

CITY OF BASTROP
REGULAR BRIDGING BASTROP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2026

The Bridging Bastrop Board met at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas, with the following action taken:

Board Members Present

Chair Sheila Lowe
Mary Moody
Karen Knight
Eboni Smith
Nancy Wood
Sandy Ervin

Staff Present

Executive Assistant Taylor Andry
Human Resources Director Tanya Cantrell

City Council Members Present

Kerry Fossler

Board Members Absent

Terika Taylor-Williams

Other Board Members Present

Keith Ahlborn, Planning & Zoning Commission

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Lowe called the Regular Bridging Bastrop Board meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. with a quorum present.

2. CITIZEN COMMENT(S)

No comments were submitted.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3A. Update and Discussion on Past Events:

- Jan. 10 – Lost Pines Mardi Gras Kick-off Party
- Jan 13 & 27 – Regular City Council Meeting
- Jan. 19 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission Walk in Elgin
- Jan. 23 – CAPCOG Bastrop County Day
- Feb. 10 – Regular City Council Meeting

3B. Update and Discussion on Upcoming Events:

- Feb.17 – Bastrop Fat Tuesday Celebration/ Downtown 4-9 pm
- Feb. 18 – 21 – Lone Star Cowboy Poetry gathering 2026/ Bastrop Convention & Exhibit Center 1408 Chestnut Street
- Feb. 24 – Regular City Council Meeting

- Feb. 26 – Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing for Code Rewrite
- March 6 – International Women's Day Event: SHE is Off Script
- March 24 – City Council Public Hearing/First Hearing for Code Rewrite
- March 27 – Teeing Off 2026 Golf Tournament/8 am -5 pm @ 100 Country Club Drive at the Colovista Golf Course.
- April 14 – City Council Second Reading/Final Action for Code Rewrite
- April 29 – Work in Bastrop Job Fair

No formal action was taken on Item 3B.

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

- FAME Days

4. WORKSHOP

- 4A. Workshop and discussion on website links regarding “American Affordability Tracker,” “Financial Health and Wealth Dashboard,” “Debt in America: An Interactive Map” and how these links can be incorporated in the Board Work Plan and future topics.

The Board discussed the website links provided.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 5A. Review, discussion and possible action on the January 2026 Employment Reports from the City of Bastrop Human Resources Department.

- Human Resources Director, Tanya Cantrell presented the reports and update regarding the January 2026 Monthly Employment Reports.

- 5B. Consider and act to finalize changes and/or amendments to the Fiscal Year 2026 Bridging Bastrop Board Work Plan.

The board moved to approve the "Building Belonging Through Connection, Communication, Collaboration" work plan

- 5C. Discussion and possible action to set a date and finalize details for the Accessibility Inventory Walk.

- Board Member Smith volunteered to create a list for the Accessibility Inventory Walk scheduled for March 12.

The board scheduled the accessibility walk for March 12 with a backup date of April 7. Two time slots were set: 11 AM starting at the Museum covering Main

Street, and 1 PM starting at the Library covering Fisherman's Park. The walk will assess ADA compliance, barriers, safety concerns, signage, parking accessibility, and public building access in businesses and public spaces.

5D. Discussion and possible action on creating surveys to gather information on growth, education and employment.

The board agreed to create specific surveys on four topics: Growth and Transportation, Education, Employment, Recreation and Health. These will gather community feedback to inform future board work. QR codes may be added to existing code rewrite signage.

5E. Discussion and possible action regarding the Work in Bastrop Event and the Board's Involvement.

The event is scheduled for late April at the Convention Center. Partners include the Chamber, Workforce Solutions, and Career Tracks from Smithville. The board discussed ensuring employers accept paper resumes and confirmed mock interview sessions and employer panels will be included.

5F. Consider and act to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the January 8, 2026 regular meeting.

MOTION: Board Member Wood moved to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the January 8, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented. Board Member Knight seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5G. Individual Requests from Bridging Bastrop Board members for particular items to be listed on future agendas.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Upon receiving a motion from Board Member Moody and a second from Board Member Ervin to adjourn, the February 12th Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m. without objection.

APPROVED:



Sheila Lowe, Bridging Bastrop Board Chair

ATTEST:



Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary