

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LEVELLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS –MARCH 19TH, 2026 CITY HALL,
LEVELLAND CITY HALL, 1709 AVE H, LEVELLAND, TX**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on March 19th, 2026. Those present were Board Members: Sham Myatt, Dallas Pena, Patrick Sykora, Jody Rose, Tushar Bhakta, and James Fisher.

LEDC staff: Justin Balderas and Janie Mireles.

Press: None

Guest: Cynthia Sanchez, Max Fisher, Erich Miller, Taylor McAlpine, & Matt Stevens.

Item #1: Mr. Myatt Called the Meeting to Order at 12:00 P.M.

Item #2: Public comments:

No public comments.

Item #3: Consider and Take Necessary on Minutes of Previous Meeting (s): Regular Meeting Minutes, (February 2026). Special Joint Meeting Minutes, (March 09, 2026).

Mr. Sykora Motioned, Mr. Pena Second, All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Item #4: Consider and Take Necessary Action on Monthly Financials, (February 2026).

Mr. Sykora Motioned, Mr. Pena Second, All in favor. Motion Passed.

Item #5: Discuss and Update Leading EDG Quarterly Presentation.

Taylor McAlpine introduced Matt Stevens. Matt will be an addition to Leading EDG and will be in Levelland the 1st and 3rd of the Month. Taylor will be in Levelland on the 2nd and 4th of the month to continue to serve Levelland entrepreneurs and small businesses. Taylor said they had 47 Entrepreneurs directly engaged, 1 Public Workshop, 8 new client onboard, 101 total clients served since program started, & 3 local referral partner meetings. Mr. Dallas Pena stated he was excited for the work Leading EDG has done and for the support to the community.

No Action Taken

Item #6: Discuss and update regarding the Type A Levelland Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) and Type B Levelland Community Development Corporation (LCDC). Mr. Balderas informed the Board LEDC/LCDC merger will be on the Special Election ballot May 2nd, 2026. If approved, Type A LEDC will dissolve and money will go into Type B LCDC. If passed, all projects and liabilities will come under one Entity.

No Action Taken

Item #7: Director's Report & Rail Park Update.

Mr. Balderas reminded the Board of the City of Levelland Centennial Celebration. It will be on April 11th, 2026. The day's festivities kick off at 10:00 AM with a parade, followed by entertainment at the Gazebo from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. A Community Cook-out will be served to an estimated 2,000 guests at 11:30 AM. The celebration will move to the Oxy Sports Complex at 6:00 PM for an evening of music, food trucks will be available. To conclude the event, a fireworks display sponsored by Renegade Wireline will begin at 8:45 PM. Mr. Balderas informed the board Allen Vinyard will commence mowing and spraying on the Rail Park. Mr. Balderas informed the Board LEDC has received the Certificate of Achievement for Economic Excellence for a 4th consecutive year of earning this Distinction. Congratulations to the Board of Directors and City Council for this accomplishment. The 1st ACH processing payment was completed. This process will save LEDC thousands of dollars in postage and check processing. We will continue to abide by the By-Laws and compliance for the ACH process. Tax Exempt Status for LEDC has been reinstated. We will ensure that our status stays Active. Mr Balderas informed the Board he is working with Chief O'Bryan to purchase a lawn mower for The Animal Shelter to combat the weeds at the facility. Mr. Pena asked how many more lots were available on Commerce. Justin informed the Board that there are two more lots. He updated the Board they are working on an Elevated Storage Tank by applying for grant funds. The next schedule LEDC Board Meeting will be on April 16th, however Dallas Pena and Sham Myatt will not be available. Mr. Balderas recommended the meeting be on April 9th, 2026.

No Action Taken.

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12:50 PM Closed Door Session

Item #8: Convene into Executive Session in Accordance with Texas Gov't Code §551.087 to Deliberate Economic Development Negotiations.

1:18 PM Back in Session

Item #9: Action Pertaining to Agenda Item 8

Ratified Authorization for Executive Director to engage in negotiations with business prospect-Project Hope.
Mr. Rose Motioned, Mr. Sykora Second, All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Item #10: Adjourn 1:20 PM

Mr. Rose Motioned, Mr. Sykora Second, All in favor. Motion Passed.

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Tushar Bhakta, Secretary