DAYTON TEXAS
Economic Development Corporation

Minutes
Dayton Economic Development Corporation
Regular Board Meeting
Dayton Community Center - 801 S. Cleveland
October 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM

1. Call To Order

Board President Lacy Cooper-Bell called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Present	Absent
Board Member Cooper-Bell	Board Member Hoy
Board Member Pratka	Board Member Gable
Board Member Wentworth	Board Member Young (advisory)
Board Member Conner	Board Member Brown (advisory)
Board Member Noyer	
Board Member Cox (advisory)	
Board Member Miller (advisory)	
Board Attorney Sylvia	
Director Jarmon	

2. Invocation

Board Attorney Daniel Sylvia gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Bonnie Wentworth led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Citizen's Forum

No citizens were present.

5. Presentations

5a Receive a presentation from Cheryl Jenkins regarding Blessings in a Backpack

Cheryl Jenkins, with Blessings in a Backpack, provided the board with information on their organization which provides meals to less fortunate students attending Dayton ISD schools. The program was started by Journey Fellowship Church in February 2019. Journey's group started with five volunteers planning meals, storing food, shopping and bagging items for delivery to the schools. At this time, Blessing in a Backpack has offered meals to 178 students over the last seven years. The organization is in need of funding and volunteers to assist with the continuance of the program. Mrs. Jenkins thank the board members for their time and asked if anyone had questions.

5b Receive a presentation from Samantha Robertson with Rural Texas TNR

Samantha Robertson works with Rural Texas TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return). This organization traps, neuters and then returns unowned community cats within Liberty County to the location they are originally found. This organization is based in Liberty County, operates solely with volunteers and operates under the umbrella of ROSES (Reducing Overpopulation Spay Neuter Education). Mrs. Robertson's presentation showed the board the operating cost of the organization along with the number of volunteers it takes for TNR to work. Mrs. Robertson asked the board to consider offering $10,000 which would host two events that would TNR approximately 100 to 120 cats within the Dayton area. Mrs. Robertson then asked the board members if they had any questions.

6. Report from Dayton ISD

Dr. Young, Dayton ISD Superintendent, provided the board with updates on the school district. Dr. Young presented the District's strategic plan and mentioned that there are 5,782 students enrolled which is an increase of 119 students from 2025. The volleyball team is headed to the playoffs and as of this meeting, the football team is set in a nice place for playoffs. A new rule has been implemented by the state; when the temperature hits 93 degrees, all sport practices must be moved indoors. Dr. Young asked the board members if they had any questions.

7. Report on City Activities
Update on City Activities including: Planning and Development Projects, Legislative, Capital Projects, Finance, Grants, Events, Library, Community Center, Road Projects, Marketing and Communications

Council Member Whitehead mentioned that he would be attending a Natural Disaster Expo which is occurring on October 14, 2026. Mr. Whitehead had a developer (stealthgroup.com) reach out in regards to Pickleball and other potential projects. There is a TxDOT meeting on the council's calendar to discuss traffic and other issues.

8. Report from DEDC Board President
Update on DEDC Activities including: Marketing, Grants, Incentives, DEDC and Community Events or Programs, DEDC Activities and Operations, Retail, Business Attraction, Business Retention and Expansion, Downtown Revitalization, Buildings and Sites, Planning, Strategic Plan Implementation, DEDC Staff Activities

Board President Cooper-Bell had no updates.

9. Report from DEDC Executive Director
Update on DEDC Activities including: Marketing, Grants, Incentives, DEDC and Community Events or Programs, DEDC Activities and Operations, Retail, Business Attraction, Business Retention and Expansion, Downtown Revitalization, Buildings and Sites, Planning, Strategic Plan Implementation, DEDC Staff Activities

9.a DEDC Monthly Report

Director of Economic Development Chris Jarmon mentioned that due to the new decorum policy, request for future agenda items will be removed from the agenda moving forward. Director Jarmon also mentioned the number of likes received on the Tractor Supply Facebook post and the Paradise Café Facebook post.

10. Consent Agenda

10.a Discussion and possible action on approval of the minutes from the September 15, 2026 DEDC Board Meeting.

10.b Discussion and possible action on approval of the minutes from the September 19, 2026 DEDC Special Board Meeting.

Board Member Pratka made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Board Member Noyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

11. Action Items

11.a Discussion and possible action on updating and amending the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Dayton.

Board Member Pratka made a motion to approve updating and amending the Interlocal agreement between DEDC and the City of Dayton. Board Member Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

11.b Discussion and possible action on authorizing the Director of Economic Development to execute a contract with CivicServe for $11,000 for Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software)

Board Member Wentworth made a motion to authorize the Director of Economic Development to execute a contract with CivicServe for CRM software. Board Member Noyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

11.c Discussion and possible action on authorizing the Director of Economic Development to execute a contract with Pro Sports Lighting for $5,200 for the installation of a controller at Sawmill Park

Board Member Partka made a motion to authorize the Director of Economic Development to execute a contract with Pro Sports Lighting for a controller at Sawmill Park. Board Member Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

11.d Discussion and possible action on authorizing the Director of Economic Development to execute a contract with Sports Netting Systems for the installation of barrier netting at Sawmill Park

Board Member Wentworth made a motion to authorize the Director of Economic Development to execute a contract with Sports Netting System to install barrier netting at Sawmill Park. Board Member Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

12. Workshops

12.a Review and discuss the corporation's domain name

Director of Economic Development Jarmon discussed his concerns with the EDC's current domain name and suggested a few alternatives. There was consensus among the board members to move forward with daytontxedc.com.

12.b Review and discuss sponsorship opportunities for youth entrepreneurs

Director of Economic Development Jarmon discussed various options for the DEDC to support youth entrepreneurs. The board discussed including everyone with a 77535 zip code, including entrepreneurs as young as 13 years old, including home-schooled students, DISD students and students enrolled at Premier High School and not requiring entrepreneurs to have an EIN.

13. Executive Session

13. a Texas Government Code Section §551.072 - Deliberation Regarding Real Property
* Discussion regarding the Lowe Street property

The board entered executive session at 8:02 pm and exited executive session at 8:20 pm.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Bonnie Wentworth, Board Secretary