



**Minutes**  
**Dayton Economic Development Corporation**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Dayton Community Center - 801 S. Cleveland**  
**Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 6:00 PM**

**1. Call To Order**

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

<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Board Member Cooper-Bell Board Member Whitehead Board Member Wentworth Board Member Noyer Board Member Conner Board Member Pratka Board Member Hoy (advisory) Board Member Gable (advisory) Board Member Cox (advisory) Board Member Miller (advisory) Director Jarmon Attorney Sylvia Judge Alan Conner	

**2. Invocation**

Board attorney Daniel Sylvia gave the invocation.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Member John Cox led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Citizen's Forum**

No citizens were in attendance.

**5. Presentations**

**5.a Swear in newly appointed and re-appointed members**

Newly appointed and re-appointed Board Members were sworn into office by Judge Alan Conner.

6. **Public Hearing**

**6.a** It is now \_\_\_\_\_ pm and I hereby recess the regular session of the February 24, 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 \$30,000 for economic development purposes, being assistance with infrastructure and building improvements for Waves Auto Detailing, which is located on N. Cleveland in Dayton, Texas.

It is now \_\_\_\_\_ pm and I hereby adjourn this public hearing and do hereby reconvene the February 24, 2026 regular session of the Dayton Economic Development Corporation.

Board President Cooper-Bell opened the public hearing at 6:04 pm and closed the public hearing at 6:05 pm.

7. **Report from Dayton ISD**

No one in attendance

8. **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**

No one in attendance

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.**

No update was provided by President Cooper-Bell

10. **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.**

**10.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: all park expenditures have been approved by the Dayton City Council; the director met with Betty Russo from the Office of the Governor; the director is working with the Chamber of Commerce and other entities on workforce development; the sale of Daynet has been approved by the Dayton City Council; the

draft of the new EDC website is complete; the article in Business View Magazine is now live; and Dayton's January 2025 population according to the Texas Demographic Center.

**11. Consent Agenda**

**11.a Consider with possible active approval of the minutes from the January 13, 2026 DEDC Board Meeting.**

**11.b Consider with possible action approval of the January 2026 financial report and TexPool statement.**

Board Member Pratka made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Board Member Wentworth seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**12. Action Items**

**12.a Consider the appointment of a Board Secretary**

Board Member Pratka made the motion to appoint Board Member Wentworth as the Board Secretary. Board Member Noyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**12.b Consider and take action approving BuyBoard Interlocal Participation Agreement and authorizing the Board President to execute all documents necessary for participation in the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program.**

Board Member Pratka made the motion to authorize the Board President to execute all documents necessary for Dayton EDC to participate in BuyBoard. Board Member Wentworth seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**12.c Consider a resolution requesting that the Dayton City Council make amendments to the membership of the Historic Downtown Preservation Committee.**

Board Member Pratka made the motion to request that the Dayton City Council make amendments to the membership of the Historic Downtown Preservation Committee. Board Member Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**12.d Consider increasing the grant amount awarded to Waves Auto Detailing from \$11,375 to \$29,457.76.**

Board Member Wentworth made a motion to increase the grant amount for Waves Auto Detailing to \$29,457.76. Board Member Pratka seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**12.e Consider authorizing the Board President to sign a resolution authorizing a one-time payment of \$5,000 to the City of Dayton to help offset the costs of electricity expenses at Henderson Park and Sawmill Park.**

Board Member Whitehead made a motion to table this item. Board Member Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**13. Workshops**

**13.a Review sponsorship opportunities for 2026 Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club events**

Director of Economic Development Jarmon passed out a list of Chamber and Rotary events for 2026. There was consensus among the board members to support the rotary event at the “A Century of Service Friend” level and to support the following Chamber events: Dayton State of the City, New Teacher, First Responders, LeadHERship, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and SLC – Job Fair.

**13.b Provide an update on proposal to install decorative lights at the Community Center**

Director of Economic Development showed the board members a draft layout of the lights to be installed at the Community Center along with an example of a decorative light. The plan is to install the light on a 20-foot black pole. Exact costs are not know at this time. The board requested that the director reach out to Entergy to see if they help with the installation of this type of lighting.

**14. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 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 February 18, 2026.**

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Chris Jarmon, Director of Economic Development