



GCEDD Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Conference Room 2D

Members Present:

John Isom; Carlos Guzman, Kendric Jones, Andrew Van Chau, Dianna Grobe, Mike Ferdinand, Patti Worfe, Guy Robert Jackson, Colt Christian, Jay Knight, Tiko Hausman, Jason Smith, Matt Buchanan, Elizabeth Huff

Members Absent:

Mike Rozell(Proxy Vote), Jimmy Henry, Chad Carson, B.J. Simon, Lance Dean(Proxy Vote), Courtland Holman, Lance LaCour

- I. Vice Chair Andrew Van Chau commenced the meeting at 10:00am. Vice Chair Andrew Van Chau led pledge of allegiance. Vice Chair Andrew Van Chau performed the roll call and Darryl Briscoe confirmed that a quorum was met.
- II. There were no public comments.
- III. Action Items
 - Judge Colt Christian set the motion to vote on the January 27th meeting and Patti Worfe seconded the motion to vote. Board approved the minutes from the January 27, 2025.
 - Gilda Mendoza stood in for Shawn Downie to present the financial report to the GCEDD. Judge Colt Christian initiated a motion to vote and John Isom seconded the vote. Financial report was approved.
 - The Omar Fortune presented agreements for the GCEDD to become formal partners with the LDC and one for the GCEDD to become formal partners with H-GAC.
 - a. Vice Chair Andrew Van Chau opened the floor for questions. Jason Smith expressed some concerns about agreeing to lines which involve monetary decisions without a formal budget put in place. After decision the Board agreed to remove line 4, 5, and 6 from the LDC agreement which did not affect terms of the partnership. Jason had the same sentiments about the agreement of the agreement for the H-GAC agreement. Vice Chairman Andrew Van Chau opened the vote to table the agreements until changes were made. Jason Smith motion to vote for a table. Judge Jay Knight second that motion. The Board agreed to table the agreement.
- IV. Information
 - Christina Cornelius provided an update on the loan portfolio. There were concerns about recovery of loans in default and which she assured that the LDC will continue to think of new ways to recover missed payments.
 - Darryl Briscoe provided updates pertaining to the board roster and future activities.
 - a. Dianna Grobe was renominated and approved to represent Austin County for the GCEDD Board.
 - b. There will be 3 new subcommittees added to the GCEDD. Executive Committee, CEDS Committee, and Lending Committee
 - c. GCEDD and LDC will work on rebranding to work under one umbrella.



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- Darryl Briscoe provided an update on broadband. H-GAC staff held 4 listening sessions across the region. The state of Texas Broadband Development Office has opened the Notice of Funding Announcement (NOFA) to the public.

V. Presentations

- Ron Borski provided an update on the current workforce trends and industry data.
- Milton Reed introduced IDA to the region.
- Aaron Demerson presented on the Texas Economic Development Corporation. He provided ways that economic developers could work directly with TxEDC to help spur development.
- Patti Worfe chooses to postpone her County Spotlight till next meeting to be respectful of time.

VI. Other

- Darryl Briscoe made two announcements on two future H-GAC events.
- Next Meeting – July 23, 2025 (In-Person)

VII. Vice Chair Andrew Van Chau call the meeting to a close at 12:00 pm

