Bastrop Economic Development Corporation
Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2026

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The Bastrop Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) met on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 5:30 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: Angela Ryan and Jill Strube. Interim Executive Director Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino attended virtually. BEDC attorney Natalie Thamm was also in attendance.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Board Chair Blake called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT(S)** – There were no public comments. Dr. Strube introduced BEDC's intern with the Home to Texas Program, Huy Doan.

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

3.A Presentation on Fiscal Year 2026/2027 BEDC budget. Ms. Carrillo went over some of the proposed budget changes with the Board.

4. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

4.A Approval of meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2025, Special Meeting of March 9, 2026, and Regular Meeting of March 23, 2026. Mayor Harris made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Mayor Pro Tem Kirkland seconded, and the motion passed.

4.B Receive BEDC financial reports for January, February, March, April, and May 2026. Assistant Finance Director Laura Allen presented the financial reports to the Board.

4.C. Presentation by Career Tracks; consider and act on approving Resolution 2026-10 of the BEDC to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Career Tracks to provide $25,000 towards Career Tracks' operating expenses for three years. Alan Butler with Career Tracks made a presentation to the Board about their organization. After discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Kirkland made the motion to direct legal to create the resolution handling the legal matters and for BEDC staff to work through the policy recommendations and bring them back to the BEDC. Councilmember Meyer seconded, and the motion passed.

4.D Consider and act on approving the BEDC to submit an application for a grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to install needed infrastructure in the Bastrop Business and Industrial Park:

a) Commitment Letter from the BEDC

b) BEDC Resolution 2026-08

Dr. Strube explained that the grant request from the previous meeting required an amendment. After discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Kirkland made the motion to approve the commitment letter and resolution for this item. Ms. Holcomb seconded, and the motion passed.

4.E Consider and act on approving the BEDC to enter into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Smithville to provide services to the Bastrop County Public Health Department's grant program ("Workforce + Health") from the St. David's Foundation. Dr. Strube explained to the Board that this is a continuation of a grant project she worked on prior to being hired by the BEDC. After discussion, Councilmember Meyer made the motion to approve BEDC to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Smithville to provide services to the Bastrop County Public Health Department's grant program from the St. David's Foundation. Mr. McCool seconded, and the motion passed.

4.F Consider and act on Resolution 2026-09 authorizing amendments to the real estate purchase contract and economic development performance agreement with Acutronic. This item was not ready for action, but it was discussed with the Board and will be brought back to a future meeting.

4.G Consider and act on Resolution 2026-11 approving an amendment to the 804 Water Street Purchase and Funding Agreement with the City of Bastrop. This item was not ready for action, but it was discussed with the Board and will be brought back to a future meeting.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

5.A At 5:35 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:

1) Section 551.087 Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations – Sendero (Mr. Womble recused himself from this discussion.)

2) Section 551.087 Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations and Section 551.072 Deliberations regarding real property – Project "Electric Lion"

5.B At 6:25 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.

The Board directed BEDC staff to work with legal counsel on both items and bring back to a future meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Pro Tem Kirkland made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mayor Harris seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

APPROVED: Gary L. Blake
Gary Blake, Board Chair

ATTEST: Angela Ryan
Angela Ryan, Operations Manager