



APPROVED Meeting Minutes of a Regular Scheduled Meeting of the San Benito Economic Development Corporation will be held by In Person, Videoconference or Telephone Call, on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 5:30 PM.

Board Meeting Presided by Mr. Jose L. Morales, President

Board Members Present

Mr. Jose L. Morales, Board President
Mr. Alex Salinas, Vice President
Mr. Thomas Garza, Board Member
Mr. Sam Boswell Jr., Board Member
Mr. Joshua Gonzales, Board Member
Mayor Ricardo Guerra, Mayor/Ex-Office Member

Board Member Absent

EDC Staff Present

Mr. Ramiro Aleman, Executive Director
Ms. Julia Landrum, Community Development & Marketing Manager
Mr. Angel Avila, Economic Development Specialist

Others Present

Mr. Mark Sossi, Attorney
Mr. Fred Sandoval, City Manager
Mrs. Deborah Morales, COSB City Commissioner
Mr. Tom Goodman, COSB City Commissioner
Mr. Gerardo Gonzalez, Cabo's Grill
Mr. Eduardo Ariza & Others, Ariza General Construction

- 1. Determination of a quorum (J.L. Morales)**
Mr. Jose L. Morales made welcoming remarks and determined quorum.
- 2. Call to Order (J.L. Morales)**
Mr. Jose L. Morales called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge (J.L. Morales)**
Ms. Julia Landrum lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge.
- 4. Public Comments (J.L. Morales)**
No public comments.
- 5. Selection of Officers**
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Secretary/ Treasurer

A motion to nominate Mr. Alex Salinas for President was made by Mr. Thomas Garza. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sam Boswell Jr. Upon unanimous vote the motion was passed.

Mr. Jose L. Morales then turned the meeting over to Mr. Alex Salinas.

A motion to nominate Mr. Thomas Garza for Vice - President was made by Mr. Joshua Gonzales. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alex Salinas. Upon unanimous vote the motion was passed.

A motion to nominate Mr. Sam Boswell Jr for Secretary/Treasurer was made by Mr. Jose L. Morales. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas Garza. Upon unanimous vote the motion was passed.

6. Presentation and Acknowledgement of the EDC Monthly Report (R. Aleman)

- Website Development
- Resaca City Casino Night
- IEDC Economic Development Marketing & Attraction Course
- Commercial Developments
- Rent Subsidies Update

Ms. Julia Landrum gave a brief presentation of what the EDC has been up to and all events that they participated in November.

No Action Item

7. Executive Session

- A. Under Texas Government Code, Section 551.071: consultation with attorney regarding the following: Real Estate
- B. Under Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel: To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer, Executive Director.
 - a.) Appointment of Interim Executive Director

Board entered executive session at - 5:40 PM

Board Reconvened into Public Session at 7:08 PM

8. Action, if any to be taken on items discussed in Executive Session:

A motion on item A to extend the deadline for submissions of proposals on the expressway property was made by Mr. Thomas Garza. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jose L. Morales. Upon unanimous vote the motion was passed.

A motion to direct the current Executive Director to post the Executive Director position with a 90-day deadline was made by Mr. Sam Boswell Jr. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joshua Gonzales. Upon unanimous vote the motion was passed.

A motion to appoint Julia Landrum Interim Executive Director for the shorter of 90 – days or when an Executive Director is appointed, and this motion is subject to a term contract to be negotiated by the board attorney with the parameters discussed in executive session was made by Mr. Sam Boswell Jr. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas Garza. 4 ayes and 1 nae by Mr. Jose L. Morales motion was passed.

9. Requests for items to be placed on upcoming agendas (J.L. Morales)

Mr. Thomas Garza asked for an update on Executive Director Applicants.

No Action Item

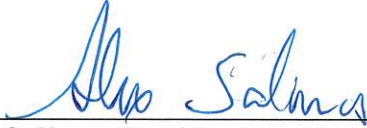
10. Determination of Date and Time for the next San Benito EDC Board Meeting (J.L. Morales)

The next meeting will be held on December 21st, 2023 at 5:30 P.M

11. Meeting Adjournment (J.L. Morales)

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Jose L. Morales. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas Garza. Upon unanimous vote the motion was passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Approved this 21st day of December 2023.

	
Alex Salinas, President	Secretary/Treasurer