

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GULF COAST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**  
**April 5, 2019**

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**ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

The following members of Board of Director of the Gulf Coast Economic Development District attended all or a portion, either in-person, by phone, or by proxy, of the April 5, 2019 Board meeting:

Private Sector Representative Mike Rozell  
Regional Principal Economic Interests Representative Marlon D. Mitchell  
Pasadena Representative Carlos Guzman  
General Law Cities Representative John Isom  
Waller Representative Vince Yokom  
Matagorda County Representative Michael Ferdinand  
Texas City Representative Nick Finan  
Chambers County Representative Guy Robert Jackson  
Fort Bend Representative Andrew Van Chau  
Galveston Representative Jeffery Sjostrom  
Galveston County Representative Dane Carlson  
Montgomery Representative Danielle Scheiner  
Regional Principal Economic Interests Representative Jason Ford  
Regional Principal Economic Interests Representative Frank Jordan  
Liberty County Representative Dennis Beasley  
Regional Principal Economic Interests B.J. Simon  
Home Rule City Representative Jessica Russell  
Wharton County Representative Chad Odum  
Regional Principal Economic Interests Representative Jimmy Henry  
Harris County Representative Annie Yang  
Regional Principal Economic Interests Representative Gil Staley  
Brazoria County Representative Gary Basinger

The following members of the Gulf Coast Economic Development District Board were not marked in attendance at the April 5, 2019 Board meeting:

City of Houston Gwen Tillotson  
Austin County Representative Dianna Grobe  
Regional Principal Economic Interests Representative Chad Burke  
Regional Principal Economic Interests Representative Gil Staley  
Conroe Representative Danielle Scheiner  
Liberty County Representative Wendell Null  
Waller County Representative Vince Yokom

Montgomery County Representative Mike Walker was not able to attend do to A/V technical issues.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair, Regional Principal Economic Interests Representative Mike Rozell, called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:05 a.m. in conference Room A at 3555 Timmons Lane in Houston and presided throughout. Chair Rozell stated that a quorum was present.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were given by the public during this time.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

The GCEDD received a presentation from Russ Capper, Executive Director of Houston Exponential on business incubation and developing an innovation cluster in the Houston region. Mr. Capper discussed how Houston Exponential is taking steps to foster innovation, and is connecting the innovation ecosystem to investment capital.

### **1. ACTION ITEM**

Approval of minutes from January 18, 2019 GCEDD Board Meeting Minutes. Item is tabled to correct errors in the minutes.

### **2. ACTION ITEM**

Approval of Financial Report on the status of the GCEDD's finances and on the Revolving Loan Fund. Odum moves, Basinger seconds.

### **3. OTHER BUSINESS**

None at this time.

### **4. ADJOURN**

The meeting is adjourned by Rozell at 11:15 am