

CITY OF BASTROP
REGULAR BRIDGING BASTROP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 16, 2026

The Bridging Bastrop Board met at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2026, 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
Karen Knight
Nancy Wood
Sandra Ervin

Staff Present

Assistant City Secretary Victoria Psencik

Board Members Absent

Mary Moody
Ebony Smith
Terika Taylor-Williams

City Council Members Present

Kerry Fossler

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 5:32 p.m. with a quorum present.

2. CITIZEN COMMENT(S)

No comments were submitted.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3A. Update and Discussion on Past Events:

- F.A.M.E. Days – Women of the World
- Park Improvements Groundbreaking Ceremonies
 - Minerva Delgado Park
 - Mayfest Park
 - Fireman's Park
 - Fisherman's Park
- City Council Public Hearing / First Reading for Code Rewrite
- Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry Ribbon Cutting
- 2026 YTexas Regional: Bastrop
- Chamber of Commerce Teeing Off Golf Tournament
- Easter in the Park + Movie Night
- F.A.M.E. Days – Sunset on Pine
- City Council Public Hearing / Final Action for Code Rewrite

- Work in Bastrop Job Fair Event

No formal action was taken on Item 3A.

3B. Update and Discussion on Upcoming Events:

- April 18 – SpringFest 2026
- April 28 – Regular City Council Meeting
- April 30 – Work in Bastrop Event
- May 8 – F.A.M.E. Days: Nest Fest
- May 12 – Regular City Council Meeting

No formal action was taken on Item 3B.

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

- April 19 – Bastrop Scholarship Fundraiser at Watterson Hall
- May 1 and 2 – Bird Lovers’ Weekend
- May 2 – Kentucky Derby Party at Museum
- May 2 – Ardor Wood Farm’s Community Labyrinth Experience
- May 17 – Lost Pines Art Center Spring Gala from 2:00 to 5:00 pm

No formal action was taken on Item 3C.

4. WORKSHOP

4A. Discussion about the Accessibility Inventory Walk Initiative, including but not limited to the accessibility checklist.

Ideas that were discussed during the workshop:

- The inventory walk was postponed from April 7th due to lack of board participation
- The board discussed moving the walk initiative to October to align with National Disability Employment Awareness Month’
- The focus will still be on the City buildings then take the initiative to the Downtown businesses
- The board will be reviewing the inventory checklist

No formal action was taken on Item 4A.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

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

Human Resources Director, Tanya Cantrell was not present. Assistant City Secretary Psencik handed out the Board the March 2026 reports as well as the requested residency composition of the current city employees.

No formal action was taken on Item 5A.

5B. Consider and act to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the March 12, 2026, Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Board Member Ervin moved to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the March 12, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented. Board Member Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5C. Discussion and possible action regarding the following volunteer commitment:

- SpringFest (April 18) – which surveys to conduct and Work in Bastrop event promotion

- Work in Bastrop (April 30) – which surveys to conduct and other volunteer duties

The Board decided to conduct a survey with the attendees at each event.

Board Members to be at SpringFest – Council Member Fossler, Chair Lowe, and Board Member Wood. Board Members to be at Work in Bastrop – Board Member Knight, Chair Lowe, Board Member Wood, and Board Member Ervin. The goal is to have all Board Members present at the Work in Bastrop event since the board is a partner.

No formal action was taken on Item 5C.

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

Individual Requests made by the Board Members:

- Work Plan finalization (strategic plan task assignments)

No formal action was taken on Item 5D.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Upon receiving a motion and a second to adjourn, the April 16th Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m. without objection.

APPROVED:



Sheila Lowe, Bridging Bastrop Board Chair

ATTEST:



Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary