

MEETING MINUTES
GULF COAST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
July 10, 2020

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

The following members of the Board of the Gulf Coast Economic Development District attended all or a portion, by phone or by proxy, of the July 10, 2020 board meeting:

Gary Basinger, Brazoria County Representative
Chad Burke, Regional Principal Economic Interests Representative
Dane Carlson, Galveston County Representative
Michael Ferdinand, Matagorda County Representative
Nicholas Finan, City of Texas City Representative
Dianna Grobe, Austin County Representative
Jimmy Henry, Prairie View A&M University Representative
John Isom, Waller County Representative
Guy Robert Jackson, Chambers County Representative
Frank Jordan, Regional Principal Economic Interests Representative
Garrett McLeod, Galveston Representative
Wendell Null, Liberty County Representative
Chad Odom, Wharton County Representative
Jessica Russell, Bay City Representative
Mike Rozell, Private Sector Representative
Danielle Scheiner, City of Conroe Representative
B.J. Simon, Regional Principal Economic Interests
Andrew Van Chau, Fort Bend Representative
Brandon Willis, Regional Principal Economic Interests Representative
Annie Yang, Harris County Representative
Vince Yokom, Waller County Representative

The following members of the Gulf Coast Economic Development District Board were not marked in attendance at the July 10, 2020 Board meeting:

Carlos Guzman, City of Pasadena Representative
Marlon D. Mitchell, Regional Principal Economic Interests Representative
Charles Rogers, Colorado County Representative
Gwen Tillotson, City of Houston Representative
Mike Walker, Montgomery County Representative

CALL TO ORDER

Houston-Galveston Area Council GCEDD representative Joshua Owens called the virtual meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:03 a.m. via GoToMeeting conference call.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were given by the public during this time.

1. ACTION ITEM

Approval of minutes from April 3, 2020 Quarterly Meeting.

2. ACTION ITEM

Approval of financial reports:

- Nancy Haussler presented the annual financial statement and audit report.
- Joshua Owens presented the District financial report.
- Isaac Perez presented the Revolving Loan Fund financial report.

PRESENTATIONS

The GCEDD received a presentation from Janna Hoglund with the Harris County Public Library about the Tomball Innovation Lab. This was followed by a presentation from Parker Harvey, Principal Economist at the Gulf Coast Workforce Board/Workforce Solutions, on the impacts of COVID-19 on the regional labor market. H-GAC's Pramod Sambidi presented on the impacts of COVID-19 on sales tax revenue. Finally, Joshua Owens presented an overview of the *Regional Plan for High-Speed Internet* for the District's approval.

3. ACTION ITEM

Approval of *Regional Plan for High-Speed Internet*, with inclusion of an addendum to summarize barriers for student high-speed internet access and telehealth access.

4. ACTION ITEM

Approval of Regional Economic Interest and Private Sector GCEDD Board Nominations.

5. ACTION ITEM

Approval of 2020-2021 Executive Committee. Treasurer position remains unfilled; will be taken to the October 2, 2020 meeting.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Jillian Donatto, Senior Planner at H-GAC, announces launch of District's economic recovery efforts, including surveying and direct follow-up with membership.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting is adjourned by Owens at 11:58 pm