



**Georgia Department of Economic Development Board of Directors Meeting  
Cloudland at McLemore Resort Lookout Mountain – Skyline Ballroom A  
Wednesday, August 6, 2025 | 2:00 pm**

2:00 pm	<b>Meeting Convenes Vote: May 2025 Minutes</b>	<b>Chairman Jay Neely</b>
2:05 pm	<b>Welcome to McLemore Resort</b>	<b>Mike Burton, President</b> McLemore Resort
2:15 pm	<b>Hello from Dade County</b>	<b>Sandy White, President &amp; CEO</b> Alliance for Dade
2:20 pm	<b>Regional State Parks and Cloudland Canyon Update</b>	<b>Brad Gibson, Region 1 Manager</b> Georgia State Parks
2:45 pm	<b>Floyd County Update</b>	<b>Lisa Smith, Executive Director</b> <b>Ann Hortman, Rome Sports Director</b> Georgia's Rome Office of Tourism
3:10 pm	<b>Visit Dalton GA Update</b>	<b>Margaret Thigpen, Director of Tourism</b> Dalton Convention & Visitors Bureau
3:30 pm	<b>Break</b>	
3:45 pm	<b>Statewide Tourism Update</b>	<b>Jay Markwalter, Statewide Tourism Director</b> Georgia Department of Economic Development
4:15 pm	<b>Commissioner's Report</b>	<b>Pat Wilson, Commissioner</b> Georgia Department of Economic Development
4:30 pm	<b>Economic Development Update</b>	<b>Spencer Hogg – Moderator – President &amp; CEO</b> NW GA JDA <b>County Commissioners</b> <b>Don Townsend</b> - Dade County <b>Steven Henry</b> - Catoosa County <b>Andy Allen</b> - Chattooga County
5:00 pm	<b>Closing Remarks &amp; Adjourn</b>	<b>Chairman Jay Neely</b>