ORANGE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MINUTES

September 14, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation convened in a Regular Meeting at 10:00 AM Monday September 14, 2026 in the Orange County Commissioner's Courtroom 123 S 6th Street, Orange, TX 77630

Members Present

Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Pct. 1
Cynthia Adams, City of Pinehurst
Robbie Hood, City of Pinehurst
Mike Stelly, City of West Orange
Randy Branch, City of West Orange
Bart Bartkowiak, City of Bridge City
Ida Schossow, GOACC

Members Absent:

Chad Jennings, Golden Triangle Polymers
David Jones, Gopher Industrial
Keith Wallace, Port of Orange
Commissioner Robert Viator, Pct. 4
Cynthia Adams, City of Pinehurst
Shaun McAlpin – Orangefield ISD
Dr. Wendy Elmore, Lamar State College Orange
Vicky Hernandez, Powering Coastal Texas
Travis Williams, Sabine River Authority
Shawn Sparrow, The Houseman Companies
Megan Layne, Executive Director

Others Present:

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 September 9, 2026.

1. **Convene Meeting** President Stelly opened the meeting at 10:01 am

2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Directors Present.** Randy Branch led the invocation and Chief Stelly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Recognize Guests.**

   Jay Trahan, City of Orange EDC
   Julie David, City of Orange EDC
   David Slaughter, City of Vidor City Manager

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).**

   Member Hood motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Branch. Motion Carried.

6. **Discussion and possible action on financial matters including:**
   - **(A) Financial report –** Motion to approve financial report made by Member Trahan, seconded by Member Bartkowiak. Motion carried.
   - **(B) Bills for payment** – Motion to approve by Branch, seconded by Member Trahan. Motion carried.

7. **Discussion and possible action to appoint Jay Trahan, City of Orange as representative, to the OCEDC board of directors. Final appointment approved by Orange County Commissioners at the next regular meeting.**

   Member Hood motioned to approve the appointment, seconded by Member Branch. Motion Carried.

8. **Nomination, discussion, and action appointing the 2026-2027 Officers of the OCEDC board of directors.**

   Nominations:

President-Commissioner Johnny Trahan
Vice President-Mike Stelly-City of West Orange
Secretary-Robbie Hood-City of Pinehurst
Assistant Secretary-Bart Bartkowiak-City of Bridge City

Member Hood motioned to approve the appointment, seconded by Member Branch. Motion Carried.

9. Discussion and possible action designating signatories on the OCEDC Stellar Bank account and authorizing the execution of any necessary resolutions or authorizations regarding the same.

President-Commissioner Johnny Trahan
Vice President-Mike Stelly-City of West Orange
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Member Hood motioned to approve new resolution and record those designating signatories to the OCEDC Stellar Bank account, seconded by Member Trahan. Motion Carried.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding to approve budget amend ments to the 2026-2027 budget

Motion by Hood to approve the FY 2026-2027 Budget amendment to be effective October 1, 2026 including changes to the Leased Personnel Line item to reflect a $2/Hr increase instead of the $1/Hr increase previously approved for Business Development Manager, Seconded by Member Trahan. Motion carried.

11. Discussion and action to appoint OCEDC board member to the Orange County HOT review committee

Member Trahan motioned to approve the appointment, seconded by Member Bartkowiak. Motion Carried.

12. Executive Director's Regular Report.

Discussion and updates of the following.

(A) Project Oscar-LOI sent, still discussions
(B) Project Capstone update, their loan closing soon, will see some land clearing, groundbreaking ceremony TBD
(C) Orange County Restaurant week is to take place Sept 21-27th.
(D) Miscellaneous, Discussion regarding pending or future development projects in Orange County.

13. **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.**

    No closed session

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

    No closed session

15. **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.**

    November 2nd at 10:00 am.

16. **Adjourn Meeting.**

    Meeting adjourned 10:38 am.

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