

Bridging Bastrop Board Agenda
City Hall City Council Chambers
1311 Chestnut Street
Bastrop, TX 78602
(512) 332-8800



August 13, 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:

- **June 12** - Bastrop Splash Bash
- **June 13** - Bastrop Juneteenth Essence of Beauty Pageant
- **June 19** - Bastrop Juneteenth Recognition Banquet
- **June 20** - Bastrop Juneteenth Celebration - Parade, Freedom Festival, Street Dance
- **June 21** - The Walk of Love

- **June 23 and July 14** - Regular City Council Meeting
- **July 2** - Farm Street Opry
- **July 4** - Bastrop's Annual Big Bang! Celebration
 - Pet & Pedal Parade, Freedom on Wheels, Toads & Treasures Scavenger Hunt, The Great American Market, Patriotic Firework Display
- **July 15** - Sit with Sylvia
- **July 17 and 18** - Corvette Invasion
- **July 23** - Get Involved! Bastrop Event
- **July 25** - Christmas in July: Lemonade Crawl
- **July 28, 29, 30, and 31 / Aug 1** - Bastrop Homecoming Rodeo & Parade
- **August 6** - Farm Street Opry

3B. Update and Discussion on Upcoming Events:

- **August 25** - Regular City Council Meeting

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

4. WORKSHOP

- 4A. Discussion and possible action regarding the Bridging Bastrop Board hosting the 2026 Community Unity Day.
- 4B. Discussion regarding community outreach opportunities and partnerships to increase participation in Bridging Bastrop initiatives in the Work Plan.
- 4C. Discussion and possible action regarding the Accessibility Inventory Walk Initiative, including finalization of the checklist, participant recruitment, and scheduling.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 5A. Review, discussion, and possible action on the June and July 2026 Employment Reports from the City of Bastrop Human Resources Department.
- 5B. Consider and act to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the June 11, 2026, Regular Meeting.
- 5C. 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 of convenient and readily accessible to the general public, as well as to the City's website, www.cityofbastrop.org and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: Friday, August 7, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. and remained posted for at least two hours after said meeting was convened.

/s/Victoria Psencik
Victoria Psencik, TRMC, Senior HR Generalist

CITY OF BASTROP

REGULAR BRIDGING BASTROP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 11, 2026

The Bridging Bastrop Board met at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 11, 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
 Mary Moody *(arrived at 5:38 pm)*
 Terika Taylor-Williams

Staff Present

Assistant City Secretary Victoria Psencik
 Human Resources Director Tanya Cantrell
 Executive Assistant to City Manager Taylor Andry
 Public Information Manager Colin Guerra

Board Members Absent

Eboni Smith

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:

- Touch-a-Truck & Movie in the Park
- Lost Pines Art Center Spring Gala
- Sit with Sylvia
- Regular City Council Meeting
- F.A.M.E. Days: Freedom & Flourish (CANCELED)
- Bastrop Juneteenth Banquet
- Bastrop Juneteenth - Parade, Freedom Festival, Street Dance

No formal action was taken on Item 3A.

3B. Update and Discussion on Upcoming Events:

- June 12 - Bastrop Splash Bash | Fisherman's Park | 5:00 - 8:00 pm

- June 13 - Bastrop Juneteenth Essence of Beauty Pageant | Bastrop Opera House | 1:00 - 4:00 pm
- June 19 - Bastrop Juneteenth Recognition Banquet | Convention Center | 7:00 pm
- June 20 - Bastrop Juneteenth Celebration - Parade, Freedom Festival, Street Dance
- June 21 - The Walk of Love | Paul Quinn AME Church | 6:00 pm
- June 23 - Regular City Council Meeting
- July 2 - Farm Street Opry | Convention Center | 5:30 pm - 10:30 pm
- July 4 - Bastrop's Annual Big Bang! Celebration
 - Pet & Pedal Parade | County Courthouse | 8:00 - 10:00 am
 - Freedom on Wheels | Main St (Chestnut to Pine) | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 - Toads & Treasures Scavenger Hunt | Downtown Retail Shops | 10:00 am-5:00 pm
 - The Great American Market | Main St (Chestnut to Spring) | 10:00 am -5:00 pm
 - Patriotic Firework Display | Fisherman's Park | 6:00 - 9:30 pm
- July 23 - Get Involved! Bastrop | Convention Center | 6:00 - 8:00 pm

No formal action was taken on Item 3B.

