

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF EMORY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
February 4, 2026

Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting of the City of Emory Development Corporation was called to order by President Ben Wedeking at 11:31 AM in the City of Emory/EDC Conference Room located at 329 N. Texas St., Emory, TX 75440 on February 4, 2026.

- A. Opening Prayer: Jason Rolan
- B. Roll Call:

Board members present: Don Spencer, Tim Hooten, Kate Fenter, Jason Rolan, Ben Wedeking, Jim Mack Taylor

Board members not in attendance: Trey Hill

Staff present: EDC Executive Director – Leah Drown, Administrative Assistant- Elizabeth Davis

City Staff: Janice Nobles, Ex Officio Donna Raper

Guest: Jay and Debra Ford

Citizens Forum: Jay Ford introduced himself and his wife. Mr. Ford is running in the upcoming election and wanted to speak to the board about his stance with the county and city working together, etc.

Consent Agenda:

- A. The minutes from November 5, 2025, were unanimously approved. Motion made by Jim Mack Taylor, seconded by Don Spencer; all were in favor.
- B. Leah Drown reviewed the monthly financials. Motion made to approve financial report by Jason Rolan and seconded by Tim Hooten; all were in favor.

Items for consideration and/or action:

- A. The EDC board considered and accepted the Consulting Services Agreement termination letter from Samantha Gibby. Motion was made by Jim Mack Taylor and seconded by Jason Rolan; all were in favor.
- B. The EDC board considered and discussed adding Janice Nobles to the Tex Star account. Motion was made by Don Spencer and seconded by Tim Hooten; all were in favor.
- C. The EDC board discussed going into executive session to discuss personnel changes. Motion was made by Jim Mack Taylor and seconded by Jason Rolan; all were in favor.

Executive Session:

Ben Wedeking called to order Executive Session at 12:10 PM.

Board adjourned into executive session under Texas Government Code Section 551.74 Deliberation regarding personnel. I.E. Executive Director and Administrative Assistant.

Ben Wedeking made a motion to adjourn executive session at 12:40 PM.

Directors Report:

Leah Drown updated the EDC board on the success with Christmas Around the Park.

Leah Drown informed the board Founder's Day is underway and that there are already businesses contacting to purchase sponsor tables.

Leah Drown informed the EDC board that we will be opening the Parking Lot Grant in March for businesses to submit their packets. We will make the final decision in the June meeting.

Comments From Board Members:

Adjournment:

Jim Mack Taylor made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jason Rolen. Ben Wedeking adjourned the meeting at 12:45 PM.



Ben Wedeking, President