

Board Members in Attendance (term expiration):

X	Susana Vazquez (2026)	X	Julie Smitherman (2028)
	Sean Hilty (2026)	X	Kirk Lightfoot (2028)
X	Marissa Wilson (2026)	X	Ken Jones (2028)
	Stephanie Benitez (2026)	X	Clay Nordan (2028)
X	Wesley Hallman (2026)	X	Kathy King (2028)
X	Tonia Mayton (2027)	X	Courtney Bennett (Ex Officio)
X	Patricia Honeycutt (2027)	X	Mayor Nix (Ex Officio)
X	Jackie Chappell (2027)	X	Adele Nelson (Ex Officio)
X	Susan Lehman (2027)		Junior Mayor (Ex Officio)
X	Sarah Hogan Shaw (2027)		MDCD Representative (Ex Officio)
		X	UM President (Ex Officio)

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

President Kirk Lightfoot called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM. Council member Lelia Mitchell and Dr. Michelle Johnston, President of UM, were welcomed. All members present introduced themselves.

Minutes were reviewed from the meeting on July 9, 2026. *On a motion by Patricia Honeycutt, seconded by Jackie Chappell, minutes were approved as presented.*

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sarah Hogan Shaw presented a report dated 8/10/26 indicating:

- Income Statement (Profit & Loss for 7/6-8/10): -\$534.98
- Balance Sheet (as of 8/10): \$52,287.22
- Outstanding checks: \$1,210.68
- Net Statement Balance (as of 8/10): \$51,076.54

Revenue Sources

- **Membership Dues: \$2,485 (YTD: \$7,363.05)**
 - **President's Circle:** Montevallo Development Cooperative District, Bradford Real Estate Group
 - **General Level:** Main Street Tavern, Anderson Eye Care, Montevallo Realty
 - **Individual:** Dr. Michael S. Miller
- **Interest from Commercial Sweep (now retained within sweep instead of being deposited into Checking Account):**
 - \$94.22

- **Business Basics:** \$75.56
 - 8 tickets sold
- **CO.STARTERS Course Fees:** \$199
 - 2 collected (including one scholarship from Montevallo Chamber of Commerce)
- **Veteran Banners:** \$292.05
 - 1 sold

On a motion by Susan Lehman, seconded by Patricia Honeycutt, the financial reports were approved as presented.

President's Report

President Kirk Lightfoot reported that the following representatives plan to attend Summit of Excellence in Enterprise (Aug. 19-21): Courtney, Tonia, Susan, Herman, Patricia, Marissa, Kirk, and Lelia attending full conference; Susana and Jackson to attend banquet only. He also reported that the proposed murals to be completed by Bill Beebe at 604 Main Street and 620 Valley Street, to be paid for by a grant from Main Street Alabama, were both approved with the goal to be completed mid-September. He also noted that the District gateway signs provided to us by Main Street Alabama are still undergoing the approval process from ALDOT.

Committee Reports

Organization Committee:

No report.

Design Committee:

Committee Chair, Julie Smitherman, reported that the 250 design will be displayed at the Post Office photo frame all year; the Holiday Storefront Decorating Contest and tree were discussed; 3 more Façade Grants are underway; and orders are still being accepted for Veteran Banners.

Promotion Committee:

Committee Chair, Sarah Hogan Shaw, reported that the Craft Party to welcome incoming UM students will be held the following Sunday; Dia de Muertos Festival will be held November 1, and a new website for that event has been developd; retail promotion ideas were discussed, our advertising partnership with Piper Peach Radio and Montevallo Chamber of Commerce was discussed, and information will be solicited by participating businesses to see how their experience is going; Cynthia Bertolone's Luau event was discussed, and all were appreciative that she is taking the lead in this effort.

Economic Vitality Committee:

Committee Chair, Ken Jones, reported that CO.STARTERS is underway; improvements on Highway 25 such as the renovated car wash and new O'Reilly Auto Parts were discussed; an opportunity to advertise at the Post Office counter was discussed.

Executive Director's Report

Activity Report

Courtney Bennett reported that she met with Dean Robicheaux, Melissa and Adele about Business Basics 2027, and with Shane Welch with Eternal Family Legacy on July 14; she attended the Montevallo Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on July 15; she participated in the Housing Study Site Visit July 20-22; she was on the Morning Mayhem Show with Adele – Piper Peach Media on August 6; and facilitated parts of the Auburn Across Alabama visit to Montevallo on August 10.

Business Transitions

- **Opened this month:**
 - n/a
- **Opening soon:**
 - The Brick Loft (727 Middle Street), date TBA
- **Ownership transition:**
 - 950 Main Street (former KFC), under contract
- **Business closings & relocations:**
 - n/a
- **Properties for sale/rent within the District:**
 - **Sale:**
 - Former Montevallo Office Plaza: call Keith Shamblin at (205) 515-1752
 - 955 Main Street (former Blue Phrog Gallery): call Nathan Stamps at (205) 665-0095
 - 628-626 Main Street (former El Agave and Lucky Penny): call Susana Vazquez at (205) 796-5429
 - Lot on Island Street for sale or build to suit—listed by Bob Nesbitt, (205) 939-8219
 - **Rent:**
 - None reported

University of Montevallo Report

Wesley Hallman gave a report on the University of Montevallo.

City of Montevallo Report

Mayor Rusty Nix reported on the status of various projects throughout the city.

Old Business

- Volunteer hours were collected.

New/Other Business

- None.

Announcements/Upcoming Events

- **Sunday, August 16:** Promotion Committee will host their Annual Craft Party for incoming UM students from 1-4 PM at Parnell Memorial Library.
- **Monday, August 17:** The final Montevallo Farmers' Market of the 2026 season will be held from 3-6 PM at 660 Main Street (behind Montevallo First Baptist Church). Hosted by Montevallo Chamber of Commerce.
- **Wednesday, August 19:** Montevallo Chamber of Commerce hosts their monthly luncheon at Parnell Memorial Library. Networking begins at 11:30 AM and lunch (\$15) starts at noon. This month's "Back to School" luncheon will feature updates from principals of Montevallo Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. Sponsored by Regions Bank. RSVP to montevallochamber@gmail.com or (205) 665-1519 by August 14.
- **August 18-21:** Representatives from Montevallo Main Street will attend Main Street Alabama's Summit of Excellence conference in Enterprise.
- **Wednesday, September 2:** Main Street Alabama will conduct their annual accreditation site visit.
- **Saturday, September 12:** Alabama's premier, all-woodworking Tinglewood Festival will celebrate "Shavings, Smoke, and Sound" during its 8th year in Montevallo's Orr Park on September 12, 2026. This All Star Shelby County Tourism and Recreation Award winning event will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.
- The SEA Gala, Luau Event on September 19, and Block Party to be hosted by the Made in Montevallo Foundation, were noted as well.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2026.

On a motion by Julie Smitherman, seconded by Ken Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marissa Wilson, Secretary