Bastrop Economic Development Corporation
Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2026

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The Bastrop Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) met on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. for a Regular Board Meeting at Bastrop City Hall, 1311 Chestnut Street. Board members present: Gary Blake, Chris McCool, Rick Womble, Mayor Ishmael Harris, Mayor Pro Tem John Kirkland, and Councilmember Cynthia Meyer. Board member Lisa Holcomb was absent. Staff members present: Interim Executive Director Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino, Angela Ryan, and Jill Strube. BEDC attorney Natalie Thamm was also in attendance.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Board Chair Blake called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT(S)** – There were no public comments.

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

3.A Presentation on Fiscal Year 2026/2027 BEDC budget. Ms. Carrillo updated the board about the draft budget.

4. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

4.A Approval of meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 15, 2026. Mayor Harris made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Councilmember Meyer seconded, and the motion passed.

4.B Hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of providing the general public with information concerning a proposed economic development project and associated expenditure being considered by the BEDC, and for receiving public input regarding same, as follows: Pursuant to LGC Section 505.158, the BEDC is proposing to expend Type B economic development funds to support Career Tracks in their training endeavors. The public hearing was opened at 5:07 p.m. There were no comments, and the public hearing was closed at 5:08 p.m.

4.C. Consider and act on approving Resolution 2026-10 of the BEDC to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Career Tracks to provide $25,000 towards Career Tracks' operating expenses. Councilmember Meyer made the motion to approve the resolution, Mr. McCool seconded, and the motion passed.

4.D Consider and act on the first amendment to the 804 Water Street Purchase Funding Agreement. Mayor Harris made the motion to approve the agreement, and Councilmember Meyer seconded. After discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Kirkland proposed the following amendment to Section 8.601.1(i): "In the case of a sale, transfer, or other disposition of the Property, the BEDC shall receive an amount equal to the actual funds dispersed for the purchase price of the property." Mayor Harris accepted the amendment as updated. Councilmember Meyer accepted it, as well. Mayor Harris made the motion to accept the new amendment (as previously stated), Councilmember Meyer seconded, and the motion passed. Subsequent to that motion, Mayor Pro Tem Kirkland called point of order and asked that the Board vote on the original motion. Chair Blake asked for a vote on the original motion as amended, and the motion passed.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

5.A At 5:40 p.m., the Bastrop EDC Board of Directors met in a closed/executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, to discuss the following:

1) Section 551.087 Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations – Sendero (Mr. Womble recused himself from this discussion.)

2) Section 551.087 Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations and Section 551.972 Deliberations regarding real property – Project "Electric Lion"

5.B At 6:23 p.m., the Bastrop EDC Board of Directors reconvened into open session to discuss, consider and/or take any action necessary related to the executive sessions noted herein.

6. ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Pro Tem Kirkland made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mayor Harris seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

APPROVED: Gary L. Blake
Gary Blake, Board Chair

ATTEST: [signature]
Angela Ryan, Operations Manager