

MEETING MINUTES
GULF COAST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
July 9, 2021

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

The following members of the Board of the Gulf Coast Economic Development District attended all or a portion, by phone or by proxy, of the July 9, 2021 board meeting:

Gary Basinger, Brazoria County Representative
Chad Burke, Regional Economic Interests Representative
Dane Carlson, Galveston County Representative
Andrew Van Chau, Fort Bend Representative
Dianna Grobe, Austin County Representative
Carlos Guzman, City of Pasadena Representative
Jimmy Henry, Walker County Representative
Jimmy Henry, Prairie View A&M University Representative
John Isom, Regional Economic Interests Representative
Guy Robert Jackson, Chambers County Representative
Frank Jordan, Regional Economic Interests Representative
Joshua Owens, Wharton County Representative
Mike Rozell, Private Sector Representative
Danielle Scheiner, City of Conroe Representative
B.J. Simon, Regional Economic Interests
Brandon Willis, Regional Economic Interests Representative
Vince Yokom, Waller County Representative

The following members of the Gulf Coast Economic Development District Board were not marked in attendance at the July 9, 2021 Board meeting:

Lance Dean, Regional Economic Interests Representative
Michael Ferdinand, Matagorda County Representative
Courtland Holman Regional Economic Interests Representative
Jake Kelly, Regional Economic Interests Representative
Garrett McLeod, Texas City Representative
Marlon D. Mitchell, Regional Economic Interests Representative
Wendell Null, Liberty County Representative
Charles Rogers, Colorado County Representative
Jessica Russell, Bay City Representative
Gwen Tillotson, City of Houston Representative
Mike Walker, Montgomery County Representative
Annie Yang, Harris County Representative

CALL TO ORDER

Board president Mike Rozell called the virtual meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10 a.m. via Zoom conference call. Jillian Donatto introduced H-GAC's new planner for economic development, Darryl Briscoe, and H-GAC's new AmeriCorps VISTA, William Connors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made by the public during this time.

1. ACTION ITEM

Approval of minutes from April 9, 2021 Quarterly Board Meeting.

2. ACTION ITEM

Approval of 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, presented by the CFO of H-GAC Nancy Haussler.

Motion: Joshua Owens

Second: Frank Jordan

Approval of Revolving Loan Fund financial report.

Motion: Mike Rozell

Second: Gary Basinger

Approval of GCEDD financial report.

Motion: Gary Basinger

Second: Frank Jordan

PRESENTATIONS

Sophia Zheng, founder and CEO of Blutot Technologies Inc., and Andrea Gardner, City Manager of the City of Watauga gave a presentation on the Blutot Business Retention & Expansion platform.

Jeff Taebel, Director of Community and Environmental Planning at H-GAC, presented on the Regional Conservation Initiative. Members interested in discussing funding for priority conservation projects in the region should contact Jeff Taebel at jeff.taebel@h-gac.com.

3. ACTION ITEM

Reelect board executives for 1-year (July 2021 – July 2022) term:

President: Judge Mike Rozell

Vice President: B.J. Simon

Secretary: Guy R. Jackson

Assistance Secretary: Andrew Van Chau

Treasurer: Vince Yokom

Motion: Joshua Owens

Second: Frank Jordan

4. ACTION ITEM

Approval of resolution to request defederalization of the Revolving Loan Fund from the Economic Development Administration. Judge Rozell to sign.

Motion: Joshua Owens

Second: John Isom

OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Board meeting will be October 1, 2021 at 10 a.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by Rozell at 11:26 a.m.