



**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
GONZALES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING
820 ST JOSEPH STREET**

**VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE – LIMITED IN PERSON ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE
AGENDA – FEBRUARY 25, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.**

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 551.045 of the Texas Government Code and the March 16, 2020 order by the Governor of the State of Texas, the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation will hold a regular meeting on **Thursday, February 25, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.**, via teleconference in accordance with Governor Abbott's order.

This meeting notice and agenda and is posted online at www.GonzalesEDC.org

In accordance with Governor Abbott's Executive Order 29 issued on July 2, 2020 every person attending the meeting shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth unless the person is under 10 years of age or has a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering.

On March 16, 2020, Governor Abbott suspended several provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act for the duration of his statewide declaration of disaster, including the new requirement (added by H.B. 2840 last legislative session) that the public has a right to speak on agenda items. This DOES NOT apply to statutorily-mandated public hearings, such as zoning and similar hearings. The Governor has since clarified his intent and stated that citizens should be allowed to offer comments by other means.

In person attendance by the public will be limited to 14 which is 50% capacity of the room less board members and required staff and should be separated by at least six (6) feet from other groups attending the meeting together. A temporary suspension of certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or videoconference public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

Citizens wishing to offer comments on the posted agenda items may email their comments at least two (2) hours prior to the start of the meeting and the comments will be read into the record during the time allocated for citizen comments. Emails may be sent to gedc@gonzales.texas.gov and must include the name of the citizen.

The public toll-free dial in number to participate in the telephone conference is hosted through FreeConferenceCall.com. The toll-free call in number is: **1-844-854-2222**
When prompted for an access code enter **348787#**

It is not necessary to announce yourself when you join the teleconference.

A recording of the telephone conference will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

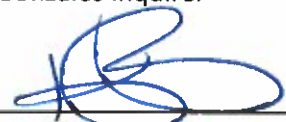
Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation to be held on the above-mentioned date and time at the City of Gonzales Council Chambers located at 820 St. Joseph Street, in Gonzales, Texas, for the purpose of discussing the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action. The Board of Directors reserve the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed below, as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum
4. Petitions or Requests from the Public
This time is set aside for any person who wishes to address the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation (GEDC). Individuals not able to attend due to space limitations may email the GEDC at least two (2) hours prior to the meeting at: gedc@gonzales.texas.gov.
5. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes for the following meeting:
 - a. January 25, 2021
6. Discussion regarding the monthly financial report(s) for November and December 2020:
 - a. Balance Sheet
 - b. Financial Statement
 - c. Bank Reconciliation
7. Report discussion and action on outstanding GEDC Loans.
8. Report from Covid-19 Grant Committee with discussion and possible action on the status of compliance reports on Covid-19 Grant Performance Agreements.
9. Discussion and possible action approving a contract with Cox Brothers Roofing for roof repairs to the Lynn Theatre.
10. Public Hearing, briefing and possible action on approval of grant for \$15,000 related to Ace Invest LLC.
11. Discussion and possible action regarding approval for Main Street to utilize \$50,000 budgeted for Main Street towards a match for at \$500,000 grant through the Texas Community Block Grant Program TXCDBG.
12. Discussion and possible action regarding a request for funding from the City of Gonzales improvements at JB Wells Park.
13. Discussion and possible action regarding a request for funding from the City of Gonzales for improvements at Gonzales Memorial Museum.

14. The GEDC Board will meet in closed session in accordance with Sections 551.087 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code. Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations and Deliberation Regarding Real Property respectively. The governmental body is not required to conduct an open meeting (1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. The governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value 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.
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15. Reconvene to regular session and take any actions on discussion held in closed session under Agenda Items No. 9.
16. Reports and/or announcements on the following items:
 - a. Board President update
 - b. Director's update
17. Request(s) for future agenda items and comment(s).
18. Adjournment

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of the February 25, 2021, agenda of items to be considered by the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors was posted on the City of Gonzales Economic Development Corporation website on the 25 day of February, 2021, at 6:00 am/pm. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of the above stated meeting:
Gonzales Inquirer



Kristina Vega, City Secretary