



MINUTES

The Board of Directors of TexAmericas Center met to conduct business at 11 Chapel Lane, Suite B, New Boston, TX 75570 on January 28, 2025.

1. The Directors and public began to assemble at 11:30 a.m. while lunch was served.
2. The Reflection and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Scott Norton and Jim Roberts.
3. Jim Roberts, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., certifying that the meeting was properly posted, being held in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and that a quorum was present.

4. **Directors in Attendance were:**

Jim Roberts	Ben King	Justin Powell	Denis Washington
Ron Collins	Jimmy Howell	Craig McDuffie	Kevin Avery
Robbin Bass			

Directors Absent were:

Marc Reiter	Robert Irwin	Tim Ketchum	Dan Boyles
Steven Seals	Fred Meisenheimer		

Staff and Others in Attendance were:

Scott Norton	Marla Byrd	Jeff Whitten	John Sesler
Andrew Hill	Judge Bobby Howell	Wes Jordan	Lee Elliott
	Bowie County Judge	Jordan Law Firm	ED – New Boston SIDC

5. Jim Roberts called for Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items. Comments are limited to five minutes. None noted.
6. Jim Roberts called for Public Comments for Agenda Items. Comments are limited to five minutes. None noted.
7. Jim Roberts called for reports from the standing Committees of TexAmericas Center. Committees that met since the last board meeting. There were no meetings since the last board meeting.
8. A motion was made by Ron Collins and seconded by Denis Washington to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Those items were:
 - a. Approved Minutes of Board Meeting from December 3, 2024.
 - b. Approved Check Book Register and Deposit Summary from November 21, 2024 – January 21, 2025.

9. In Kyle Dooley's absence, Scott Norton gave a brief report on regional water.

10. Staff Reports:

- a. Scott Norton presented the Executive Director/CEO Report.
- b. Eric Voyles – Absent – No Executive Vice President/CEDO Report.
- c. Jeff Whitten presented the Executive Vice President/COO Report.
- d. Andrew Hill presented the Vice President of Finance Report.
- e. John Sesler presented the Executive Vice President of Logistics & Rail Operations Report.

11. A motion was made by Justin Powell and seconded by Ben King to Adjourn to Executive Session at 12:21 p.m. pursuant to the following Sections. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- a. Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; Consultation with attorney regarding legal issues relating to pending or contemplated litigation.
- b. Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; Deliberation of the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- c. Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; Personnel Matters.
- d. Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code; Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations.

12. A motion was made by Justin Powell and seconded by Ron Collins to reconvene in Open Session at 12:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.


13. Considered and took action upon **Resolution #20250128-01 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute an Engagement Letter with the Law Firm Haltom & Doan to Represent TexAmericas Center in Litigation filed by Hooks Independent School District; and Providing for an Effective Date.** A motion was made by Ben King and seconded by Justin Powell. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

14. Considered and took action upon **Resolution #20250128-02 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute a lease agreement for A-205 igloo/bunker on TexAmericas Center's West Campus in New Boston, TX to Expal USA, LLC.** A motion was made by Craig McDuffie and seconded by Ron Collins. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15. Considered and took action upon **Resolution #20250128-03 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute a lease agreement for warehouse space for 150 Cypress Street, Hooks, TX upon the TAC East Campus to Texarkana College.** A motion was made by Craig McDuffie and seconded by Kevin Avery. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Denis Washington and seconded by Ron Collins to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The above and foregoing minutes of the TexAmericas Center Board of Directors Meeting, January 28, 2025, were read and approved on February 25, 2025.



Justin Powell, Secretary