

# Bastrop Bridging Bastrop Board Agenda

City Hall City Council Chambers

1311 Chestnut Street

Bastrop, TX 78602

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February 12, 2026

## Agenda - Bridging Bastrop Board at 5:30 PM

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*At this time, three (3) minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. Anyone in attendance wishing to address the Board/Commission must complete a citizen comment form and give the completed form to the Board/Commission Secretary prior to the start of the Board/Commission meeting. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, if a citizen discusses any item not on the agenda, the Board/Commission cannot discuss issues raised or make any decision at this time. Instead, the Board/Commission is limited to making a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry. Issues may be referred to the City Manager for research and possible future action. Profanity, physical or other threats are not allowed and may subject the speaker to loss of the time for comment, and if disruptive to the conduct of business, could result in removal of the speaker.*

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**3A. Update and Discussion on Past Events:**

- **Jan 10** - Lost Pines Mardi Gras Kick Off Party
- **Jan 13 & 27** - Regular City Council Meeting
- **Jan 19** - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission Walk in Elgin
- **Jan 23** - CAPCOG Bastrop County Day
- **Feb 10** - Regular City Council Meeting

3B. Update and Discussion on Upcoming Events:

- **Feb 17** - Bastrop Fat Tuesday Celebration | Downtown from 4-9 pm
- **Feb 24** - Regular City Council Meeting
- **Feb 26** - Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing for Code Rewrite
- **March 6** - International Women's Day Event: SHE is Off Script
- **March 24** - City Council Public Hearing / First Reading for Code Rewrite
- **April 14** - City Council Second Reading / Final Action for Code Rewrite

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

**4. WORKSHOP**

4A. Workshop and discussion on website links regarding "American Affordability Tracker", "Financial Health and Wealth Dashboard", and "Debt in America: An Interactive Map", and how these links can be incorporated in the Board Work Plan and future topics.

**5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

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

5B. Consider and act to finalize changes and/or amendments to the Fiscal Year 2026 Bridging Bastrop Board Work Plan.

5C. Discussion and possible action to set a date and finalize details for the Accessibility Inventory Walk.

5D. Discussion and possible action on creating surveys to gather information on growth, education, and employment.

5E. Discussion and possible action regarding the Work in Bastrop Event and the Board's involvement.

5F. Consider and act to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the January 8, 2026, Regular Meeting.

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

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting as posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the City of Bastrop City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, as well as to the City's website, [www.cityofbastrop.org](http://www.cityofbastrop.org) and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: Friday, February 6, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. and remained posted for at least two hours after said meeting was convened.

/s/Victoria Psencik  
Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary, TRMC

- The [American Affordability Tracker](#) monitors earnings and prices for food, gas, child care, and other necessities, nationally and by state and congressional district.
- The [Financial Health and Wealth Dashboard](#) explores household financial stability, resilience, and upward mobility by local area and city.
- [Debt in America: An Interactive Map](#) shows the latest trends in types of debt across the general population, at the county, state, and national levels, and among young adults.

**CITY OF BASTROP**  
**REGULAR BRIDGING BASTROP BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 8, 2026**

The Bridging Bastrop Board met at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 8, 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  
 Mary Moody  
 Nancy Wood  
 Sandra Ervin  
 Terika Taylor-Williams

**Staff Present**

Assistant City Secretary Victoria Psencik  
 Human Resources Director Tanya Cantrell  
 Executive Assistant Taylor Andry  
 City Manager Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino (virtually)

**Board Members Absent**

Karen Knight (virtually)  
 Eboni Smith (virtually)

**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 5:31 p.m. with a quorum present.

**2. CITIZEN COMMENT(S)**

No comments were submitted.

