

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF WESLACO
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COMMISSION
JANUARY 8, 2026

On this, the eighth (8th) day of January 2026 at 5:30 PM, The Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco convened its special joint meeting at the Legislative Chamber of City Hall located at 255 South Kansas, Weslaco, Texas: for the purpose of discussion and taking possible action on the following items.

The following members were present:

Sandra Charlton
Kris Garcia
Jerry Gonzalez
Hector Solis
Joe Olivarez
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 Garcia - EDCW Community Development and Marketing Manager
Jacqueline Hernandez – EDCW Administrative & Finance Coordinator
Kristen Gutierrez – EDCW Attorney
Adrian Gonzalez – Mayor City of Weslaco
Pete Garcia Jr. – Mayor Pro Tem At Large
Israel Gonzalez Jr. – Commissioner At Large
Josh Pedraza – Commissioner District 1
Letty Lopez – Commissioner District 2
Jose “JP” Rodriguez – Commissioner District 3
Adrian Farias – Commissioner District 4
Xavier Salinas – City Manager
Omar Rodriguez – Assistant City Manager

At 5:31 PM, Mayor Adrian Gonzalez called the Special Joint Meeting of January 8th, 2026, to order.

I. Call to Order

A. Certification of Public Notice.

B. Roll Call.

1) City of Weslaco

A quorum was present, with six City Commissioners in attendance.

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2) The Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco.

A quorum was present, with six EDC Board members in attendance.

II. Public Comments

This portion of the meeting is not intended to be an extended discussion or a debate and is limited to 3 minutes for each presenter. Due to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board members do not reply; they listen.

There were no public comments.

III. New Business

A. Discussion and presentation of 2025 Wins and 2026 goals and objectives.

Mr. Steven Valdez highlighted Sales Tax Growth, Regional Comparison Report, Ad Valorem/Property Taxes, Wins for 2024-2025, Human Capital, Goals for the New Year.

B. Discussion and consideration on the creation of EDC's new strategic plan.

Mr. Valdez announced that EDCW is in the process of developing a new strategic plan and that a committee has been formed to lead this effort.

C. Discussion and presentation update on the roundabout at Pike & VoTech.

Mr. Valdez presented an update on the roundabout at Pike & VoTech, which includes the architectural rendering, price estimates, and police traffic control at the intersection.

D. Discussion and consideration on the downtown growth and improvement plan.

Mr. Valdez presented the downtown growth and improvement plan, which included the following: Use of city buildings, P-3 opportunity, Alta Vista building, parking options, and hiring an urban planner.

E. Discussion and consideration on City funding expectations for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Valdez presented the funding requests and highlighted the collaborative efforts of the winning team in coordination with City departments.

IV. Closed Session

At 6:56 PM Ms. Charlton announced that the EDCW Board will move into Closed Session.

At 8:13 PM Ms. Charlton announced that the EDCW Board will move out of Closed Session and into Open Session.

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V. Action on Closed Session

- A. Real Property - Consultation with the City Attorney on the sale, exchange and lease of various real property located within the city limits of Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Government.

No action.

- B. Economic Development — Consultation with the City Attorney regarding Project Sweet Onion, Project Heritage and other potential economic activity for projects or businesses as authorized by Section §551.087 of the Texas Local Government Code.

No action.

VI. Adjournment

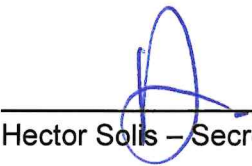
With no other business before the Board, at 8:15 PM, the EDCW Board Special Joint Meeting of January 8, 2026, was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted;



Maria Cisneros - Recorder

The minutes were approved at the Regular Board Meeting of January 21st, 2026.



Hector Solis – Secretary