



Hon. Hon. Matthew Wright  
Hon. Jerry Barker, Vice-Chair

Alfred Solano, Secretary/Treasurer  
Russell Devorsky, President

THE HEART OF TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

Meeting Minute January 28, 2021

The Heart of Texas Economic Development District, Inc., Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. or immediately after the Heart of Texas Council of Governments meeting, virtually, by computer or phone through the Heart of Texas Council of Governments at 1514 South New Rd. Waco, Texas 76711. **As approved by the Texas Attorney General.**

I. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum

At 11:15a.m. Chair Art Mann called the meeting to order and asked if quorum had been met. Falen Bohannon responded that quorum had been met.

II. Acknowledgment of Notice Giving Public Access to Meeting

Art Mann asked if proper notice had been given and Mrs. Bohannon responded that proper notice had been given.

III. Introduction of Guests and Public Comment(s)

No Guests

IV. Chair Report

No Report Given

V. Consideration and/or Action on the following:

A. Election of Officers and Members

1. Nominations Committee Report/Action of recommendation (Current Officers are Art Mann, Chair; Matthew Wright, Vice Chair; Jerry Barker, Secretary/Treasurer; Russell Devorsky, President)

**David Davis made the motion to approve the nominations committee report. Matthew Wright moved to Chair, Jerry Barker moved to Vice Chair, and Alfred Solano nominated as Secretary/Treasurer. Judge Felton seconded the motion. Motion carried**

2. Re-Appointment of Members to the Board (2 year terms):

Jerry Barker, Art Mann, Ray O'Docharty, Randy Riggs, Matthew Wright, Alfred Solano, and Keith Whitfield

**Charles Eaton made a motion to approve the re-appointment of members to the board. Alfred Solano seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

3. Appointment of New Board Members (if any):

**No new members**

A. Approval of the 2020-2025 CEDS draft for 30 day public hearing.

**Jerry Barker made a motion to approve the 2020-2025 draft for the 30 day public hearing. Charles Eaton seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

## **B. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**

1. Approval of HOTEDD to continue serving as the CEDS Committee for the Heart of Texas Region as HOTEDD must reappoint itself each year.  
**Alfred Solano made a motion to approve HOTEDD to continue serving as the CEDS committee. David Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
  
2. Approval of the CEDS Update Advisory Committee to continue working with staff for 2021.  
**Charles Eaton made a motion to approve the CEDS Update Advisory Committee to continue working with staff for 2021. Jerry Barker seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
  
3. Appointment of 2021 CEDS Update Advisory Committee  
2020 Committee: Robert Hawkins; Damaris Neelley; Dick Van Dyke, and David Davis  
**Charles Eaton made a motion to approve the appointment of the 2021 CEDS Update Advisory Committee. Ray O'Docharty seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

## **VI. Chairman Report (no action required)**

### **Committee Appointments**

#### A. Entrepreneurship & Small Business Development Committee Members

Kevin Benedict (Chair), Jerry Barker, Dick Van Dyke, Matthew Wright, Alfred Solano

#### B. Housing Committee Members

Jerry Barker (Chair), Damaris Neelley, Ray O'Docarty, Keith Whitfield, Calvin Rueter. Ignacio Vasquez added.

#### C. Education & Workforce Development Committee Members

Robert Hawkins (Chair), Scott Felton, Linda Grant, Justin Lewis, Keith Whitfield.

#### D. Regional Marketing Committee Members

Jerry Barker (Chair), Jay Elliott, Art Mann, Damaris Neelley, Matthew Wright

#### E. Revolving Loan Fund Committee

Damaris Neelley (Chair), Kevin Benedict, Justin Lewis, Robert Hawkins Alfredo Solano, Jay Elliott.  
Charles Eaton added

#### F. Workforce Committee

Jerry Barker (Chair), Robert Hawkins, Randy Riggs, Damaris Neelley. David Davis added

## **VII. President and Staff Reports**

### A. Staff Report

**Dorthy Jackson gave the staff report. She discussed that the revolving loan fund and the SMRF. She thanked everyone for their participation in the CEDS.**

### B. Financial Report

**John Minnix gave the financial report.**

C. President Report

**Russell Devorsky gave the presidents report. He spoke about how the EDD is doing good financially and that if anyone need PPE to give him a call. Mr. Devorsky also wanted the board to appoint Alfred Solano, Randy Riggs, and Robert Hawkins as the Building Oversight Committee. Their duties will include boardroom rehab, security, and sealing of the parking lot.**

VIII. Adjournment

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Matthew Wright, Chair