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

- Splash Pads (Fisherman's Park and Delgado Park) new hours 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
- June 13 – Man Talk (Juneteenth Committee with HEAL Alliance) at Lumberyard from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
- Data Center Town Halls – June 16 in Elgin, June 17 in Smithville, and June 18 in Bastrop
- June 24 – Sit with Sylvia at City Hall at 7:00 am
- June 27 – Food Pantry Event at Convention Center
- June 27 – State of Black Community at Casa Chapala at 5:00 pm
- June 27 – Star Party at Bob Bryant Park from 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm

No formal action was taken on Item 3C.

4. WORKSHOP

4A. **Discussion and any possible action regarding the Accessibility Inventory Walk Initiative, including finalization of the checklist, participant recruitment, and scheduling.**

The board finalized plans for accessibility walks at six city facilities on October 8th, 2026. Morning sessions (9:30am) will cover Library, Utility Office, and Recreation Center; afternoon sessions (1:30pm) will cover City Hall, Convention Center, and Police Department. Facilities Director provided feedback that the checklist is a solid screening tool and recommended adding items for parking signage, automatic doors, accessible routes, drinking fountains, meeting room access, and emergency evacuation accommodations. The director confirmed willingness to participate in the walks. It was discussed to decide the schedule at the July meeting.

No formal action was taken on Item 4A.

4B. **Discussion regarding community outreach opportunities and partnerships to increase participation in Bridging Bastrop initiatives in the Work Plan.**

Goal 3: Work collaboratively with our partners – “collaborate to co-host community events (job fairs, housing/healthcare access events)”

The Board identified co-hosting opportunities at existing community events, focusing on seniors, healthcare, and housing. Key events include the Bastrop County Health Fair and Bastrop County Senior Expo. Board Member Knight was to contact Chamber of Commerce for space at the Health Fair on Saturday, August 8th. Also discussed was having the “partner list” updated on the city’s website.

Goal 2: Create strategies to distribute information to people of different cultures in culturally appropriate ways – “build a multilingual resource hub (ensure translated accessible info on city and partner websites)”

Public Information Manager, Colin Guerra presented the new federal ADA compliance requirements for city websites. Per the population size deadline, the City of Bastrop would need to be compliant by April 2028. He stated that staff has already interviewed a few companies that would assist in getting the City in compliance. The Board will provide guidance and assistance with some of these companies.

No formal action was taken on Item 4B.

4C. **Discussion regarding the Bridging Bastrop Board's involvement with the Get Involved! Bastrop event, including but not limited to volunteer commitment, and attendee surveys.**

The Get Involved! Bastrop event will be held on Thursday, July 23rd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Convention Center. The Board will have a table to help recruit members and talk about the board.

No formal action was taken on Item 4C.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

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

Human Resources Director, Tanya Cantrell presented the May 2026 Employment Reports for the City of Bastrop. The board requested additional data tracking (starting July 1st) to show the number of applicants interviewed per position, not just hired.

No formal action was taken on Item 5A.

5B. **Consider and act to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the May 14, 2026, Regular Meeting.**

MOTION: Board Member Wood moved to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the May 14, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented. Board Member Ervin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Individual Requests made by the Board Members:

- Community Asset meeting insights on what organizations are doing as for events
- Update from the County Housing and Health Committee

No formal action was taken on Item 5C.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon receiving a motion and a second to adjourn, the June 11th Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m. without objection.

APPROVED:

Sheila Lowe, Bridging Bastrop Board Chair

ATTEST:

Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary