

**OHIO TAX CREDIT AUTHORITY MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Ohio Job Creation Tax Credit Authority was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on February 26, 2018 In Columbus, Ohio by David Goodman.

Roll Call:	David Goodman, Chair	Present
	Darnita Bradley	Present
	Brian Cooper	Present
	Emmett Kelly	Present
	David Smith	Present

Staff Members Present: Rasheda Hansard, Daniel Strasser, Eric Lindner, and Lisa Colbert

Others present: Liz Askew, Tori Schaefer, and Justin Farmer

Minutes Approval: Goodman made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2018 meeting. Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0 yes. Voting Goodman, Cooper, Bradley, and Smith.

PROJECTS

Modular Assembly Innovations LLC; Creative Business Innovations, LLC; and Great Lakes Assemblies, LLC appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in Allen Township, Union County and in the City of Dublin, Franklin County. Goodman made a motion to approve a tax credit of 1.055% for 6 years for Modular Assembly Innovations LLC; Creative Business Innovations, LLC; and Great Lakes Assemblies, LLC in exchange for a commitment to create 40 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$1,400,000 in new annual payroll and retaining \$7,597,712 in existing payroll at the project location in Allen Township, Union County and in the City of Dublin, Franklin County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2018 and end on 12/31/2023. Bradley seconded; Kelly abstained. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in the City of Hilliard, Franklin County. Goodman made a motion to approve a tax credit of 1.310% for 7 years for Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 109 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$4,269,600 in new annual payroll and retaining \$13,362,898 in existing payroll at the project location in the City of Hilliard, Franklin County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2018 and end on 12/31/2024. Cooper seconded; Kelly abstained. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Veeva Systems Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in the City of Dublin, Franklin County. Goodman made a motion to approve a tax credit of 1.620% for 7 years for Veeva Systems Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 46 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$3,500,000 in new annual payroll and retaining \$2,100,000 in existing payroll at the project location in the City of Dublin, Franklin County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2019 and end on 12/31/2025. Kelly seconded. The vote was 5-0. All present voted yes.

Airstream, Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in the Village of Jackson Center, Shelby County. Goodman made a motion to approve a tax credit of 1.874% for 9 years for Airstream, Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 280 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$14,840,000 in new annual payroll and retaining \$57,150,000 in existing payroll at the project location in the Village of Jackson Center, Shelby County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2019 and end on 12/31/2027. Smith seconded. The vote was 5-0. All present voted yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Artco Group International, Inc. (Village of Hannibal/Monroe County)

The staff recommends that the Authority terminate the tax credit agreement with clawback for failure to maintain operations during the post-term reporting period. On 8/27/2007, the grantee was approved for a 40%/7 year tax credit in exchange for a commitment to create 45 jobs at the project location. ODSA learned that the grantee failed to maintain operations at the project location on the 2016 annual progress report. Due to this failure, the Authority has statutory authorization to require clawback of 50% of the credits issued, which totaled \$200,687.12. Based on this information and after taking into consideration market conditions, the staff recommends terminating the agreement with clawback of \$65,000.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Kelly seconded. The vote was 5-0. All present voted yes.

PFFA Acquisition, LLC (City of Cincinnati/Hamilton County)

The staff recommends that the Authority change the project location from 212 E. 14th St., Cincinnati, OH 45202 to 1216 Central Pkwy., Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Bradley seconded. The vote was 5-0. All present voted yes.

GPS Consumer Direct, Inc. (Cities of Grove City & Groveport/ Franklin County)

The staff recommends that the Authority change the project location from the three sites in Groveport and Grove City to a single location at 6001 Green Pointe Dr. S., Groveport, OH, 43125.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Smith seconded. The vote was 5-0. All present voted yes.

Brothers Trading Co., Inc. (City of Springboro/Warren County)

The staff recommends that the Authority add the project location at 425 Victory Ln., Springboro, OH 45066 to the tax credit agreement.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Kelly seconded. The vote was 5-0. All present voted yes.

NuVasive Manufacturing, LLC (West Carrollton/Montgomery County)

The staff recommends that the Authority add the grantee, NuVasive, Inc. (and associated FEIN), to the tax credit agreement.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 5-0. All present voted yes.

Dealer Tire, LLC (City of Cleveland/Cuyahoga County)

The staff recommends that the Authority make the following changes to the tax credit agreement

1. Reduce retained payroll/retained OH employee payroll from \$49,336,838 to \$43,426,690, which changes the baseline payroll amounts to \$44,295,223.80 for year 1 and \$45,181,128.28 for year 2;
2. Change the start date from 1/1/2016 to 1/1/2017;
3. Change the metric evaluation date from 12/31/2018 to 12/31/2019;
4. Change the end of term from 2023 to 2024

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 5-0. All present voted yes.

Advanced Testing Laboratory, Inc. (City of Blue Ash/Hamilton County)

The staff recommends that the Authority cancel the tax credit. The company never executed the tax credit agreement and has not received any tax credit certificates.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded; Kelly abstained. The vote was 4-

0. All present voted yes.

MOTION TO AJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m. by David Goodman.

The next meeting is scheduled March 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. on the 31st Floor.

Chair of Ohio Tax Credit Authority's Signature


