



Hon. Charles Eaton, Chair
Hon. Cindy Vanlandingham, Vice-Chair

David Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
Russell Devorsky, President

THE HEART OF TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

Meeting Minutes January 23, 2025

The Heart of Texas Economic Development District, Inc., Board of Directors met on Thursday, January 23rd, at 1 P.M., at the Waco Hilton, 113 S University Parks Dr, Waco, TX.

Members Present:

Art Mann	Charles Eaton
Cindy Vanlandingham	David Davis
Dick Van Dyke	Ignacio Vazquez
Jay Elliott	Jerry Mobley
Jessica Trew	Justin Lewis
Matthew Wright	

Staff Present:

Russell Devorsky	John Minnix
Dorothy Jackson	Falen Bohannon
Michelle Vasquez	

I. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum

At 1:40 p.m. Chair Charles Eaton called the meeting to order and asked if quorum had been met. Dorothy Jackson responded that the quorum was met.

II. Acknowledgment of Notice Giving Public Access to Meeting

Chair Charles Eaton asked if proper notice had been given and Dorothy Jackson responded that proper notice had been given.

III. Introduction of Guests and Public Comment

No guests

IV. Minutes

V. Chair Report

Charles Eaton gave the chair report and praise for his time on the board.

VI. Consideration and/or Action on the following:

A. Election of Members and Officers

1. **Nominations Committee Report/Action of recommendation** Charles Cindy Vanlandingham, Chair, and David Davis, Vice Chair
 - a. Justin Lewis made a motion to approve the nominations as presented above. Sec/Treasurer was table until next meeting.
2. **Re-Appointment of Members to the Board (2 year terms):** Matthew Wright, Art Mann, Ray O'Docharty, Randy Riggs, Jessica Trew, and Jerry Mobley
 - a. Matthew Wright made a motion to approve the above appointments for a 2 year term. Jay Elliott seconded the motion. Motion carried

3. **Appointment of New Board Members (if any):**

- a. Matthew Wright made a motion to appoint President Thomas Mills from Hill College as new member of the board. Jay Elliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Chair recommendation for Sub Committees

1. **Entrepreneurship & Small Business Development Committee Members**

Kevin Benedict (Chair), Dick Van Dyke, Matthew Wright, Jessica Trew

2. **Housing Committee Members**

Damaris Neelley (Chair), Ray O'Docharty, Calvin Rueter. Ignacio Vasquez

3. **Education & Workforce Development Committee Members**

Jerry Mobley (Chair), Scott Felton, Linda Grant, Justin Lewis, Jerry Mobley

4. **Regional Marketing Committee Members**

Jay Elliott (Chair), Art Mann, Damaris Neelley, Matthew Wright

5. **Revolving Loan Fund Committee**

Damaris Neelley (Chair), Kevin Benedict, Justin Lewis, Robert Hawkins, Jay Elliott. Charles Eaton, Cindy Vanlandingham

6. **Workforce Committee**

Robert Hawkins (Chair Emeritus) Jerry Mobley (Chair), Randy Riggs, Damaris Neelley, David Davis.

- a. Matthew Wright made a motion to approve the Chairman's recommendations for subcommittees. Justin Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

1. Approval of HOTEDD to continue serving as the CEDS Committee for the Heart of Texas Region as HOTEDD must reappoint itself each year.

2. Approval of the CEDS Update Advisory Committee to continue working with staff for 2025.

3. Appointment of 2025 CEDS Update Advisory Committee

2024 Committee: Robert Hawkins; Damaris Neelley; Dick Van Dyke, and David Davis

- a. Justin Lewis made a motion to approve all the above CEDS. Jay Elliott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VII. President and Staff Report

- a. Michelle Vasquez gave the Financial Report.
b. Dorthy Jackson gave the Staff Report
c. Russell Devorsky gave the President's report.

IX. Adjournment

Jay Elliott made a motion to adjourn. Justin Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Charles Eaton, Chair