**4. REPORTS**

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

Board Chair Lowe reported that the Collaborative is making great strides forward with the recommendations for affordable housing. The recommendations will be presented to each City Council in Bastrop County with the end goal of each city having a project to help with affordable housing. One recommendation Board Chair Lowe shared was for each city to have an Affordable Housing Task Force to look at housing in the city limits. Board Chair Lowe explained how the Collaborative has found how housing and health are related and the disparities that have been seen and also with income and multi-generational households. During the report, a conversation began on how affordable housing needs a clear definition which will require policy direction with City Council but the Bridging Bastrop Board can assist with the creation of the policy.

No formal action was taken on Item 4A.

### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 3A. Update and Discussion on Past Events:

- Museum & Visitor Center Holiday Rendezvous
- Museum & Visitor Center Holidays Homes Tour
- Merry on Main in Downtown Bastrop
- Lost Pines Christmas Lighted Parade
- Library Open House
- Joint Council & Planning and Zoning Commission Workshop
- Agnes Street Ribbon Cutting

No formal action was taken on Item 3A.

#### 3B. Update and Discussion on Upcoming Events:

- Jan 10 - Lost Pines Mardi Gras Kick Off Party
- Jan 13 & 27 - Regular City Council Meeting
- Jan 19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission Walk in Elgin
- Jan 26 - Boards and Commissions Annual Training
- Jan 30 & 31 - Bastrop Mardi Gras Festival
- Feb 10 - Regular City Council Meeting
- April 29 - Work in Bastrop Job Fair Event

No formal action was taken on Item 3B.

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

Executive Assistant Taylor Andry provided the Board with a one-page of upcoming Bastrop events.

The following events were added by varies board members:

- January 23 – CAPCOG Bastrop County Day
- March 6 – International Women’s Day Event at Convention Center

No formal action was taken on Item 3C.

### 5. WORKSHOP

#### 5A. Workshop discussion on ideas/events to recognize Disability Awareness Month in October.

Ideas that were discussed during the workshop:

- School involvement for educating the youth
- Host event at Library
- Round table discussion event
- Resources to website including multi-lingual (banner on homepage during October)

- Inventory buildings/facilities to check accessibility – give sticker for being a certified accessible business
  - Accessible audit walk
  - Start with Main Street/Downtown
  - Create checklist
- Disability advocate storytelling – Voice of Bastrop
- Event at Delgado Park – ADA Splash Pad
- Sensory-friendly event
- Banner – “Celebrate Disability Awareness”
- Advertising – Community Impact, Neighbors of Bastrop magazine, etc.
- Live streaming of events (October)

## 6. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

### 6A. Consider and act on the Bridging Bastrop Board Chair and Secretary positions for a term ending September 2026.

**MOTION:** Board Member Wood moved to nominate Sheila Lowe as the Bridging Bastrop Board Chair. Board Member Moody seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Board Member Moody moved to nominate Sandy Ervin as the Bridging Bastrop Board Secretary. Board Member Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### 6B. Review, discussion, and possible action on the November and December 2025 Employment Reports from the City of Bastrop Human Resources Department.

Human Resources Director, Tanya Cantrell presented the reports and update regarding the November and December 2025 Monthly Employment Reports.

No formal action was taken on Item 6B.

### 6C. Consider and act to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the December 10, 2025, Regular Meeting.

**MOTION:** Board Member Moody moved to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the December 10, 2025 Regular Meeting as presented. Board Member Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### 6D. Consider and act to finalize changes and/or amendments to the Fiscal Year 2026 Bridging Bastrop Board Work Plan.

*Item 6D was tabled until the February meeting so the workshop discussion maybe be incorporated into the Work Plan.*

6E. **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:

- Website links – “American Affordability Tracker”, “Financial Health and Wealth Dashboard”, and “Debit in America: An Interactive Map”
- Board roles for the Work in Bastrop event
- Work Plan finalization
- Accessibility Inventory Walk

No formal action was taken on Item 6E.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon receiving a motion and a second to adjourn, the January 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m. without objection.

**APPROVED:**

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Sheila Lowe, Bridging Bastrop Board Chair

**ATTEST:**

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Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary