



**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING  
GONZALES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
ROBERT LEE BROTHERS, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
301 ST JOSEPH STREET  
GONZALES, TEXAS 78629**

**VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE – LIMITED IN PERSON ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE  
AGENDA – May 24, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.**

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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 **Monday, May 24, 2021, 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](http://www.GonzalesEDC.org)

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.

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](mailto: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 Robert Lee Brothers Memorial library located at 301 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 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. Petitions or Request from the Public  
This time is set aside for any person who wishes to address the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation (GEDC). Each person should fill out the speaker's register prior to the meeting. Pursuant to Section 551.007 (c) of the Texas Local Government Code, the total allotted time for Hearing of Residents is limited to thirty (30) minutes per meeting, but in no event shall one (1) speaker exceed (3) minutes unless otherwise allowed by the Presiding Officer. Members of the public desiring to provide public comment on matters scheduled for a public hearing will be allowed to speak only once either during the Hearing of Residents portion or during the public hearing. 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](mailto:gedc@gonzales.texas.gov)
4. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes for the following meeting:
  - a. April 26, 2021
5. Discussion regarding the monthly financial report(s) for April 2021:
  - a. Balance Sheet
  - b. Financial Statement
  - c. Bank Reconciliation
6. Public hearing, discussion and possible action of a Performance Agreement with the First United Methodist Church for funding in the amount of \$15,000 for improvements to the Stockton Youth/Multipurpose Ministry Facility at 509 Saint Lawrence Street.
7. Discuss, consider and possible action approving a Performance Agreement with Laurel Ridge Designs for funding in the amount of \$52,000 for improvements to 827 Saint Joseph Street.
8. Discuss, consider and possible action approving an Amended and Restated Performance Agreement with 515NSJ, LLC (Farmer's Daughter Fresh Market.)

9. Discuss, consider and possible action on approving a Lending and Collections Policy.
10. Discuss, consider and possible action approving a contract with Retail Academy for research, real estate analysis, marketing materials and data analytics to be used for retail recruitment.
11. Report from the Director on projects and events.
12. Adjourn

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that a copy of the May 24, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2021, at 5:00 pm. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of the above stated meeting: Gonzales Inquirer

  
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Jennifer Kolbe, Economic Development Director