

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WALLER
CITY OF HEMPSTEAD**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 9th day of January 2023 at 6:00 P.M., the Type A and Type B Board of Directors of the Hempstead Economic Development Corporation of the City of Hempstead met in special joint session at the City of Hempstead, 1125 Austin Street, Hempstead, Texas.

The Open Meetings Act will make the minutes available to the public upon written request.

The HEDC meeting agenda is available online on the City of Hempstead’s website at www.hempsteadcitytx.com.

Willie Ray Gooden, Sr.	4A	President	Present
Overton Stewart	4A	Vice President	Present
Cheryl Hardwick	4A	Secretary	Present
Sherion Grant	4A	Treasurer	Present
Jackie S. Jackson, Sr.	4A	Member	Present
Mildred Jefferson	4B	Treasurer	Present
Annette Baker	4B	Member	Present
Raul Villarreal	4B	Member	Present
Anthony Alvarez	4B	Vice President	Present via Zoom
Phil Richey	4B	Secretary	Present
Elizabeth Ayala	4B	Member	Present
Mayor Erica Gillum	4B	President	Present

1. Call to Order

The HEDC meeting was called to order by Type B President Mayor Erica Gillum at 6:00 pm.

2. Public Comments.

Jimmy Economou publicly commented that he was there to support HEDC Director Clarence Landry.

3. Consideration and approval of the minutes dated December 12th, 2022.

Type B

Motion made by Jackie Jackson, second by Mildred Jefferson. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Type A

Motion made by Overton Stewart, second by Cheryl Hardwick. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration and approval on paying monthly bills.

Type A

Motion made by Overton Stewart, second by Sherion Grant. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Type B

Motion made by Mildred Jefferson, second by Elizabeth Ayala. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and action on approval of spot purchasing procedures.

A motion was made to discuss by Mildred Jefferson.

Willie Ray Gooden and Sherion Grant were requesting a spot purchase procedure for the HEDC department along with establishing a policy.

Sherion Grant suggests the HEDC have a preferred vendor policy.

Both A and B boards discussed approving spot purchasing of \$5,000 and HEDC Director Clarence Landry as the main authorizer. All in favor, opposed by Phil Richey and Sherion Grant.

6. Discussion and possible action to create and approve a policy for a DOA (Delegation of Authority).

Mildred Jefferson made a motion for A and B boards.

Both boards made a decision to give Type B treasurer Mildred Jefferson and HEDC Director Clarence Landry authority for a DOA to be added to the HEDC prosperity bank accounts.

7. Consideration and discussion of creating and approving the HEDC mission statement.

It was tabled to the next HEDC meeting.

All in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

8. Consideration and action on approving the GSLI (Global Site Location Industry) proposal packet.

Type A

Willie Gooden- Aye

Overton Stewart- Aye

Cheryl Hardwick – Aye

Sherion Grant- No

Type B

Mayor Erica Gillum- Aye

Mildred Jefferson- Aye

Annette Baker- Aye

Raul Villarreal- Aye

Elizabeth Ayala- Aye

Phil Richey- No

Type A board member Jackie Jackson was not present for this action.

Motions carried to go to the City council for approval.

9. Discussion on HEDC standing committee packets.

It was tabled to the next HEDC meeting.

10. Discussion on the City of Hempstead and HEDC newsletter.

Phil Richey had concerns between the City of Hempstead and the HEDC newsletter.

Mayor Erica Gillum responded to Phil Richey to know his true intentions for the HEDC, as he intended to only show the City of Hempstead and the HEDC newsletter to certain city council members and the board. Phil Richey stated that the newsletter needed to be grammatically correct.

11. Convene in an Open meeting to Section 551.074 of the Government Code to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee (Phil Richey).

Mayor Erica Gillum asked the board if they were on the same page to move things forward. Mayor Erica Gillum stated that the newsletter with Phil Richey's critique was only given to a select few. Sherion Grant said to Phil Richey that everyone needed to respect each other, and what was the reason behind him presenting the newsletter with corrections? Mr. Clarence Landry noted that his character was attacked when Phil Richey questioned his religion. Overton Stewart pointed out that we are a town that is so divided already, and for Phil Richey to bring that to the table all the time, even if he apologizes, it's already been done. Mr. Phil Richey stated systemic racism. Mr. Gooden noted that the Administrative Assistant reports to Mr. Clarence Landry. If anyone on the board would like suggestions, it must be cleared through Mr. Clarence Landry. Mayor Erica Gillum stated that if your intentions are not different from EDC, then the board members would have to remove themselves from the board. She said that we work together and not be divided. Mildred Jefferson agreed with Mayor Erica Gillum. Overton Stewart suggests that Phil Richey remove himself from the board. Phil Richey presented some paperwork to the board, where he attended networking meetings. Raul Villarreal stated that he could understand where Phil Richey was coming from and that Phil Richey was on board for the city. Cheryl Hardwick noted that she loved this town and that we needed to work together. Mayor Erica Gillum stated that we are all learning to be respectful to each other.

12. Announcement – No action item: Reminder- EDC workshop January 11th, 2023, by Art Pertile located at Hempstead City Hall.

13. Adjourned at 8:21 pm

Type B

Raul Villarreal motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mildred Jefferson.

Type A

Overton Stewart motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cheryl Hardwick.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 13TH DAY OF February 2023.

Willie Ray. Gooden: Type A President 

Mayor Erica Gillum: Type B President 

Cheryl Hardwick: Type A Secretary 

Phil Richey: Type B Secretary 