

Gainesville Economic Development Corporation (GEDC)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Date: September 16, 2026

Gainesville Civic Center, 311 South Weaver, Gainesville, Texas 76240

Board Members Present: Joey Anderson, Matthew Dickson, Chris Hamilton, Andrew Mozeleski, and Jacob Whiteman

Board Members Absent: Martin Phillips

City Representatives Present: City Manager Barry Sullivan

Staff Present: Matt Carlson – Executive Director and Diane Johns – Administrative Officer

Quorum: A quorum of the Board of Directors was present and duly constituted to conduct business.

1. Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

2. Invocation: An invocation was offered by Barry Sullivan.

3. Public Comments: No public comments were received.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes from September 2, 2026, Regular Called Meeting

Items considered:

- Approve Minutes from September 2, 2026, Regular Called Meeting
 - Motion by Chris Hamilton
 - Second by Andrew Mozeleski
 - 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions

Vote: Motion carried.

B. Approve Financials from August 2026, Regular Called Meeting

Key discussion points included:

- Staff reported that the August 2026 financial statements were not completed in time for consideration and recommended tabling them until the next meeting.

5. Executive Director's Report

- See attached Executive Director's Report

6. New Business

No New Business items were scheduled.

7. Executive Session

No items were scheduled for discussion.

8. Board Member Updates

Key discussion points included:

- The Board received an update that the Gainesville City Council appointed Phil Neelley and Jim Goldsworthy to the GEDC Board and reappointed Matthew Dickson.
- Jacob Whiteman was thanked for service to the Board and for helping establish and strengthen relationships with local industry partners. Members noted that these relationships can continue beyond Board service.
- The Board discussed the appointment process and the importance of recruiting candidates whose experience aligns with the statutory and bylaw requirements of the corporation, including industrial operations, business leadership, property ownership, downtown investment, and economic-development experience.
- Staff recommended beginning succession and recruitment planning well before future terms expire and considering a more targeted process for identifying qualified candidates, subject to guidance from the City Council and City administration.
- A preliminary update was provided regarding a possible Oktoberfest-style community event at the large pavilion in Leonard Park. Planning remains in the early stages.

No formal action was taken.

9. Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:24 p.m.

Joey Anderson, Presiding Officer
Print Name

[Signature], Presiding Officer
Signature