

**Bastrop Economic Development Corporation
Board of Directors – Special Board Meeting
Minutes
March 9, 2026**



The Bastrop Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) met on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. for a Special Board Meeting at Bastrop City Hall, 1311 Chestnut Street. Board members present: Gary Blake, Chris McCool, Lisa Holcomb, Rick Womble, Mayor Ishmael Harris, Mayor Pro Tem John Kirkland, and Councilmember Cynthia Meyer. Staff members present: Interim Executive Director Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino, Angela Ryan and Jill Strube.


1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Board Chair Blake called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT(S)** – Ms. Carrillo announced the hiring of new BEDC staff member Dr. Jill Strube and welcomed new board members Rick Womble and Lisa Holcomb.

3. REGULAR BUSINESS

- 3.A. Consider and act to approve BEDC Resolution 2026-04 expressing the BEDC's support for the development of a strategic plan funded by Bastrop County to evaluate the feasibility, organizational structure, and potential responsibilities of a regional economic development corporation that could serve multiple jurisdictions, including the City of Bastrop, City of Elgin, and City of Smithville, and to support the potential formation of the Bastrop County Economic Development Partners as a regional economic development nonprofit organization.

Mayor Pro Tem Kirkland shared his concerns about the resolution and submitted an alternate resolution to the Board for consideration as a replacement for the resolution included in the board packet. Mayor Pro Tem Kirkland then read the resolution aloud (see attached Resolution 2026-05). After discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Kirkland made a motion to approve the replacement resolution that he had read aloud and was discussed at the meeting. Mayor Harris seconded, and the motion passed, with Mr. Womble opposed.

4. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mayor Pro Tem Kirkland made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mayor Harris seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

APPROVED: 
Gary Blake, Board Chair

ATTEST: 
Angela Ryan, Operations Manager