

Bastrop Economic Development Corporation
Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2025



The Bastrop Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) met on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. for a Regular Board Meeting at Bastrop City Hall, 1311 Chestnut Street. Board members present: Gary Blake, Chris McCool, Mayor Ishmael Harris, Mayor Pro Tem John Kirkland, and Councilmember Cynthia Meyer. Staff members present: Interim Executive Director Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino, Angela Ryan and Dori Kelley. 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** – None.
4. **REGULAR BUSINESS**
 - 4.A. Consider and act on a Revolving Loan Application, BEDC-02, for \$20,000 to a local business, for expansion. After discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Kirkland made the motion to table this item for 90 days as recommended by the executive director, Mayor Harris seconded, and the motion passed.
 - 4.B. Consider and act on Resolution no. 2025-014 to fund \$50,000 for a hospital feasibility study. Mr. McCool made the motion to approve the resolution, Councilmember Meyer seconded, and the motion passed.
5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - 5.A At 5:45 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:
 - 551.071 - To seek advice from legal counsel to discuss and deliberate regarding the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation. (NOTE: This item was discussed in open session.)
 - 551.074 - To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of an Interim BEDC Director
 - 5.B At 5:55 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.

After Executive Session, Mayor Harris made the motion to amend the administrative services agreement between the City of Bastrop and BEDC to reflect the increase of the allocation to pay the interim director for a one-time payment of \$7,500. Councilmember Meyer seconded, and the motion passed.

The first item listed for Executive Session was taken under consideration in open session. After discussing the potential of forming a regional economic development organization, Mayor Harris made a motion recommending staff reach out to the mayors and board chairs of the EDCs in Smithville and Elgin to get together and have a conversation. Mr. McCool seconded, and the motion passed.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** – Councilmember Meyer made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mayor Harris seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

APPROVED: 
Gary Blake, Board Chair

ATTEST: 
Angela Ryan, Operations Manager