



Approved Meeting Minutes of a Special Called Meeting of the San Benito Economic Development Corporation held by In Person, Videoconference or Telephone Call, on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 12:00 PM.

Board Meeting Presided by Mr. Julian Rios, President

Board Members Present

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

Board Member Absent

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

EDC Staff Present

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

Others Present

Mrs. Stephanie Sarrionandia, City of San Benito Assistant Finance Director
Mr. Mark Sossi, Attorney
Mr. Manuel De La Rosa, City Manager

- 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 12:08 PM.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge (J. Landrum)**
Ms. Julia Landrum said the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge
- 4. Public Comments (J. Rios)**
There were no public comments.
- 5. Presentation and acceptance of the Cascos & Associates, P.C., Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports pertaining to the City of San Benito Economic Development Corporation, Inc. (S. Sarrionandia)**

A motion to table the Cascos & Associates, P.C., Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports pertaining to the City of San Benito Economic Development Corporation, Inc. until a Regular Scheduled meeting was made by [Mr. Ben Gomez](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

6. Consideration and possible action to remove Elisa Rosas's access to all Economic Development Corporation financial institutions and banking access (S. Sarrionandia)

[Mrs. Stephanie Sarrionandia](#) presented this item for the board's consideration and explained that [Ms. Elisa Rosas](#) is no longer with the COSB Finance Department.

A motion to approve the remove Elisa Rosas's access to all Economic Development Corporation financial institutions and banking access was made by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Ben Gomez](#). Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

7. Consideration and possible action to grant access to the Economic Development Corporation financial institutions and online account access to Stephanie Sarrionandia, Assistant Finance Director. For accounts: EDC REVOLVING & EDC GENERAL FUND (S. Sarrionandia)

[Mrs. Stephanie Sarrionandia](#) presented this item for the board's consideration.

A motion to grant access to the Economic Development Corporation financial institutions and online account access to Stephanie Sarrionandia, Assistant Finance Director. For accounts: EDC REVOLVING & EDC GENERAL FUND was made by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Ben Gomez](#). Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

8. Financials & USDA Reports Consent Agenda

- A) **Presentation and Acknowledgement of the San Benito EDC Financial Statements for the period ending January 31, 2023 (S. Sarrionandia)**
- B) **Presentation and Acknowledgement of the San Benito EDC USDA IRP Reports for the period ending January 31, 2023 (S. Sarrionandia)**
- C) **Presentation and Acknowledgement of the San Benito EDC Financial Statements for the period ending February 28, 2023 (S. Sarrionandia)**
- D) **Presentation and Acknowledgement of the San Benito EDC USDA IRP Reports for the period ending February 28, 2023 (S. Sarrionandia)**

A motion to table the Financials & USDA Reports Consent Agenda was made by [Mr. Julian Rios](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

9. Meeting Minutes Consent Agenda

- A) **Consideration and Possible Action on the Regular Scheduled EDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2022 (A. Avila)**
- B) **Consideration and Possible Action on the Special Called EDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2022 (A. Avila)**

A motion to table the Meeting Minutes Consent Agenda was made by [Mr. Ben Gomez](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

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

[Mr. Ramiro Aleman](#) presented this item and asked for it to be tabled.

A motion to table the EDC Monthly Report was made by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Ben Gomez](#). Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

11. Consideration and Possible Action on sponsorship for Texas Conjunto Music Hall of Fame (J. Landrum)

[Ms. Julia Landrum](#) presented the sponsorship for Texas Conjunto Music Hall of Fame for the board's consideration.

A motion to approve the sponsorship for Texas Conjunto Music Hall of Fame was made by [Mr. Ben Gomez](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

12. Consideration and Possible Action on TEDC conference (R. Aleman)

[Mr. Ramiro Aleman](#) presented the TEDC conference for the board's consideration.

A motion to approve the TEDC Conference was made by [Mr. Julian Rios](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Jeremy Maya](#). Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

13. Executive Session

A. Under Texas Government Code, Section 551.071: consultation with attorney regarding the following: Project Plate; (R. Aleman)

B. Under Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel: to deliberate the employment and evaluation of Executive Director personnel; (M. Sossi)

Board entered executive session at - 12:20 PM

Board Reconvened into Public Session at – 12:50 PM

14. Action, if any to be taken on items discussed in Executive Session; (J. Rios)

A) No Action was taken on Item A

B) A motion to table was made by [Mr. Julian Rios](#). The Motion was second by [Mr. Ben Gomez](#). Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.


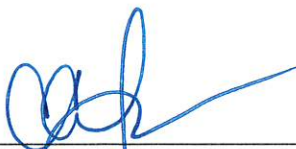
15. Determination of Date and Time for the next San Benito EDC Board Meeting (J. Rios)

It was determined the next San Benito EDC Board of Directors Meeting would be held on May 18, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

16. 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 12:52 PM.

Approved this 20th day of July 2023.

	
Jose L. Morales, President	Claudia Lopez, Secretary/Treasurer