



**ORANGE COUNTY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION**

**MINUTES**

**November 4, 2024**

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation convened in a Regular Meeting at 10:00 AM Monday November 4, 2024 in the Orange County Commissioner's Courtroom 123 S 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Orange, TX 77630

**Members Present**

Commissioner Robert Viator, Pct. 4  
Cynthia Adams, City of Pinehurst  
Gina Mannino, City of Bridge City  
Mike Stelly, City of West Orange  
Shaun McAlpin – Orangefield ISD  
Jay Trahan, City of Orange  
Ida Schossow, GOACC  
Keith Wallace, Port of Orange  
David Jones, Gopher Industrial

**Members Absent:**

Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Pct. 1  
Randy Branch, City of West Orange  
Chad Jennings, Golden Triangle Polymers  
Robbie Hood, City of Vidor  
Dr. Tom Johnson, Lamar State College Orange  
Jerry Hood, City of Pinehurst  
Travis Williams, Sabine River Authority  
Shawn Sparrow, The Houseman Companies

**Others Present:**

Megan Layne, Executive Director  
Jessica Irvin, Business Development Manager  
Christopher 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 November 4, 2024.

1. **Convene Meeting** President Stelly opened the meeting at 10:03 am
2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Directors Present.** Chris Leavins led the invocation and Chief Stelly led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Recognize Guests.**

Hillary Gravett, City of Orange  
Mayor David Rutledge, City of Bridge City

4. **Public Comment**

*At this time, members of the public or of the Board of Directors of the Governing authority may comment 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 a comment. Any Deliberation or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the Agenda for a subsequent Regular or Special Board Meeting.*

No Comments

5. **Discussion and possible action to approve Minutes for any previous Meeting(s).**

Member Trahan motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Viator. Motion Carried.

6. **Discussion and possible action on financial matters including:**

(A) **Financial report** – Motion to approve financial report made by Member Wallace, seconded by Member McAlpin. Motion carried.

(B) **Bills for payment** – Motion by Member Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Viator. Motion carried.

7. **Discussion and possible to accept City of Orange’s appointment of new Member Hillary Gravett to the OCEDC board. Subject to final approval by Commissioner’s Court on their next court date.**

Member Wallace made the motion to approve the appointment of Hillary Gravett, seconded by Member McAlpin. Motion carried.

8. **Discussion and possible action regarding request for audit services proposals for fiscal year 2023-2024.**

Motion by Commissioner Viator to send out RFQs for professional services, seconded by Member Wallace. Motion carried.

**9. Discussion and possible action regarding the renewal of the County Abatement Policy.**

Motion made by Member Wallace to present the 2024 Abatement Policy for renewal to the Orange County Commissioner's Court, seconded by Commissioner Viator. Motion carried.

**10. Executive Director's Regular Report.**

Discussion and updates on the following

(A) Project Pipeline Report

1. Invista News Release

(B) HOT Tax Committee Update and Allocations

(C) Placer.ai and Costar Onboarding Update (Sample Report)

(D) Orangefield ISD Elementary School Groundbreaking Oct. 31

(E) LSCO Academic Building Opening Ceremony Nov. 6

(F) Miscellaneous, Open Discussion

**11. 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.**

None

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

None

**13. Discussion and possible action regarding possible changes to the date, time and/or place of one or more particular Regular Session(s) if any of such factors are presently anticipated to be changed from standard Board Policy.**

To be determined.

**14. Adjourn Meeting.**

Meeting adjourned 11:18 am.

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