



Minutes

**Dayton Economic Development Corporation
Regular Board Meeting
Dayton Community Center - 801 S. Cleveland
Tuesday, January 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 |
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| Board Member Cooper-Bell Board Member Whitehead Board Member Wentworth Board Member Noyer Board Member Conner Board Member Hoy (advisory) Board Member Gable (advisory) Director Jarmon Attorney Sylvia | Board Member Pratka Board Member Ceaser Board Member Cox (advisory) |

2. Invocation

Board attorney Daniel Sylvia gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Curtis Conner led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Citizen's Forum

No citizens were in attendance.

5. Public Hearing

5.a It is now _____ pm and I hereby recess the regular session of the January 13, 2026 Dayton Economic Development Corporation meeting and do hereby open a public hearing to solicit input prior to expending funds in support of the following project: to provide funding not to exceed \$70,000 for economic development purposes, being the purchase and installation of poles, lights, conduit, wiring, fixtures and related equipment at Henderson Park, which is located in Dayton, Texas.

It is now _____ pm and I hereby adjourn this public hearing and do hereby reconvene the January 13, 2026 regular session of the Dayton Economic Development Corporation.

Board President Cooper-Bell opened the public hearing at 6:01 pm and closed the public hearing at 6:01 pm.

5.b It is now _____ pm and I hereby recess the regular session of the January 13, 2026 Dayton Economic Development Corporation meeting and do hereby open a public hearing to solicit input prior to expending funds in support of the following project: to provide funding not to exceed \$370,000 for economic development purposes, being the purchase and installation of concrete foundations, poles, lights, conduit, wiring and related equipment replacement at Sawmill Park, which is located in Dayton, Texas.

It is now _____ pm and I hereby adjourn this public hearing and do hereby reconvene the January 13, 2026 regular session of the Dayton Economic Development Corporation.

Board President Cooper-Bell opened the public hearing at 6:01 pm and closed the public hearing at 6:02 pm.

6. Consent Agenda

6.a Consider with possible action approval of the November 2025 financial report and TexPool statement.

6.b Consider with possible action approval of the December 2025 financial report and TexPool statement.

6.c Consider with possible active approval of the minutes from the December 9, 2025 DEDC Board Meeting.

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

7. Action Items

7.a Consider authorizing the Director of Economic Development to execute a contract with National LED for the lighting installation project at Sawmill Park.

National LED and New Generation Sports were in attendance to advise the board on lighting issues at Henderson and Sawmill Parks. Details were given to the board regarding the planned layout of lighting at each park and on the manufacturing of the lights and poles. National LED discussed the estimated cost of the project and the estimated install time. New Generation stressed that due to Sawmill Park not having lights, the kids in the organization had no way to train after dark. They also mentioned the potential rental of the facility to other organizations that come to Dayton for soccer. New Generation mentioned to the board that purchasing the lights for the park would be a great advantage for the children in the organization along with other organizations that utilize the park. National LED mentioned that the lights would have a 10-year warranty and would there would be a 2-week install time once the fabrication of the poles were complete.

Board Member Wentworth made the motion to authorize the Director of Economic Development to execute a contract with National LED for the lighting installation project at Sawmill Park, subject to review by the Board Attorney. Board Member Whitehead seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

7.b Consider authorizing the Director of Economic Development to execute a contract with National LED for the Henderson Park Lighting Project.

Board Member Wentworth made the motion to authorize the Director of Economic Development to execute a contract with National LED for the Henderson Park Lighting Project, subject to review by the Board Attorney. Board Member Noyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

8. 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.

7.a DEDC Monthly Report

Director of Economic Development Chris Jarmon provided the board with a monthly update on many items including but not limited to the following: information on Liberty County growth according to the Texas Demographic Center, Sawmill Park walk with New Generation and Board Member Whitehead, site visit for Project Brave Rider and numerous other issues.

9. 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 provided updates on Weaver's BBQ and Bayou Bell Developers.

10. Report from Dayton ISD

The Dayton ISD Superintendent was in attendance, but left due to having another meeting.

11. 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

Mayor Mudd addressed the board noting that he has received a number of complaints from citizens related to wild hogs causing damage to property inside the city limits. Mayor Mudd also mentioned that he will work with the board to get them a list of issues at the city's parks.

12. Workshops

13.a Review sponsorship opportunities for 2026 chamber of commerce events

Director of Economic Development Jarmon passed out a list of chamber events for 2026 along with various sponsorship levels for each event. The board will review the events and sponsorship amounts and decide at a future meeting which events the EDC will sponsor.

13. Requests for Future Agenda Items

None

14. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

I hereby certify that the above shown notice was posted at Dayton Community Center, 801 S Cleveland Street, and Dayton City Hall 117 Cook Street, Dayton, Texas 77535 on or before January 7, 2026.

Chris Jarmon, Director of Economic Development