THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF WESLACO
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2025

On this, seventeenth (17th) day of December 2025 at 5:00 P.M., the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco convened its regular meeting at The Business Visitor & Event Center Room A & B located at 275 South Kansas Ave., Weslaco, Texas, for discussion and taking possible action on the following items.

The following members were present:
Sandra Charlton
Kris Garcia
Jerry Gonzalez
Fred Perez
Joe Olivarez – Arrived at 5:11 PM
Hector Solis
Robert Donalson

Also present were:
Steven Valdez – EDCW Executive Director
Jorge Lozano – EDCW Assistant Executive Director
Maria Cisneros – EDCW Commercial Real Estate & Retail Recruitment Manager
Michelle Smith – EDCW Community Development and Marketing Manager
Jaqueline Hernandez – Finance and Administrative Coordinator
Eugene Vaughn – EDCW Attorney

At 5:00 P.M., Ms. Charlton called the Board Meeting to order.

I. Call to Order

A. Roll Call.
A quorum was formed with six Board Members present.

B. Board Members' declaration of potential conflicts of interest as to any agenda items.
There were no declarations of potential conflicts of interest as to any agenda items.

II. Public Comments

This portion of the meeting is not intended to be an extended discussion or a debate and is limited to three (3) minutes for each presenter. Presenters may address the Board regarding any item on the agenda that will be discussed by the Board during the open portion of the meeting. Board members do not reply; they listen.
There were no public comments.

III. Presentation

A. Pareto Advisory – Nissi Cantu

Mr. Nissi Cantu delivered a brief presentation to the Board outlining his services, which include economic forecasting, policy analysis, and data-driven decision support.

No action.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 19, 2025.

B. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the request for approval of excuse absences for the following Board Members in accordance with the City of Weslaco Ordinance No. 2022-19, Sec. 8-100.

- Mr. Fred Perez was absent from the Regular Board Meeting of November 19, 2025.

Mr. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
Mr. Garcia seconds the motion.

Mr. Gonzalez votes in favor.
Mr. Garcia votes in favor.
Ms. Charlton votes in favor.
Mr. Perez votes in favor.
Mr. Olivarez votes in favor.
Mr. Solis votes in favor.
Mr. Donalson votes in favor.

Motion passes with seven votes.

V. New Business

A. Discussion and Possible action to elect EDCW Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) for 2026.

Mr. Solis nominates Ms. Charlton to serve as Board President.
Mr. Garcia seconds the motion.

Mr. Solis votes in favor.
Mr. Garcia votes in favor.
Mr. Gonzalez votes in favor.
Mr. Perez votes in favor.
Mr. Olivarez votes in favor.
Mr. Donalson votes in favor.

Ms. Charlton accepts the nomination.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Charlton nominates Mr. Kris Garcia to serve as Board Vice President.
Mr. Solis seconds the motion.

Ms. Charlton votes in favor.
Mr. Solis votes in favor.
Mr. Perez votes in favor.
Mr. Gonzalez votes in favor.
Mr. Olivares votes in favor.
Mr. Donalson votes in favor.

Mr. Garcia accepts the nomination.

Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Garcia nominates Mr. Solis to serve as Board Secretary.
Mr. Gonzalez seconds the motion.

Mr. Garcia votes in favor.
Mr. Gonzalez votes in favor.
Ms. Charlton votes in favor.
Mr. Perez votes in favor.
Mr. Olivares votes in favor.
Mr. Donalson votes in favor.

Mr. Solis accepts the nomination.

Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Solis nominates Mr. Gonzalez to serve as Board Treasurer.
Mr. Donalson seconds the motion.

Mr. Solis votes in favor.
Mr. Donaldson votes in favor.
Ms. Charlton votes in favor.
Mr. Garcia votes in favor
Mr. Olivares votes in favor.
Mr. Perez votes in favor.

Mr. Solis accepts the nomination.

Motion passes unanimously.

B. Discussion and Possible action to appoint a committee to develop the scope of services for a strategic plan for EDCW and approval for EDCW staff to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for said services.

Ms. Charlton requested the formation of a committee; Mr. Solis, Mr. Garcia, and Mr. Donalson volunteered to serve on the committee.

Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the FRQs for a strategic plan.
Mr. Gonzalez seconds the motion.

