



MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE SAN BENITO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING

On February 27, 2026, the San Benito EDC Board convened for a meeting at the San Benito EDC Building, 701 N. Bowie Street, San. Benito, Texas

Board Meeting Presided by Mrs. Anna Garza Llanes, EDC President

Board Members Present

Mrs. Anna Garza Llanes, Board President
Mr. Daniel Cortez, Vice President
Mrs. Deborah A. Morales, Board Member
Mayor Ricardo Guerra, Board Member
Mr. Pedro A. Galvan, Board Member

Board Member Absent

Mr. Tom Goodman, Secretary/ Treasurer
Mr. Hector Gomez, Board Member

EDC Staff Present

Mr. Fred Sandoval, Executive Director
Mr. Mario Palomo, Assistant Executive Director
Ms. Mariana Garcia, Administrative Assistant

Others Present

Mr. Michael Pruneda, EDC Attorney
Mr. Roy Garcia, Capre De Nox

1. Determination of a quorum

[Mrs. Anna Garza-Llanes](#) made welcoming remarks and determined there was a quorum.

2. Call to Order

[Mrs. Anna Garza-Llanes](#) called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge; Invocation

[Mr. Mario Palomo](#) lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge. [Mrs. Garza-Llanes](#) led the invocation.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda: The following are considered to be routine and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the board of directors requests it, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered independently.

None

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:

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:

- a. Discussion with legal counsel on 2026 Hog Waddle event participation with the City of San Benito;
- c. Discussion with legal counsel on interlocal agreements between the SBEDC and City of San Benito;
- c. Discussion with legal counsel on financial participation with the City of Benito for events scheduled from February 26 – 28, 2026 and March 1, 2026

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;

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;

Entered into CLOSED SESSION: 12:02 pm
Returned from CLOSED SESSION: 1:53 pm

RECONVENE:

- 5. Consideration and possible action on 2026 Hog Waddle event participation with the City of San Benito;

NO ACTION

SBEDC Sponsorship: \$125,000.00

- 6. Consideration and possible action on interlocal agreements between the SBEDC and City of San Benito;

Mr. Michael Pruneda: Hog Waddle Interlocal Agreements is proposed to be cancelled – stipulates on the division of expenses and profits. **Mrs. Ana Garza-Llanes:** I move to terminate the 2025 Hog Waddle Interlocal Agreement with the City of San Benito, and amend to include events. **Mrs. Ana Garza-Llanes** motions, Seconded by **Mr. Ricardo Guerra**. All in favor 4 – Guerra, Llanes, Cortez, Morales All against: Galvan. Motion passess (4 – 1).

Mr. Michael Pruneda: The second interlocal is administrative and were going to add a provision that any EDC sponsorships for events with the City, the EDC will guaranteed to be made whole if there is a recovery made from any event policies that are paid out should there be any cancellation or distrupction and also removeing the exclusive lease for the (San Benito) Fairgrounds property, that will be done on a event by event basis.

Mrs. Ana Garza-Llanes: Moves to add the provision as stated by attorney. Motions to approve provision. **Mr. Ricardo Guerra:** Seconded. Motion passes unamously (5 – 0)

- 7. Consideration and possible action on financial participation with the City of Benito for events scheduled from February 26-28, 2026 and March 1, 2026.

Mrs. Ana Garza-Llanes: Based on EDC Council advice, I move to retract(recind) the \$50,000.00 due to the fact that (SBEDC) we do not have a contract and a person to run the event and based on EDC council advice, we are recinding the \$50,000.00 that we were giving to the February 26 – 28,2026 and March 1, 2026 event. **Mrs. Ana Garza-Llanes** motions to recind the \$50,000.00 based on EDC council advice. **Mr. Cortez:** seconded. All in favor: Cortez, Llanes, Guerra. Against: Galvan, Morales. Motion passes (3 – 2)

- 8. **Meeting Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 PM.

Approved this 26th day of March 2026.

Anna Garza Llanes, President	Tom Goodman, Secretary/Treasurer