



**ORANGE COUNTY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION**

**MINUTES**

**March 11, 2026**

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation convened in a Regular Meeting at 10:00 AM Wednesday March 11, 2026 in the Orange County Commissioner's Courtroom 123 S 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Orange, TX 77630

**Members Present**

Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Pct. 1  
Commissioner Robert Viator, Pct. 4  
Cynthia Adams, City of Pinehurst  
Randy Branch, City of West Orange  
Mike Stelly, City of West Orange  
Bart Bartkowiak, City of Bridge City  
Dr. Wendy Elmore, Lamar State College Orange  
David Jones, Gopher Industrial  
Keith Wallace, Port of Orange

Chad Jennings, Golden Triangle Polymers

**Members Absent:**

Shaun McAlpin – Orangefield ISD  
Ida Schossow, GOACC  
Vicky Hernandez, Powering Coastal Texas  
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 March 5, 2026.

1. **Convene Meeting** President Stelly opened the meeting at 10:00 am
2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Directors Present.** Mayor Branch led the invocation and Chief Stelly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Recognize Guests.**

None

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.*

None

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

Mayor Branch motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Trahan. Motion Carried.

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

(A) **Financial report** – Motion to approve financial report made by Commissioner Trahan, seconded by Mayor Branch. Motion carried.

(B) **Bills for payment** – Motion to approve by Commissioner Trahan, seconded by Mayor Branch. Motion carried.

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

Discussion and updates of the following.

(A) Save the Date: May 5<sup>th</sup> Economic Development Week Luncheon

(B) USG Paper LLC amendment to take place April 14

(C) Ad impressions – Trade and Industry Magazine

(D) Project Discover – on hold, as directed from company.

(E) Miscellaneous, Discussion regarding pending or future development projects in Orange County.

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.**

Entered closed session at 10:18.

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

Return from closed session at 10:50 am. No action

- 10. 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.**

May 4th at 10:00 am.

- 11. Adjourn Meeting.**

Meeting adjourned 10:51 am.

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