

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 15th day of May 2023 at 5:00 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.

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	Absent
Anthony Alvarez	4B	Vice President	Present
Stacy Jones	4B	Secretary	Present
Mayor Erica Gillum	4B	President	Present

Also, in attendance
Lilliana Rodriguez, HEDC Administrative Assistant
Bridgette Begle, City Attorney

1. Call to order.
Type B President Erica Gillum called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

2. Public Comments.
Luther Jones publicly commented that with the resignation of the EDC Director he would hate to see the momentum be lost that the board has been working on. I hope that some of the EDC Board will still be going to the trade show in Las Vegas.

Malcolm Brown introduced himself to both boards and stated he was the former HEDC director before he was let go on December 9, 2020. He then explained the A & B bylaws, which stated that a director’s dismissal of their duties is decided by the A & B board by vote. Lastly, Mr. Brown stated that the past Mayor terminated him against the bylaws.

Closed Session

3. The boards will meet in an Executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of an employee. (HEDC Director)

Executive session was called by Type B President Erica Gillum at 5:08 p.m.

Type A: Jackie Jackson motioned to table the Executive session at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Overton Stewart. All in favor, the motion carried.

Type B: Raul Villarreal motioned to table the Executive session at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Annette Baker. All in favor, the motion carried.

No action was taken.

Open Session

4. Discussion and consideration on employment of HEDC Director/ Intermit Director as deliberated in the Executive session.

Type A: Jackie Jackson motioned to open the session at 5:33 p.m., seconded by Overton Stewart. All in favor, the motion carried.

Type B: Raul Villarreal motioned to open the session at 5:33 p.m., seconded by Anthony Alvarez. All in favor, the motion carried.

5. Discussion and consideration to authorizing the Mayor/President of Type B Corporation to send out RFQs to create a City Comprehensive plan.

Type B: Stacy Jones motion to authorize the Mayor/President of Type B Corporation to send out RFQs to create a City Comprehensive plan, seconded by Raul Villarreal. All in favor, the motion carried.

Workshop Items

6. General discussion and planning of local events and cooperation with local businesses.

Tabled.

7. Discussion on internal HEDC committee assignments and expectations.

Type B President Erica Gillum stated that both boards must come together to establish community base committees.

8. Adjourn.

Type A: Sherion Grant, seconded by Overton Stewart, adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Type B: Mildred Jefferson, seconded by Anthony Alvarez, adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Type B: Raul Villarreal motioned to appoint Stacy Jones as the volunteer liaison with HEDC and the GSLI consulting team, seconded by Mildred Jefferson.

Raul Villarreal- Aye.

Mildred Jefferson- Aye

Erica Gillum- Aye

Annette Baker- No.

9. Adjourn.

Type A: **Sherion Grant**, seconded by Overton Stewart. All in favor, the motion carried.

Type B: Mildred Jefferson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m., seconded by Raul Villarreal. All in favor, the motion carried.

Type B President Mayor Erica Gillum: Erica Gillum

Type A Secretary Cheryl Hardwick: Cheryl Hardwick

Type B Secretary Stacy Jones: Stacy Jones