

MIDLAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MINUTES

July 7, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Midland Development Corporation convened in regular session in the Midland Chamber of Commerce board room, 300 West Wall Street, Suite 200, Midland, Texas, at 10:00 a.m. on July 7, 2025.

Board Members present: Chairman Lourcey Sams, Director Brad Bullock, Director Elvie Brown, Director Zachary Deck and Director Garrett Donnelly

Board Members absent: Director Jill Pennington

Staff Members present: City Manager Tommy Gonzalez, Interim City Attorney Nicholas Toulet-Crump, Assistant City Attorney Kevin Bailey, Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton, Deputy City Secretary Rachel Guentensberger, City Governance Officer/City Secretary Marcia Bentley-German, Chief of Staff Taylor Novak

Council Member(s) present: Mayor Lori Blong, Council member Brian Stubbs, Council member Amy Stretcher Burkes

MDC Staff Members present: Operations Manager Ken Doyle, Executive Director Sara Harris, Business Development Coordinator Soraye Lara

1. **Call meeting to order.**

Chairman Sams called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. **Motion approving the minutes of the June 2, 2025, meeting of the Midland Development Corporation.**

Director Deck moved to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2025, meeting of the Midland Development Corporation, seconded by Director Bullock.

The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Sams, Donnelly, Deck, Bullock, Brown. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Pennington.

3. **ED-502 Resolution approving the budget for the Midland Development Corporation's 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.**

*Director Bullock moved to approve Resolution **ED-502**, seconded by Director Deck.*

The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Sams, Donnelly, Deck, Bullock, Brown. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Pennington

4. **ED-503 Resolution authorizing the designation of thirty-five percent (35%) of Midland Development Corporation's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 sales tax revenues for authorized infrastructure improvement projects.**

*Director Bullock moved to approve Resolution **ED-503**, seconded by Director Deck.*

The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Sams, Donnelly, Deck, Bullock, Brown. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Pennington

5. **ED-504 Resolution authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the University of Texas of the Permian Basin to advertise and publicize the City of Midland for the purpose of developing new and expanded business enterprises.**

Brian Shedd, Executive Director, Office of Innovation & Commercialization at UTPB gave an overview of the Midland Entrepreneurial Challenge (MEC), including a timeline of events and success statistics. Past winners of the challenge, Sara Babbel with "I'd Rather Bake" and Laura Smith with "The Birth Center" spoke about the challenge and how their participation has affected their lives and businesses.

*Director Deck moved to approve Resolution **ED-504**, seconded by Director Donnelly.*

The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Sams, Donnelly, Deck, Bullock, Brown. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Pennington

6. **Presentation on the June 2025 economic development activity report from the Midland Development Corporation Executive Director.**

Executive Director Sara Harris introduced the new Business Development Coordinator Soraye Lara. Ms. Harris also gave a brief overview of the June 2025 Economic Development activity report. She also thanked the Directors involved in the recent exchanges with the Australian Delegation.

Public Comment:

Judd Campbell, 110 Ridglea Drive asked for a possible list of outstanding or new projects that the MDC has funded or plans to fund.

All the business at hand having been completed, Chairman Sams adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Guentensberger, Deputy City Secretary

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 4th Day of August 2025.

Elvie Brown, Secretary