

City of Stanton Economic Development Corporation Minutes

April 13, 2026

EDC Board President Maggie Newman, Mayor Sally Poteet, Board Members Leah Flanagan, Vickie Jeffcoat, Jeremy Louder, Brent Swink and Shawna Barnhill, EDC Director Jaque Alcala and City Manager Jessie Montez were present. Bryton Fehr, Jake Fehr, Angie Martinez and Oscar Martinez attended as visitors.

President Maggie Newman called the Regular Session to order at 12:15 p.m.

No public comment. Public comment closed at 12:16 p.m.

Item No. 1: Brent Swink made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026, meeting, pending correction of the misspelling identified by Vickie Jeffcoat. Shawna Barnhill seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Item No. 2: Jeremy Louder made a motion to approve the financials, dated March 31, 2026. Shawna Barnhill seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Item No. 3: Angelica Martinez submitted a grant application in the amount of twenty-four thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$24,350), for the purchase of Commercial Baking Equipment, including range, griddle, fryers, oven, exhaust hood/fire suppression, miscellaneous small restaurant equipment and seating. Angelica has entered a two-year lease on the property located at 407 N. Lamesa Hwy #405 for a restaurant operating as Dusty Taco. The property is not located within city limits, so there would be no sales tax benefit to the City. However, the restaurant would create job opportunities, especially for local youth. Leah Flanagan made a motion to table this discussion and enter Executive Session. Sally Poteet seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Item No. 4: President Maggie Newman closed the Regular Session and opened an Executive Session at 12:25 p.m. to deliberate matters authorized under the Texas Government Code §551.073 – Real Property.

Item No. 5: President Maggie Newman reopened the Regular Session at 12:34 p.m.

Tabled Item No. 3: Jeremy pointed out that we can only offer up to 25% of the applicant's total investment. We need more information as to the amount they are investing in the new restaurant. We also encourage her to determine if the equipment needed could be purchased at a lesser cost via an online source. Jeremy Louder made a motion to table the application for further discussion pending receipt of the additional information. Sally Poteet seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Item No. 6: Jake and Bryton Fehrs informed the Board of the recent and sudden passing of their partner Jacob Teichroeb. They asked for a brief postponement of negotiations to allow them to discuss with Mr. Teichroeb's family. The Board expressed their condolences and stated that this news did not change their decision to continue forward with negotiations when appropriate.

Jeremy Louder asked if we could include the closing costs in the grant? Jessie Montez indicated that they could if that was decision of the board. Jake asked about availability of water. Jessie indicated that there is a fire hydrant at the site that could be metered for construction usage. As to number of meters for the site, the city needs building specs to determine individual meter usage. Jeremy Louder made a motion that we postpone further discussion/approval until the May 4th meeting. Shawna Barnhill seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Item No. 7: Jeremy Louder made a motion to reappoint current President, Vice President and Secretary to another term. Sally Poteet seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Item No. 8: EDC Director Jaque Alcalá updated the board on the following activities.

- Jaque has given the application to Jessie to have uploaded to the City's website. Jessie indicated that she should contact their vendor and request it to be uploaded. Our Agendas and Meeting Minutes will also need to be uploaded as well. He was not sure how quickly they would be able to respond.
- Stanton Weddings, which is also not located within city limits, has asked for a grant application and to be placed on the May meeting agenda. Jessie indicated that the EDC had provided assistance to them years ago, but when they were located within city limits.
- Kevin Cook is interested in opening a laundromat and asked Jaque about available assistance from the EDC.
- Jaque provided a conference schedule for 2026 and 2027. There is also an EDC meeting in Abilene in August that covers sales tax and general EDC information. Anyone interested in attending any of these conferences to let Jaque know.

Sally mentioned a casual conversation with Kathy Hull regarding the land her mother owns. Kathy mentioned her mother would be willing to sell all or part if it was utilized for a restaurant.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2026, at City Hall Council Chambers, at 12:15 p.m.

Shawna Barnhill made a motion to adjourn. Jeremy Louder seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.