

# NEDERLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

## Minutes February 18, 2026

### MEETING

A meeting of the Nederland Economic Development Corporation was called to order at 4:30 p.m. at the Nederland Economic Development Corporation, 1519 Boston Avenue, by President Anthony Toups.

### QUORUM

Board members present: Anthony Toups, Stephen Hemelt, Billy Neal, Mitch Macon, Kasey Taylor, Jeff Darby, and Bret Duplant.

Others present: Kay DeCuir Nederland EDC Executive Director, Maggie Guillot, Nederland EDC Admin. Asst., Jim Wimberley, Nederland EDC Attorney, Cheryl Dowden, Nederland EDC Finance Manager, Nederland Police Chief, Rod Carroll, and 2 community members.

Absent: None.

### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Anthony Toups gave the Invocation and led the Pledge.

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Jeff Darby and seconded by Mitch Macon to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2026 meeting.

#### **Motion Carried**

**Ayes: Anthony Toups, Billy Neal, Mitch Macon, Kasey Taylor, Stephen Hemelt, Jeff Darby, and Bret Duplant.**

**Absent: None.**

**Abstain: None.**

**Noes: None.**

### OPEN FORUM

There were no community members that spoke in Open Forum.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting was recessed by President Anthony Toups at 4:32 p.m. for the purpose of conducting an Executive Session of the Nederland Economic Development Corporation, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Chapter 551.087 Deliberations regarding Economic Development Incentives; Texas Government Code Chapter 551.071 to discuss litigation and/or legal advice; Texas Government Code Chapter 551.072 to discuss acquisition, exchange and/or release of property.

### RECONVENE

The regular meeting was reconvened by President Anthony Toups at 5:14 p.m. announced action was needed on Texas Government Code Chapter 551.087 Deliberations regarding Economic Development Incentives; no action was needed for Texas Government Code Chapter 551.071 to discuss litigation and/or legal advice; no action was needed for Texas Government Code Chapter 551.072 to discuss acquisition, exchange and/or release of property.

### FINANCIALS

Cheryl Dowden, NEDC Finance Manager, presented the financials.

### **PRIDE**

A motion was made by Jeff Darby and seconded by Bret Duplant to approve a PRIDE Program in the amount of \$4,465.31 (four thousand four hundred sixty-five dollars 31/00) to Spoon It to be located at 1495 South Hwy. 69, Nederland, TX, 77627 for signage. Total project for signage is \$8,930.62 (eight thousand nine hundred thirty dollars 62/00.)

#### **Motion Carried**

**Ayes: Anthony Toups, Billy Neal, Mitch Macon, Kasey Taylor, Stephen Hemelt, Jeff Darby, and Bret Duplant.**

**Absent: None.**

**Abstain: None.**

**Noes: None.**

### **CBA**

A motion was made by Kasey Taylor and seconded by Mitch Macon to approve a CBA Incentive to Wicked Casian, located at 2111 Nederland Avenue Ste. B, Nederland, TX, 77627 in the amount of \$27,500.00 (twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars 00/00) with a 2-year payback.

#### **Motion Carried**

**Ayes: Anthony Toups, Billy Neal, Mitch Macon, Kasey Taylor, Stephen Hemelt, and Bret Duplant.**

**Absent: None.**

**Abstain: Jeff Darby.**

**Noes: None.**

### **COMMUNICATION**

The Director shared the following with the Board;

- The Nederland Economic Development Forum will be March 17, 2026 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church Nederland in Fellowship Hall. The Board has been given a draft of the Agenda for any changes they would like to make for who would like to present at the forum.
- March 19, 2026 the NEDC will host a Workforce Workshop at the Jack Brooks Regional Airport from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm with speakers from Port Arthur Chamber, LIT, Lamar State College Port Arthur, Workforce Solutions, SBDC Lamar University, and ABC Southeast Texas.
- Both the forum and the Workforce Workshop will be run on commercials from March 1 – March 19.
- We gave the Board a list of all the upcoming events for the NEDC.
- All 5 contracts for the 2026 Concert Series have been signed by the bands. October 1 – 3 Car Garage, October 8 – Old Days Band, October 15 – Crossroads Band, October 22 – Barbara Hickey & the Daybreakers, and October 29 – High Street Band. The stage is reserved, we just need port-a-potties, close the streets, and food trucks.
- This morning we received a letter in the mail stating the NEDC has won the award for the TEDC 2025 Economic Excellence Recognition award. The award will be mailed to us since we cannot attend the ceremony in El Paso next week.
- Tomorrow night, February 19, we are celebrating our Nederland businesses in business for 5 – 9 years at Sombrero's.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bret Duplant and seconded by Mitch Macon to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

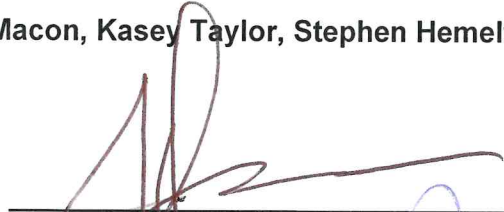
**Motion Carried**

**Ayes: Anthony Toups, Billy Neal, Mitch Macon, Kasey Taylor, Stephen Hemelt, and Bret Duplant.**

**Absent: Jeff Darby.**

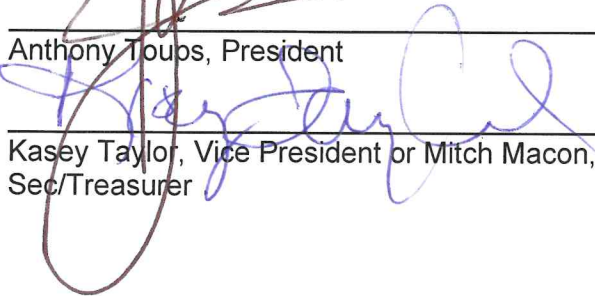
**Abstain: None.**

**Noes: None.**



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Anthony Toups, President



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Kasey Taylor, Vice President or Mitch Macon,  
Sec/Treasurer