



**ORANGE COUNTY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION**

**MINUTES**

**May 1, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation convened in a Special Meeting at 10:00 AM Monday May 1, 2023 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  
Mike Stelly, City of West Orange  
Cynthia Adams, City of Pinehurst  
Terri Gauthier, City of Bridge City  
Keith Wallace, Port of Orange  
Randy Branch, City of West Orange  
Shaun McAlpin – Orangefield ISD  
Dr. Tom Johnson, Lamar State College Orange  
David Jones, Gopher Industrial

**Members Absent:**

Jay Trahan, City of Orange  
Ida Schossow, GOACC  
Robbie Hood, City of Vidor  
Jerry Hood, City of Pinehurst  
Daniel Moreaux, Moreaux Transportation Services  
Stephen Lee, First Financial Bank  
Travis Williams, Sabine River Authority  
Shawn Sparrow, The Houseman Companies

**Others Present:**

Megan Layne, Executive Director  
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 April 27, 2023.

1. **Convene Meeting** President Stelly opened the meeting at 10:00 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.**

None

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 inquiry 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 to approve Minutes for any previous Meeting(s).**

Member Wallace motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Gauthier. Motion Carried.

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

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

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

7. **Discussion and possible action regarding Local First Program for hiring of additional EDC personnel.**

No action. The county has taken action to house the Local First Program under the County.

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

Director Layne informed the board that the Business Development Manager position has been filled. Jessica Irvin will be joining the EDC in June. She also mentioned that Kristie Young has begun working on the Local First program for the County. She will attend a meeting at a later date to introduce herself and discuss the Local First Program. Retail Strategies will be attending the Las Vegas ICSC show in May and has requested that we provide "requests" for them to schedule their meetings with companies on our behalf.

9. **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

10. **Discussion and possible action resulting from Closed Meeting under Agenda Item No. 6.**

None

11. **Discussion and possible setting of date, time and place of any presently anticipated Special Meeting to be held prior to the next Regular Meeting.**

None

12. **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.**

July 11, 2023 at 10:00 in the Commissioner's Court room.

13. **Adjourn Meeting.**

Meeting adjourned 10:39 am.

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