

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on the 10th day of April 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 Hempstead EDC office, 745 12th 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](http://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	Absent
Stacy Jones	4B	Secretary	Present
Elizabeth Ayala	4B	Member	Absent
Mayor Erica Gillum	4B	President	Present

Also, in attendance  
Clarence P. Landry Jr, HEDC Director  
Lilliana Rodriguez, HEDC Administrative Assistant  
Bridgette Begle, City Attorney

**1. Call to Order**

The HEDC meeting was called to order by Type B President Erica Gillum at 6:04 pm.

**2. Public Comments.**

Luther Jones publicly commented on his life and explained his love for the city of Hempstead: he then continued explaining that he was ready for new growth within Hempstead, Texas. He finishes with what he likes to see changed within the citizens of Hempstead, which is to see development and diversity.

**3. Introduction to new Type B director, Stacy Jones.**

Mr. Jones was born and raised in Houston, graduated from Texas A&M, moved to Katy in 1995, and moved to Hempstead in 2020. He recognizes the opportunity for growth in Hempstead and wants to be a part of it and help.

Sherion Grant explained how he met Stacy Jones and how he would be an excellent fit for the HEDC board.

**4. Discussion and consideration to elect a new secretary for the Type B board.**

Mildred Jefferson nominated Stacy Jones as the new secretary for type B, seconded by Annette Baker. All in favor, the motion carried.

**5. Discussion and consideration of minutes dated March 13, 2023.**

Type A

Sherion Grant motioned to accept minutes dated March 13, 2023, seconded by Cheryl Hardwick. All in favor, the motion carried.

Type B

Mildred Jefferson motioned to accept minutes dated March 13, 2023, seconded by Anette Baker. All in favor, the motion carried.

**6. Discussion and consideration on paying monthly bills.**

Type A

Sherion Grant motioned to pay monthly bills, seconded by Jackie Jackson. All in favor, the motion carried.

Type B

Mildred Jefferson motioned to pay monthly bills, seconded by Annette Baker. All in favor, the motion carried.

**7. Discussion and consideration to authorize Clarence P. Landry, Jr to attend a Fabtech Sponsorship trip with Global Site Location Industries.**

Type A

Sherion Grant motioned to authorize the HEDC director and add an extra person to attend the Fabtech Sponsorship trip, seconded by Jackie Jackson. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Type B

Mildred Jefferson motioned to authorize the HEDC director and add an extra person to attend the Fabtech Sponsorship trip, seconded by Raul Villarreal. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

**8. Discussion and presentation by HEDC director Clarence P. Landry, Jr. on the 88<sup>th</sup> legislature on Hospital District and HEDC owned 14- acres.**

The HEDC director presented HEDC operational plan for 2023, explaining the business goals, personal goals, execution goals, and performance goals. He then continues to showcase the HEDC for 30, 60, and 90-day plans. Finishes with HEDC action plan for the first 90 days and next 270 days.

**9. Discussion on the 90-day probation period for HEDC director Clarence P. Landry, Jr.**

Anette Baker commented that she believed a 90-day probation period was too short for HEDC director Clarence Landry to fulfill the duties of his position. Raul Villarreal replied, stating that the City Council approved the 90-day probation period and had the option to make the probation period longer. Jackie Jackson commented to Raul Villarreal that the 90-day probation was not extended enough and was not fair to the HEDC director. Annette Baker stated City council needs to reconsider its decision. Sherion Grant noted that when the position was open, it was established that said person would need to "hit the ground running." And he would like to see more results. Overton Stewart stated there wasn't an established plan or period for Clarence Landry to fulfill when he started his position. HEDC director Clarence Landry clarified that he was starting from ground zero when he began his position. Stacy Jones stated to the HEDC board that it needs more communication. He believes establishing the mission and vision statement is essential to the HEDC if it was never established before. Mayor Gillum concluded that she would like the HEDC board to be more engaged and not wait for monthly board meetings for suggestions to the HEDC director.

**Announcement: No action item: Reminder, standing committee packets.**

**10. Adjourn**

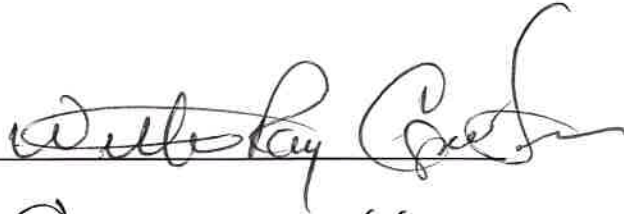
Type A

Cheryl Hardwick motioned to adjourn the HEDC meeting at 7:57 p.m., seconded by Overton Stewart. All in favor, the motion carried.

Type B

Mildred Jefferson motioned to adjourn the HEDC meeting at 7:57 p.m., seconded by Raul Villarreal. All in favor, the motion carried.

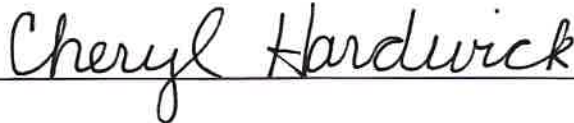
Type A President Willie Ray Gooden:



Type B President Mayor Erica Gillum:



Type A Secretary Cheryl Hardwick:



Type B Secretary Stacy Jones:

