

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on the 12th day of June 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	Absent
Jackie S. Jackson, Sr.	4A	Member	Absent
Mildred Jefferson	4B	Treasurer	Present
Annette Baker	4B	Member	Present
Raul Villarreal	4B	Member	Absent
Rosa Deloera	4B	Member	Present
Stacy Jones	4B	Secretary	Present
Mayor Erica Gillum	4B	President	Present

Also, in attendance  
Lilliana Rodriguez, HEDC Administrative Assistant  
Charles Williams, City Attorney

1. **Call to order.**  
Type B President Erica Gillum called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. **Public Comments.**  
Jimmy Economou recommended that the HEDC board rehire Malcolm Brown as the new HEDC director.
3. **Discussion and approval of minutes dated May 8, 2023, May 25, 2023, and June 1, 2023.**  
Type A: Overton Stewart motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Cheryl Hardwick. All in favor, the motion carried.  
  
Type B: Mildred Jefferson motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Annette Baker. All in favor, the motion carried.

**4. Discussion and approval of paying monthly bills.**

Type A: Overton Stewart motion to pay monthly bills expect one invoice by JK graphics, seconded by Cheryl Hardwick. All in favor, the motion carried.

Type B: Raul Villarreal's motion to pay monthly bills expects one invoice by JK Graphics, seconded by Rosa DeLoera. All in favor, the motion carried.

**5. Introduction of two potential Type B directors, Rosa DeLoera, and Tressy Wilson.**

Rosa DeLoera introduced herself to both A and B boards and explained her accomplishments.

**6. Presentation by David Burkey on bringing a potential Hemp company to Hempstead.**

David Burkey presented a potential Hemp company to Hempstead that could produce clothing, furniture, and buildings. Burkey stated that he would like to provide jobs for Hempstead citizens and educate them on what Hemp can create.

**7. Consideration and action on removal of previous HEDC director Interim, Clarence P. Landry, from Prosperity Bank account as a signee.**

Type A: Cheryl Hardwick's motion on removing previous HEDC director Interim. Clarence P. Landry, from Prosperity Bank account as a signee, seconded by Overton Stewart. All in favor, the motion carried.

Type B: Mildred Jefferson's motion to remove previous HEDC director Interim. Clarence P. Landry, from Prosperity Bank account as a signee, seconded by Raul Villarreal. All in favor, the motion carried.

**8. Discussion and action RFP for Master Plan Project.**

Tabled.

**9. Discussion and action to select banners for downtown street poles.**

Type B: Mildred Jefferson motioned to select banners for downtown street poles to state. "Welcome to Hempstead, Texas", in the color of black and green that showcase the history of Hempstead, Texas. Raul Villarreal seconded it. All in favor, the motion carried.

**10. Discussion and action finalize street signs and poles in Historic District.**

Type B: Stacy Jones motion to finalize street signs and poles in Historic District, seconded by Raul Villarreal.

**11. Discussion on hiring EDC Director**

Type B President Erica Gillum explained the number of candidates who applied for this position and what was the next step in the interview process.

**12. Discuss with a local realtor on a comparable price of 5 acres of the 14 acres owned by HEDC on Hwy 6.**

Crystal Krivacka introduced herself as a local realtor for Waller County and explained that she would like to showcase a lot that HEDC owns. She would like to give an estimated appraisal of said property for HEDC.

13. Discussion on project clean sweep by Type A Director Sherion Grant.  
Tabled.
14. Discussion on the role of the Chambers of Commerce.  
Tabled.
15. Discuss the role of GSLI and other consultant teams on the next steps for HEDC.  
Tabled.

**Closed Session**

Type B President Erica Gillum called a closed session at 6:48 p.m.

17. Convene in closed session pursuant to section 551.074 to deliberate the employment and duties of the HEDC Administrative Assistant, Lilliana Rodriguez.

**Open Session**

Type B President Erica Gillum called an open session at 7:06 p.m.

18. Discussion and action on employment and duties of HEDC Administrative Assistant Lilliana Rodriguez

Type A: Overton Stewart motioned to approve the pay increase of HEDC Administrative Assistant Lilliana Rodriguez, seconded by Cheryl Hardwick. All in favor, the motion carried.

Type B: Mildred Jefferson motioned to approve the pay increase of HEDC Administrative Assistant Lilliana Rodriguez, seconded by Stacy Jones. All in favor, the motion carried.

19. Adjourn.

Type A and B board adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Cheryl Hardwick: Cheryl Hardwick

Stacy Jones: Stacy Jones

Mayor Erica Gillum: Erica Gillum