Mr. Garcia votes in favor.
Mr. Gonzalez votes in favor.
Ms. Charlton votes in favor.
Mr. Solis votes in favor.
Mr. Perez votes in favor.
Mr. Olivarez votes in favor.
Mr. Donalson votes in favor.

Motion passes with seven votes.

VI. Old Business

A. Discussion and Possible Action to authorize designated employees to obtain credit cards and to approve an increase to the current credit limits.

Mr. Gonzalez made a motion to approve an increase in the credit card limits to $15,000 for Mr. Steven Valdez and $10,000 for Ms. Maria Cisneros, and to issue a new credit card to Mr. Jorge Lozano with a credit limit of $10,000, and to close the credit card of former employee Mrs. April Castaneda.
Mr. Garcia seconds the motion.

Mr. Gonzalez votes in favor.
Mr. Garcia votes in favor.
Ms. Charlton votes in favor.
Mr. Perez votes in favor.
Mr. Olivarez votes in favor.
Mr. Solis votes in favor.
Mr. Donalson votes in favor.

Motion passes with seven votes.

B. Discussion and Possible Action to designate persons with signatory authority at Texas Regional Bank and Texas National Bank.

Mr. Olivarez made a motion to approve the Board of Directors grant signatory authority for all accounts at the Texas Regional Bank and Texas National Bank to the following individuals, and remove all other individuals not listed: President – Sandra Charlton; Vice President – Kristopher Garcia; Secretary – Hector Solis; Treasurer – Jerry Gonzalez; Executive Director – Steven M. Valdez.

Mr. Perez seconds the motion.

Mr. Olivarez votes in favor.
Mr. Perez votes in favor.
Ms. Charlton votes in favor.
Mr. Garcia votes in favor.
Mr. Solis votes in favor.
Mr. Gonzalez votes in favor.
Mr. Donalson votes in favor.

Motion passes with seven votes.

VII. Reports

A. Monthly Financial Report November 2025 – Jorge Lozano.
Mr. Jorge Lozano gave a brief report regarding the November 2025 financial report.

No action.

B. Executive Director's Report – Steven M. Valdez.
Mr. Steven Valdez presented his report under Closed Session, providing an update on the summary of leads.

No action.

VIII. Closed Session

At 5:33 PM Ms. Charlton announced that the EDCW Board will move into Close Session.

At 6:04 PM Ms. Charlton announced that the EDCW Board will move out of Close Session and into Open Session.

IX. Action on Closed Session

A. Deliberation and Possible action regarding economic development matters (as permitted under Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.087), including, but not limited to the following:

1. Summary of Leads.
No action.

2. Project Brady Bunch.

Mr. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the extension as discussed under Closed Session.
Mr. Garcia seconds the motion.

Mr. Gonzalez votes in favor.
Mr. Garcia votes in favor.
Ms. Charlton voted in favor.
Mr. Solis votes in favor.
Mr. Perez votes in favor.
Mr. Olivarez votes in favor.
Mr. Donalson votes in favor.

Motion passes with seven votes.

3. Project Bell 2.0 – Facade Grant Request.

Mr. Solis made a motion to approve the grant request as discussed under Closed Session.
Mr. Gonzalez seconds the motion.

Mr. Solis votes in favor.
Mr. Gonzalez votes in favor.
Ms. Charlton votes in favor.
Mr. Garcia votes in favor.
Mr. Perez votes in favor.
Mr. Olivarez votes in favor.
Mr. Donalson votes in favor.

Motion passes with seven votes.

B. Deliberation and Possible action regarding real property matters (as permitted under Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.072).

No action.

C. Deliberation & Possible action regarding EDCW employment matters. (as permitted under Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.074 and 551.071).

1. Executive Director

Ms. Charlton requested the formation of a committee to review the Executive Director's contract in coordination with EDCW's attorney. Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Donalson, and Ms. Charlton volunteered to serve on the committee.

No action.

D. Consultation with Attorney (as permitted under Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071).
No action.

X. Adjournment

With no other business before the Board, at 6:06 P.M., the EDCW Regular Board Meeting of December 17, 2025, was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Maria Cisneros – Recorder

The minutes were approved at the Special Board Meeting of January 13, 2026.

Hector Solis - Secretary