

Bastrop Economic Development Corporation
Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2026



The Bastrop Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) met on Monday, March 23, 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, Lisa Holcomb, Rick Womble, Mayor Ishmael Harris, Mayor Pro Tem John Kirkland, and Councilmember Cynthia Meyer. 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 to consider and act on BEDC Resolution 2026-06 approving the distribution of funds to Community Action Inc. of Central Texas to provide workforce training and development. Ms. Emma Forks made a presentation on behalf of Community Action Inc. of Central Texas. After the presentation, Councilmember Meyer made the motion to approve Resolution 2026-06, Mayor Harris seconded, and the motion passed.

3.B Presentation regarding the creation of a Tri-City Economic Development Strategic Plan. Interim BEDC Executive Director Sylvia Carrillo updated the Board on a plan to conduct a countywide strategic planning assessment, recommending that the Board commit \$50,000 to fund it. Ms. Carrillo explained that she would bring back a budget amendment and RFQ at a future meeting. Councilmember Meyer made the motion to direct BEDC staff to pursue the strategic plan, Ms. Holcomb seconded, and the motion passed.

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

4.A Approval of meeting minutes from the Regular Board Meetings of January 26, 2026, and February 9, 2026. Mayor Harris made the motion to approve both sets of minutes, Mr. McCool seconded, and the motion passed.

4.B Consider and act on election of BEDC Board Secretary/Treasurer. Councilmember Meyer made the motion for Lisa Holcomb to be appointed secretary/treasurer, Mayor Harris seconded, and the motion passed.

4.C Consider and act on approving the BEDC to submit an application for a grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA):

a) Commitment Letter from the BEDC

b) BEDC Resolution 2026-07

Dr. Strube passed out an updated resolution that was a 20% match instead of the one in the board packet that was for a 40% match (see attached resolution). After discussion, Councilmember Meyer made the motion to approve the updated Resolution 2026-07 and applying for the grant, Mr. Womble seconded, and the motion passed.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** - Mayor Harris made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Meyer seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

APPROVED: 
Gary Blake, Board Chair

ATTEST: 
Angela Ryan, Operations Manager