

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 12th day of April 2021 at 6:03 p.m., the Type 4A and 4B Board of directors of the Hempstead Economic Development Corporation of the City of Hempstead met in Regular Session. The meeting was conducted at Hempstead City Hall in the Conference Room. (Mask was required and “social distancing” was in place) to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Public access was not allowed at the Hempstead Economic Development Corporation at 1125 Austin Street, Hempstead, Texas. The public was allowed to offer public comments (if any) as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

The minutes will be made available to the public, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, upon written request.

The HEDC meeting Agenda is available on-line, on the City of Hempstead website, at www.hempsteadcitytx.com.

Kenneth Pilcher	4A & 4B	- Director	- Present
Katherine Ragston	4A & 4B	- President	- Present
Raul Villarreal	4A & 4B	- Vice President	- Present
Sherion Grant	4B	- Treasurer	- Present
Cheryl Ann Hardwick	4A & 4B	- Secretary	- Present
Luis Orostieta	4A	- Member	- Present
Erica Gillum	4A	- Member	- Present
Overton Stewart	4B	- Member	- Present

Guests: John Lowery, Tricia Park, Kelcey Hesse

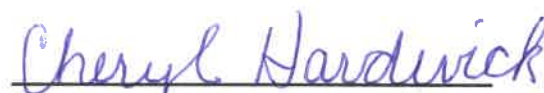
The following subjects was discussed during the HEDC Meeting.

1. Call to Order – Katherine Ragston called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. HEDC 4A&4B Item: Public comments. None
3. 4A & 4B Item: Consideration and approval of minutes dated March 12, 2021. Raul Villarreal made the motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Sherion Grant seconded. Motion carried.

4. 4B Item: Update of administration of Small Business Relief Program and the Distribution of grant funding. President Katherine Ragston will be sending out a second notice to applicants that received a stimulus grant from HEDC requesting how the funds were used.
5. HEDC 4A&4B item: Discussion and action on auditing the financials from 2018-2020. Raul made the motion. Sherion Grant seconded. Motion carried.
6. HEDC 4A&4B Item: Discussion and action on forming a Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association. Sherion Grant made the motion and Overton Stewart seconded. Motion carried.
 - A. Reimburse Kenneth Pilcher for legal paper work. Oder # 67252381.
 - B. Approve HEDC donation to Hempstead Commerce & Civic Association.
7. HEDC 4A&4B Item: Presentation from Design at work by John Lowery and his team. Discussion and action on the proposal to hire Design at Work for rebranding and marketing services project Raul Villarreal made the motion. Luis Orostieta seconded. The majority approved. Overton & Gillum denied.
8. HEDC 4A & 4B Item: Discussion and action on the proposal to hire a Manager of Business Development. Raul Villarreal made the motion. Erica Gillum seconded. Motion carried.
9. 4A & 4B Item: Discussion and action, if appropriate, on paying bill and monthly financials. Cheryl Hardwick made the motion to pay bills and monthly financials. Raul Villarreal seconded the motion. Motion carried
10. Director's Report: By Kenneth Pilcher
 - 4A Item: Status on current projects.
 - 4B Item: Status on current projects.
 - 4A and 4B Item: Office/Administration report.
11. Consideration of approval to adjourn. Raul Villarreal made the motion to adjourn. Erica Gillum seconded. Motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of May, 2021.


Katherine Ragston, President


Cheryl Hardwick, Secretary