

CITY OF BASTROP
REGULAR BRIDGING BASTROP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 9, 2025

The Bridging Bastrop Board met at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas, with the following action taken to wit:

Board Members Present

Chair Sheila Lowe
Eboni Smith
Nancy Wood
Sandra Ervin
Karen Knight
Mary Moody
Terika Taylor-Williams

Staff Present

City Manager Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino
Assistant City Secretary Victoria Psencik
Human Resources Director Tanya Cantrell

City Council Members Present

Kerry Fossler
Ishmael Harris, Mayor

Other Board Members Present

Keith Ahlborn, Planning & Zoning Commission

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lowe called the Regular Bridging Bastrop Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

2. CITIZEN COMMENT(S)

No comments were submitted.

6. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

6C. Review, discussion, and possible action on the July, August, and September Employment Reports from the City of Bastrop Human Resources Department.

Human Resources Director, Tanya Cantrell gave the report and update regarding the September Monthly Employment Reports. The July and August Reports will be provided to the Board at a later date. Director Cantrell reported on the September Employment Reports.

No formal action was taken on Item 6B.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS

3A. Introductions of the new Bridging Bastrop Board Members.

The Board welcomed Sandy Ervin, Eboni Smith, and Terika Taylor-Williams.

3B. **Bridging Bastrop Board Year in Review Presentation.**

Board Chair Lowe and City Manager Carrillo-Trevino gave a brief presentation.

3A. **Update and Discussion on Past Events:**

- Get Involved! Bastrop (Community Volunteer & Resource Fair)
- Corvette Invasion Event
- 3rd Annual Water Battle (Police & Fire Depts.)
- Old Iron Bridge Rehabilitation Kickoff
- Bastrop Homecoming & Rodeo Event
- African American Cultural District Town Hall
- Bastrop County Health Fair
- North End Prairie Development Town Hall
- Mayfest Park & Rodeo Arena Town Hall
- Bastrop Live Music Month
- Bird Statue Dedications
- Crossing at 95 Development Town Hall
- National Night Out

No formal action was taken on Item 3A.

3B. **Update and Discussion on Upcoming Events:**

- Oct 3 - Nov 1 - Día de Los Muertos Exhibit at Museum
- Oct 10 - Fire Department Open House & Fire Plug Unveiling Ceremony at Fire Station
- Oct 11 - Indigenous Peoples Day at Museum
- Oct 14 & 21 - City Council Meetings
- Oct 24 - Pumpkin Painting with Parks & Recreation Dept at Rec Center
- Oct 31 - Boo Bash! in Downtown Bastrop
- Nov 8 - "Heroes & Hot Rods" Veterans Car Show
- Nov 8 - 21st Annual Red, White & Blue Veterans Appreciation Banquet at Convention Center
- Nov 13 - Annual Board & Commission Banquet at Convention Center

No formal action was taken on Item 3B.

3C. **Additional Announcements and/or Events from individual Bridging Bastrop Board members.**

The following events were added by varies board members:

- Month of October – Disability Awareness Month
- Oct 11 – Main Event ArtScape in Downtown
- Oct 18 – Cemetery Tour
- Nov 9 – Community Unity Day at Convention Center

No formal action was taken on Item 3C.

4. REPORTS

4A. Receive an update on the Bridging Bastrop Board Facebook page.

Board Chair Lowe reported on the Facebook page and requested assistance from the other Board Members to share information by liking and sharing.

No formal action was taken on Item 4A.

4B. Receive an update on street and park programs and any new and existing neighborhood developments.

City Manager Carrillo-Trevino gave a report on upcoming park improvements that will take place in multiple city parks. She also reported on the construction contract for Water/Farm/Linden Streets will be awarded on October 14th for a potential January start date on those streets. During this report, she mentioned a potential for a disc golf area in Pecan Park. City Manager Carrillo-Trevino reported on a pedestrian tunnel to be able to cross Highway 95 safely done by the Boring Company.

5. WORKSHOP

5A. Workshop and discussion on designing a new survey to better understand how citizens stay informed about City activities, events, and information.

Board Chair Lowe explained to the Board how surveys were completed at different community events. The Board had discussions on possible new questions and new ways to obtain responses such as iPads or QR codes. The Board discussed possible new avenues to take the surveys too such as the Senior Center.

6. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

6A. Consider and act to finalize decisions and amendments discussed at the June 5, 2025, Workshop regarding the Fiscal Year 2026 Bridging Bastrop Board Work Plan.

This item was tabled until the December Board Meeting.

6B. Consider and act to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the Thursday, July 10, 2025, Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Board Member Wood moved to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the Thursday, July 10, 2025 Regular Meeting as presented. Board Member Knight seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6D. Discussion and possible action on the advancement of the Bridging Bastrop Work Plan initiative focused on providing equitable financial education and

homeownership opportunities to Bastrop residents across diverse socioeconomic backgrounds, and also veteran services.

This item was tabled until the December Board Meeting.

6E. Individual Requests from Bridging Bastrop Board members for particular items to be listed on future agendas (no group discussion).

Individual Requests made by the Board Members:

- HR Yearly Review

No formal action was taken on Item 6E.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Upon receiving a motion and a second to adjourn, the October 9th Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m. without objection.

APPROVED:



Sheila Lowe, Bridging Bastrop Board Chair

ATTEST:



Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary