



## January 15, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**MINUTES** of Annual Meeting of the **San Benito Economic Development Corporation** Board of Directors held on **Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. at 701 N. Bowie St., San Benito, Cameron County, Texas 78586.**

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

*Julian Rios, President*  
*Rene Garcia, Vice-President*  
*Encarnacion López, Secretary/Treasurer*  
*Jeremy Maya, Board Member*  
*Mario Silva, Board Member*  
*Mayor Benjamín Gómez, Ex-Officio Member*

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

*Ramiro Guerra, Board Member*  
*Mary Bolado, Board Member*

### **EDC STAFF**

*Rebeca, Castillo, San Benito EDC Executive Director*  
*Victoria Padron, San Benito EDC Economic Development Specialist*

### **Others Present:**

Antonio Torres, San Benito EDC Attorney  
Belen Pena, City of San Benito Finance Director

### MEETING – 5:30 P.M.

#### **1. Determination of a quorum**

*Mr. Julian Rios* made welcoming remarks. A quorum was determined to be present.

#### **2. Call to Order**

*Mr. Julian Rios* called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

#### **3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge**

Standing for Pledge of Allegiance & Texas Flag Pledge was completed.

#### **4. Invocation**

Invocation was done by *Mayor Benjamín Gómez, Ex-Officio Member*

#### **5. Public Comments**

No Public Comments.

**6. Presentation of 2020 Cycle 1 Community Partnership Grant Applications;**

Mr. Obed Longoria a representative from THICA presented the Application for the Happy Birthday Texas Fest Event.

Ms. Sandra Tumberlinson a representative from The San Benito Historical Society presented for the African American Museum Campaign.

**7. Consideration and Possible Action on the award of 2020 Cycle 1 Community Partnership Grant Applications**

Mr. Encarnacion Lopez made a motion to award THICA for the Happy Birthday Texas Fest Event the amount of \$11,000. A second was made by Mr. Mario Silva. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rene Garcia made a motion to award the San Benito Historical Society for the African American Museum Campaign the amount of \$7,900. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mario Silva. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. Public Hearing for Small Business Investment Program;**

Mrs. Rebeca Castillo presented the Small Business Investment Program.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Rene Garcia made a motion to close the public hearing for the Small Business Investment Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Encarnacion Lopez. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. Presentation of SBCISD Career Path AV & Technology Program**

Representatives from SBCISD Career Path AV & Technology Program gave a presentation.

Presentation only.

**10. Consent Agenda Items**

All consent Agenda Items are considered to be routine by the San Benito Economic Development Corporation and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a SBEDC Board Member so requests, in which

event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

Items "A" to "E"

- A. November 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- B. December 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- C. December 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- D. December 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- E. January 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve items "A" to "E" was made by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Mario Silva](#). Motion carried unanimously.

**11. Presentation and Acknowledgement of the San Benito EDC Financial Statements for the period ending November 2019**

[Mrs. Belen Pena](#), City of San Benito Finance Director presented the San Benito Economic Development Corporation financial statements for the period ending on November 2019 to the SBEDC Board of Directors.

A motion to acknowledge the San Benito EDC Financial Statements for the period ending on November 2019 was made by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#) motion was seconded by [Mr. Mario Silva](#). The motion carried unanimously.

**12. Presentation and Acknowledgement of the USDA Small Business Loan Program report for the period ending November 2019;**

[Mrs. Belen Pena](#), City of San Benito Finance Director, presented the USDA Small Business Loan Program report for the period ending on November 2019 to the SBEDC Board of Directors.

A motion to acknowledge the USDA Small Business Loan Program report for the period ending November 2019 was made by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Mario Silva](#). The motion carried unanimously.

**13. Presentation and Acknowledgment of the November & December 2019 Accounts Payable Reports;**

A motion to acknowledge the November & December 2019 Accounts Payable Reports was made by [Mr. Rene Garcia](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). The motion carried unanimously.



**14. Consideration and Action on the amendment to the USDA Intermediary Relending Program Loan between the San Benito Economic Development Corporation Inc, and Veronica Aguilar, owner of Delia's Adult Daycare;**

A motion to approve the amendment to the USDA Intermediary Relending Program Loan between the San Benito Economic Development Corporation Inc, and Veronica Aguilar, owner of Delia's Adult Daycare was made by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Mario Silva](#). The motion carried unanimously.

**15. Consideration and Action on funding for marketing of Market Days in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for FY 2019-2020;**

A motion to approve the funding for marketing of Market Days in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for FY 2019-2020 was made by [Mr. Rene Garcia](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). The motion carried unanimously.

**16. Consideration and Action on funding for Explore San Benito Marketing Campaign in an amount not to exceed \$3,500 for FY 2019-2020;**

A motion to approve the funding for Explore San Benito Marketing Campaign in an amount not to exceed \$3,500 for FY 2019-2020 was made by [Mr. Rene Garcia](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). The motion carried unanimously.

**17. Presentation & Acknowledgement of Expenditures paid by the San Benito Economic Development Corporation, Inc for:**

<u>Event</u>	<u>Event Date</u>
THICA Event	March 9, 2019
Hog Waddle Country Concert & Cookoff	May 18, 2019
Resaca Fest 2019	June 6, 2019
South Texas Music Festival	September 21, 2019
National Night Out	October 1, 2019
Community Christmas Lightning	December 7, 2019

A motion to acknowledge the Expenditures paid by the San Benito Economic Development Corporation, Inc as presented was made by [Mr. Rene Garcia](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). The motion carried unanimously

**18. Consideration and Action on the 2019 Property Taxes for the 2550 W Expressway 83 Property**

A motion to approve the 2019 Property Taxes for the 2550 W Expressway 83 Property and proceed to make payment was made by [Mr. Rene Garcia](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Jeremy Maya](#). The motion carried unanimously.

**19. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Under Texas Government Code, Section 551.071: Consultation with attorney regarding Project Lagoon
- B. Under Texas Government Code, Section 551.071: Consultation with attorney regarding Project Mason
- C. Under Texas Government Code, Section 551.071: Consultation with attorney regarding X-Treme Jump;
- D. Under Texas Government Code, Section 551.071: Consultation with attorney regarding VARCO

**EDC Board of Directors Convened into executive session at 7:26 PM**

**EDC Board of Directors Re-convened into public session at 8:20 PM**

**20. Action, if any, to be taken on items discussed in Executive Session;**

Mr. Encarnacion Lopez made a motion to allow to proceed as discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded by [Ms. Rene Garcia](#). The motion carried unanimously.

**21. Determination of Date and Time for the next San Benito EDC Board of Directors Meeting;**

The San Benito EDC Board of Directors agreed to a Regular Meeting February 26, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

**22. Board Comments**

No Comments

**23. Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM. A motion to adjourn was made by [Mr. Rene Garcia](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Jeremy Maya](#). The motion carried unanimously.

Approved by the San Benito Economic Development Corporation on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

  
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Julian Rios, President

ATTEST:

  
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Jeremy Maya, Secretary/Treasurer