

CITY OF BASTROP
REGULAR BRIDGING BASTROP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 10, 2025

The Bridging Bastrop Board met at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 10, 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
Terika Taylor-Williams

Staff Present

Assistant City Secretary Victoria Psencik
Human Resources Director Tanya Cantrell
Executive Assistant Taylor Andry

City Council Members Present

Kerry Fossler

Board Members Absent

Karen Knight (virtually)
Mary Moody (virtually)

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.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3A. Update and Discussion on Past Events:

- Special Council Meeting
- "Heroes & Hot Rods" Veterans Car Show & 21st Annual Red, White & Blue Veterans Appreciation Banquet
- Community Unity Meal
- Annual Board & Commission Banquet
- Regular Council Meeting & Joint Council and P&Z Commission Meeting
- Fairview Cemetery Columbarium Ribbon Cutting
- Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Wassail Fest and Small Business Saturday
- Regular Council Meeting

No formal action was taken on Item 3A.

3B. Update and Discussion on Upcoming Events:

- Dec 12 - Museum & Visitor Center Holiday Rendezvous

- Dec 13 - Museum & Visitor Center Holidays Homes Tour - Merry on Main in Downtown Bastrop - Lost Pines Christmas Lighted Parade
- Dec 16 - Joint Council & Planning and Zoning Commission Workshop

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 various board members:

- Month of October – Disability Awareness Month
- Dec 13 – Library Open House
- Jan 10 – Lost Pines Toyota Mardi Gras Kick Off Party
- Jan 30 and 31 – Mardi Gras Festival

No formal action was taken on Item 3C.

4. **REPORTS**

4A. **Receive a summary report of the responsibilities of the Bastrop County Collaborative for Health and Housing.**

Board Chair Lowe reported that she is a part of Bastrop County Collaborative for Health and Housing coalition which is studying affordable housing and what it looks like in Bastrop County. The coalition worked on a list of recommendations on how cities can support the affordable housing initiative and will present it to the City Councils in Bastrop County. The Board discussed looking at funding opportunities and a clear definition of “affordable housing.” Board Chair Lowe will bring the recommendations from the Collaborative to the next regular meeting.

No formal action was taken on Item 4A.

5. **ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

5A. **Consider and act on the Bridging Bastrop Board Chair and Secretary positions for a term ending September 2026.**

This item was tabled until the January Board Meeting.

5B. **Review, discussion, and possible action on the October Employment Reports from the City of Bastrop Human Resources Department.**

Human Resources Director, Tanya Cantrell gave the report and update regarding the October Monthly Employment Reports. Director Cantrell stated the November and December Reports will be on the January Agenda.

No formal action was taken on Item 5B.

5C. Consider and act to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the October 9, 2025, Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Board Member Wood moved to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the October 9, 2025 Regular Meeting as presented. Board Member Taylor-Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5D. 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.

Board Chair Lowe stated at the January Meeting, the Board will vote on a finalized Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2026.

No formal action was taken on Item 5D.

5E. Discussion and possible action regarding the Work in Bastrop Job Fair Event to be held on April 29, 2026 and Bridging Bastrop Board involvement with the event.

Board Chair Lowe announced the date for the Work in Bastrop Job Fair Event and that the Board will take the lead on the event. The event is in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and Workforce Solutions. The event will be discussed at a later meeting.

No formal action was taken on Item 5E.

5F. 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:

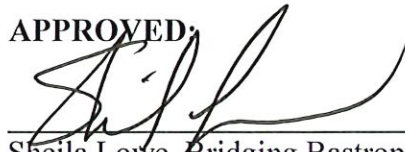
- Disability Awareness Month for October

No formal action was taken on Item 5F.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon receiving a motion and a second to adjourn, the December 10th Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. without objection.

APPROVED:



Sheila Lowe, Bridging Bastrop Board Chair

ATTEST:



Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary