

BASTROP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (BEDC)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of Special Board Meeting, March 13, 2023
Bastrop City Hall, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas

The Bastrop Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) met on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. for a Special Board Meeting at Bastrop City Hall, 1311 Chestnut Street. Board members present: Ron Spencer, Charles Washington, Jeff Haladyna, Connie Schroeder, and Lyle Nelson. Staff members present: Bret Gardella, Angela Ryan, Jean Riemenschneider, and Ashley Allnutt. BEDC Attorney Charles Zech was also present.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Board Chair Ron Spencer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT(S)** – There were no public comments.
3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - 3.1. At 5:02 p.m., the Bastrop EDC Board of Directors met in a closed/executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, to discuss the following:
 - (1) **Section 551.074** – Personnel Matters regarding the evaluation, duties and discipline of Executive Director.
 - (2) **Section 551.071** – Consultation with Attorney on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the Board of Directors under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act.
 - (3) **Section 551.071** – Consultation with Attorney to seek the advice of legal counsel regarding City Council Resolution No. R-2023-44, a resolution of the City of Bastrop regarding the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation, evaluating president and chief executive officer, calling for a hiring freeze, and initiate the assessment of expenditures.
 - 3.2. At 6:20 p.m., the Bastrop EDC Board of Directors reconvened into open session to discuss, consider, and take any action necessary related to the executive sessions noted herein. Mr. Washington made the motion to terminate the Chief Executive Director without cause from his employment contract. Mr. Nelson seconded, and the motion passed with none opposed.
 - 3.3. At 6:24 p.m., the Bastrop EDC Board of Directors again met in a closed/executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, to discuss the following:
 - (2) **Section 551.071** – Consultation with Attorney on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the Board of Directors under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act.
 - (3) **Section 551.071** – Consultation with Attorney to seek the advice of legal counsel regarding City Council Resolution No. R-2023-44, a resolution of the City of Bastrop regarding the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation, evaluating president and chief executive officer, calling for a hiring freeze, and initiate the assessment of expenditures.

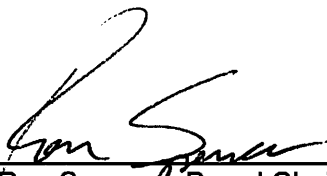
3.4. At 7:06 p.m., the Bastrop EDC Board of Directors reconvened into open session to discuss, consider, and take any action necessary related to the executive sessions noted herein. Action was taken under the agenda items listed in open session.

4. OPEN SESSION

4.1. Discuss and consider action on City Council Resolution No. R-2023-44, a resolution of the City of Bastrop regarding the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation, evaluating president and chief executive officer, calling for a hiring freeze, and initiating the assessment of expenditures. Mr. Nelson made the motion to direct the BEDC attorney to work with the City Manager towards compliance with City Council Resolution No. R-2023-44, Mr. Washington seconded, and the motion passed.

4.2. Discuss and consider action on the evaluation, duties and discipline of Executive Director. Mr. Washington made the motion to appoint City Manager Sylvia Carrillo as the Interim Chief Executive Officer of the BEDC until the next BEDC board meeting. Mr. Nelson seconded, and the motion passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT – Ms. Schroeder made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Spencer seconded. The special board meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVED: 
Ron Spencer, Board Chair

ATTEST: 
Angela Ryan, Operations Manager