in Executive Session.***

**B. Open Session**

**1. Project Explorer:** Co-Chair Jeter made a motion to accept the recommendation of staff as discussed in executive session. Seconded by Ms. Smith, upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**2. CADP 101: Jeff Ruble**

Jeff Ruble gave a detailed presentation to the board, describing the work of the CADP. Allowing for a deeper understanding of the role the CADP plays in supporting economic growth across the Columbia region, and the broader economic development ecosystem. Jeff gave insight into how the CADP and our Board work together as active partners in recruiting and securing high-impact, high -priority projects; while also defining the CADP's role as Richland County's lead economic development authority to connect people and align resources.

**3. Industry in Action Tour: Mark Anthony Brewing: Rick Shippey**

Rick Shippey, Plant General Manager for MAB gave the Board members and staff a guided tour of the MAB facility. With the necessary safety protocols in place, the tour showcased the receiving, processing, production and packaging of their products, utilizing state of the art computer systems and advanced automated systems to include Automated Guided Vehicles (AGV) (driverless forklifts.) It was impressive and informative. The Board members and staff enjoyed the experience.

**V. Adjourn:** Co-Chair Mackey called for a motion to adjourn, so moved by Dr. Cutler and seconded by Co-Chair Jeter, approved unanimously without debate. Meeting adjourned at 1:07pm.