



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
*for*  
**Community & Economic Development  
Organization (CEDO) of Gadsden County, Inc.**

**March 14, 2022**

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# COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (CEDO)

## ----- AGENDA -----

March 14, 2022 - 6:00 P.M.

**Presiding: Rev. Tony Hannah, Board Chairperson**

CALL TO ORDER .....	Chairperson
PRAYER .....	Board Member
ROLL CALL.....	Chairperson
ADOPTION OF BOARD MINUTES .....	Chairperson
February 15, 2022 – Board Meeting	
CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS .....	Guests
COMMITTEE REPORTS	
Crossroad Advisory Committee	
Executive Finance Committee	
OLD/NEW BUSINESS.....	Chairperson
Crossroad Academy Accreditation	
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT .....	Mr. Al M. Gunn
ADJOURNMENT.....	Chairperson

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### **Mission Statement**

“CEDO is committed economically, socially, educationally and politically to improving the lives of the disadvantaged citizens of the Gadsden County community. This commitment starts with every man, woman and child with identified needs, and extends throughout the community.”

**CEDO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**February 15, 2022**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm by Rev. Daniel Wells. Ms. Geraldine Smith led the group in prayer.

**Roll Call**

Board members present were: Mrs. Brenda Banks, Dr. Alicia Jackson, Mr. Cleveland Kelly, Jr., Ms. Monica Proctor, Ms. Geraldine Smith, Ms. Ida Thompson, and Rev. Daniel Wells.

Board Member Ms. Audria Flowers, Rev. Tony Hannah, Ms. Beatrice Hopkins, Mrs. Kerwyn Wilson were absent.

Also present were: Mr. Al Gunn (Executive Director), Dr. Kevin Forehand (Principal) and Ms. Roxanne Johnson (Administrative Assistant). Ms. Millie Forehand (Guest) was also in attendance.

**Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Cleveland Kelly, Jr. offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Geraldine Smith, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 Board Meeting with necessary corrections. The motion carried.

**Citizens Requesting to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items**

No one was in attendance to address the Board.

**CEDO Committee Reports**

***Crossroad Academy Charter School/Education Committee***

Ms. Geraldine Smith reported that only 2 committee members were at the meeting, so Dr. Forehand gave them a brief update, but stated that he'd make a full report at the Board Meeting.

***Executive Finance Committee***

Did not meet.

**Principal's Report**

Dr. Forehand reported that he'd received news on the standardized test scores, which he'd previously reported were set to be raised, now they will go back to the pre-Covid levels. Dr. Forehand added that there were only 4 students struggling to meet graduation requirements, but overall, the students were progressing well, showing growth and moving toward targets.

Dr. Forehand reported that with staffing, Crossroad was struggling to maintain consistency, with resignations occurring so frequently that it was difficult to keep track.

Rev. Wells asked how many teachers short were we.

Dr. Forehand reported that Mr. Bradbury was leaving Crossroad to become the statewide Civics Coach, so he had new teacher Mr. Kilpatrick shadowing him. Dr. Forehand added that Ms. Galloway was leaving to do something in Mental Health, the Math teacher's mom got sick, so she moved back to South Carolina, the Assistant Principal position hadn't been filled, and the Technology Assistant position hadn't been filled since Mr. Dantley left Crossroad to work for the school district.

Dr. Forehand stated that he would share the letter with the board that will be sent to the parents concerning the transition at the school.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Executive Director’s Report**

Mr. Gunn reported that the right of way project (the first phase of the new driveway to the school) was completed. He added that the survey would be done that week to outline the roadway that will be created.

Mr. Gunn reported that he received notification from USDA Rural Development concerning the Gymnasium Expansion Project regarding certification documents needing our architect’s signature. He stated that USDA Rural Development would schedule a dry run of the closing in the next 45 days. Mr. Gunn reported that the architect would put the construction project out for bid, allowing 3 weeks for the bid process. He added that the architect was expecting quite a few bids. Mr. Gunn stated that he asked USDA for clarification.

Ms. Geraldine Smith asked whether the roadway would be one way.  
Mr. Gunn stated that it would be 2 lanes, with one way in at the newly created entrance, with Crossroad’s current entrance/exit serving as the new exit.

Ms. Geraldine Smith asked about the property on MLK Jr. Blvd.  
Mr. Gunn stated that eh had some ideas about that, but wanted to wait until some real progress was made on the gymnasium.

**Board Member / Miscellaneous**

None.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify these minutes to be the original minutes of Board of Directors meeting of CEDO dated this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.

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Board Secretary

# Meeting Notes

## COMMITTEE REPORT NOTES:

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT NOTES:

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## GENERAL NOTES:

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## MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS/CONCERNS

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