



Economic Development Corporation

**NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SAN BENITO EDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
In Person, on Thursday, February 16, 2023, AT 5:30**

Approved Meeting Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the San Benito Economic Development Corporation held by In Person, Videoconference or Telephone Call, on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 5:30PM.

Board Meeting Presided by Mr. Julian Rios, President

Board Members Present

Mr. Julian Rios, President
Mr. Encarnacion Lopez, Vice President
Mr. Alex Salinas, Board Member,
Mr. Jeremy Maya, Board Member,
Mr. Ben Gomez, Board Member,

Board Member Absent

Mr. Adrian Gonzalez, Secretary/Treasurer
Mrs. Deborah Morales, Board Member
Mayor Ricardo Guerra, Ex-Officio Member

EDC Staff Present

Mr. Ramiro Aleman, Executive Director
Mr. Angel Avila, Economic Development Specialist

Others Present

Mrs. Stephanie Sarrionandia, City of San Benito Assistant Finance Director
Mr. Mark Sossi, Attorney
Mr. Manuel De La Rosa, City Manager
Ms. Nikki Serrano, Parks & Rec
Ms. Julia Landrum

- 1. Determination of a quorum (J. Rios)**
Mr. Julian Rios made welcoming remarks and determined quorum.
- 2. Call to Order (J. Rios)**
Mr. Julian Rios called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge (A. Avila)**
Mr. Angel Avila led the pledge of allegiance and Texas flag pledge.
- 4. Public Comments (J. Rios)**
There was 1 public comment by Ms. Julia Landrum.
- 5. Consideration and Possible Action on ICSC Vegas 2023 (R. Aleman)**

A motion to place item 6 before item 5 was made by [Mr. Ben Gomez](#). The Motion was second by [Mr. Alex Salinas](#). Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

[Mr. Ramiro Aleman](#) present the ICSC Vegas 2023 for the board's consideration.

A motion to approve for any board members who are interested in going was made by [Mr. Julian Rios](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Ben Gomez](#). Upon a unanimous vote the motion passed.

6. Consideration and Possible Action on SBEDC Budget Amendments (R. Aleman)

[Mr. Ramiro Aleman](#) present the SBEDC Budget Amendments for the Boards consideration.

[Mr. Ramiro Aleman](#) stated that he wanted to add a line item for staff performance incentives. The second amendment is to match the simple IRA to 3%. The third amendment is to increase the Life and Short-Term Disability. [Mr. Ramiro Aleman](#) then stated that these benefits had been cancelled due to no one using them. [Mr. Ben Gomez](#) then asked about who was overseeing the EDC in the time that there was no Director. [Mrs. Stephanie Sarrionandia](#) then stated that there was no employee who needed the insurance. The fourth Amendment is Health/Dental Insurance was as well delayed and will be increased due to new policy. The fifth amendment is Legal Services to be increased due to being overbudget the previous year. The sixth budget amendment is to separate the line items due to being overbudget the previous year. [Mr. Aleman](#) stated the amendments will be funded by the interest accumulated by the general fund account. [Mr. Julian Rios](#) stated to add a city event sponsorship line item to the budget amendments.

A motion to approve the budget amendments and include the new line item was made by [Mr. Ben Gomez](#). The Motion was second by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

A motion to go back to item 5 was made by [Mr. Ben Gomez](#). The Motion was second by [Mr. Alex Salinas](#). Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

7. Consideration and Possible Action COSB Special Event Sponsorship Opportunities (R. Aleman)

[Mr. Ramiro Aleman](#) present the COSB Special Event Sponsorship Opportunities for the board's consideration. He stated that [Ms. Nikki Serrano](#) from Parks & Recs is here to answer any of the board's questions.

A motion on the title sponsorship with contingency of budget amendments being approved by city commission was made by [Mr. Alex Salinas](#). The Motion was second by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

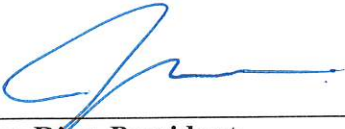

8. Determination of Date and Time for the next San Benito EDC Board Meeting (J. Rios)

It was determined the next San Benito EDC Board of Directors Meeting would be held on March 9, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

9. Meeting Adjournment (J. Rios)

A motion to adjourn was made by [Mr. Ben Gomez](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). Upon a unanimous vote the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Approved this 18th day of May 2023.

	
Julian Rios, President	Adrian Gonzalez, Secretary/Treasurer