



**ORANGE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**

MINUTES

August 21, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation convened in a Special Meeting at 10:00am, Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 123 S. 6th Street, Orange.

Members Present:

Robbie Hood, City of Pinehurst
Dan Mohon, City of Pinehurst
Jay Trahan, City of Orange
Jerry Jones, City of Bridge City
Dr. Michael Shahan, Lamar State College Orange
Terri Gauthier, City of Bridge City
Randy Branch, City of West Orange
Dr. Stephen Patterson, Orangefield ISD
Ida Schossow, GOACC

Members Absent:

Commissioner Barry Burton, Pct. 2
Ann Galassi, Sabine River Authority
Daniel Moreaux, Moreaux Transportation Services
Shawn Sparrow, The Houseman Companies
Dr. Pauline Hargrove, LCMCISD
Stephen Lee, First Financial Bank
Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Pct. 1
Mayor Cathy Nagel, City of Pine Forest
Mike Stelly, City of West Orange

Others Present:

Jessica Hill, Executive Director
Chris Leavins, Legal Counsel

Official Notice of the meeting detailing the time, date, place and purpose (Agenda), was posted on the Orange County Economic Development Corporation website and Orange County Administration Building on August 17, 2018.

1. **Convene Meeting.** Officer Hood opened the meeting at 10:01 am.
2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Directors Present.** Member Mohon led the invocation, Officer Stelly led the pledge, and Officer Hood led the roll call.
3. **Recognize Guests.**
The following guests were in attendance: Dr. Tom Johnson, Lamar State College Orange; Mike Kunst, City of Vidor; Bailey Aaron, Citizen; Keith Wallace, Port of Orange
4. **Open the floor to members of the public or of the Board of Directors of the Governing authority for inquiries about a subject not listed on the Agenda.** Speakers shall be requested to limit their remarks to three (3) minutes or less. Specific factual information, or existing policy, may be stated in response to an inquiry. Any Deliberation or decision about the subject of **the inquirer shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the Agenda** for a subsequent Regular or Special Board Meeting.
5. **Discussion and possible action regarding the membership applications.**
 - a) City of Vidor – Advisory
Motioned by Member Patterson and seconded by Member Mohon to approve membership. Motion carried.
 - b) Orange County Port and Navigation District – Advisory
Motioned by Member Patterson and seconded by Member Gauthier to approve membership. Motion carried.
 - c) Gopher Industrial – Associate
Motioned by Member Patterson and seconded by Member Shahan to approve membership. Motion carried.
6. **Discussion and possible action regarding sponsorship of Orange County ISDs' participation in Texas 21 Career Pathways Initiative.**

Officer Jones motioned to approve the sponsorship of the Orange County ISD's participation in the Texas21 Career Pathways Initiative. Motion seconded by Member Wallace. Motion carried.
7. **Discussion and possible action regarding the current Orange County Economic Development Corporation office location and potential alternatives.**

No Action

8. **Closed Meeting to Deliberate commercial or financial information that the Governmental Body has received from a business prospect that the Governmental Body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the Governmental Body and with which the Governmental Body is conducting economic development negotiations, or to Deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to such a business prospect, under Section 551.087 of the Act, regarding any current, confidential OCEDC Projects.**

Convened in closed session at 10:24am
Reconvened in open session at 10:32am

9. **Discussion and possible action resulting from Closed Meeting under Agenda Item No.8.**

No Action

10. **Closed Meeting to Deliberate commercial or financial information that the Governmental Body has received from a business prospect that the Governmental Body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the Governmental Body and with which the Governmental Body is conducting economic development negotiations, or to Deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to such a business prospect, under Section 551.087 of the Act, regarding any current, confidential OCEDC Projects.**

Convened in closed session at 10:33am
Reconvened in open session at 10:42am

16. **Adjourn Meeting.**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:43 am by motion from Member Gauthier and a second by Member Wallace. Motion carried.

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