City of West Orange
Economic Development Corporation

West Orange City Hall
2700 Western Avenue
West Orange, TX
77630

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 27, 2025 | 5:00 p.m. | WO City Council Chambers

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Randy Branch	Meritta Kennedy	Charlotte Alford
Wayne Wiggins	Jon Sherwin	Mike Stelly
Mike Dixon		

OTHERS PRESENT:

Christopher Leavins	Theresa Van Meter	Jane Branch
Mary Odom	Lanie Brown	Jay Odom
Michael Shugart, Sr.	David Roberts	Tyler Roberts
James Fisette	Simmie Gibson	Richard Jones
Dylan Gray	Richard Bland	Clayton Baker
Kelton Hutsell		

Call to Order

Board President Branch called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He announced that a quorum of the Board was present. The invocation was given by Mr. Shugart. Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were then given.

Regular Session

Discussion and Possible Action on approval of Board minutes from the following meetings:

- **August 12, 2024**
- **July 8, 2025**
- **September 17, 2025**

All minutes were unanimously approved by vote following a motion from V.P. Kennedy, with a second from Mr. Sherwin.

Executive Session

***Executive Meeting to Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person, under Section 551.072 of the Act* – Discussion of possible EDC land purchase to be used for future development**

The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:04 p.m. to allow for discussion of a potential land purchase. Executive Session adjourned at 5:52 p.m., and Regular Session reconvened.

Return to Regular Session

Mr. Stelly then made a motion that a Public Hearing be scheduled and for the Board to move forward with the project. V.P. Kennedy seconded his motion. Mr. Branch called for a vote, with the motion passing by majority vote with six "aye" votes and one "nay" vote from Mr. Wiggins.

Adjournment

With there being no further discussion, and no questions put forth, Mr. Sherwin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was followed by a second from Mr. Stelly. A vote was cast; motion carried.

President Branch then adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

R R Branch
Randy Branch, EDC Board President

ATTEST:
Charlotte Alford
Charlotte Alford, EDC Board Secretary

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