



Economic Development Corporation

NOTICE OF A REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE SAN BENITO EDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS By In Person, Videoconference or Telephone Call, On Thursday, February 13, 2025, AT 11:00 AM

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 Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 11:00 AM.

Board Meeting Presided by Mr. Tom Goodman, Secretary/ Treasurer

Board Members Present

Mrs. Anna Garza Llanes, Board President
Mr. Daniel Cortez, Vice President
Mr. Tom Goodman, Secretary/ Treasurer
Mrs. Deborah A. Morales, Board Member
Mayor Ricardo Guerra, Board Member
Mr. Hector Gomez, Board Member

Board Member Absent

EDC Staff Present

Mr. Fred Sandoval, Executive Director
Mr. Mario Palomo, Assistant Executive Director
Mr. Angel Avila, Economic Development Specialist

Others Present

Mr. Michael Pruneda, EDC Attorney
Mr. Roy Garcia, Carpe De Nox
Mrs. Diana Garza, Assistant City Manager

1. Determination of a quorum

Mr. Tom Goodman made welcoming remarks and determined quorum.

2. Call to Order

Mr. Tom Goodman called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM.

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge

Mr. Angel Avila lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Consideration and Possible Action on Regular Scheduled EDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for December 19, 2024

Mr. Angel Avila presented this item for the board's consideration and review.

A motion to approve the Regular Scheduled EDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for December 19, 2024 was made by Mayor Guerra. The motion was second by Mrs. Anna Garza Llanes. Upon a vote the motion carried.

6. Consideration and Possible Action on Regular Scheduled EDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2025

Mr. Angel Avila presented this item for the board's consideration and review.

A motion to approve the Regular Scheduled EDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2025 with changes was made by Mrs. Deborah A. Morales. The motion was second by Mr. Hector Gomez. Upon a vote the motion carried.

Mr. Daniel Cortez joined the meeting @ 11:09 AM.

7. Consideration and Possible Action on Small Business Investment Program – Sales Tax Grant

Mr. Fred Sandoval presented this item for the board's consideration and review. He stated this grant is replacing the Rent Subsidy and is more user friendly. Mr. Tom Goodman asked if there are any restriction on the funds. Mr. Fred Sandoval answered no. Mrs. Anna Garza Llanes then asked if Mr. Mario Palomo could explain the sales tax grant. He then gave a brief explanation. As advised by council this item was moved to Closed Session for further discussion.

A motion to approve as discussed in executive session was made by Mrs. Deborah A. Morales. The motion was second by Mayor Guerra. Upon a vote the motion carried.

8. Consideration and Possible Action on improvements to community facilities, including but not limited to the Freddy Fender Memorial

Mr. Fred Sandoval presented this item for the board's consideration and review. A brief discussion regarding the proposal took place.

A motion to approve the pergola was made by Mr. Hector Gomez. The motion was second by Mayor Guerra. Upon a vote the motion carried

9. Consideration and Possible Action on agreement for professional engineering services with Trimad Consultants LLC

This Item was moved into closed session.

A motion to approve 12-inch proposal was made by Mrs. Anna Garza Llanes. The motion was second by Mayor Guerra. There were 5 Ayes & 1 Nae by Mrs. Deborah A. Morales due to it being a county road. Upon a vote the motion carried.

10. CLOSED SESSION: In accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Board of Directors hereby gives notice that it may meet in a closed, non-public session to discuss matters in accordance with the following below:

Pursuant to §§551.071 and 551.129, the Board of Directors may convene in a closed, non-public meeting with its attorney and discuss any matters related to legal advice on pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer, and/or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter;

(i) **Legal Consultation:**

- Consult with attorney on Hog Waddle agreements

Pursuant to §551.072, the Board of Directors may convene in a closed, non-public meeting to discuss any matters related to real property and deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property as such would be detrimental to negotiations between the Board of Directors and a third party in an open meeting;

Pursuant to §551.074, the Board of Directors may convene in a closed, non-public meeting to discuss any matters related to appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties and discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee and to hear any complaints or charges against an officer or employee; and

Pursuant to §§551.087(1-2), the Board of Directors may convene in a closed, non-public meeting to discuss any matters regarding economic development issues.

Board entered closed session at - 11:28 AM

Board Reconvened into Public Session at 1:08 PM

11. PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration and Possible Action, if any, on items discussed in Closed Session:

- (i) Hog Waddle agreements

A motion to approve item i (Rod Squad) as discussed in executive session was made by [Mr. Hector Gomez](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Daniel Cortez](#). Upon a unanimous vote the motion carried.

12. Requests for items to be placed on upcoming agendas

[Mrs. Anna Garza Llanes](#) asked for a proposal on city lights.

[Mr. Daniel Cortez](#) asked for an update on hog waddle.

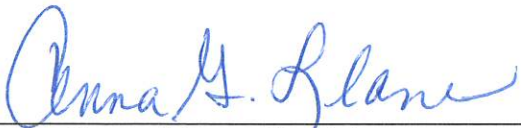

13. Determination of Date and Time for the next San Benito EDC Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on March 20th, 2025 at 5:30 P.M

14. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 PM.

Approved this 29th day of May 2025.

	
Anna Garza Llanes, President	Tom Goodman, Secretary/Treasurer