

**DRAFT - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS NEW BRAUNFELS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Manlove called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Tommy Carden, Jedidiah Silva, Mary Irwin, Nathan Manlove, Wayne Peters, Danielle Schmidt, Benno Engel, Hans-Bernhard Moeller

Hans Bernard Moeller arrived at 4:10 p.m.

Absent: Helgard Surh-Hollis, Serena Morris, Corinne Vela-Speare

Members of the committee introduced themselves to the newly appointed members.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Approval of the minutes of the October 29, 2025 Partnership meeting.

Chair Manlove read the aforementioned item and asked for a motion and a second.

Benno Engel moved to accept the minutes. Hans-Bernhard Moeller seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

This time is for citizens to address the Partnership Committee on issues and items of concerns not on this agenda.

No one spoke at this time.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A) Discuss and possible action reference communication and future trips for New Braunfels resident to Germany.

Chair Manlove read the aforementioned item.

Mary Irwin spoke about her upcoming trip to Germany in late June and her hopes to make contact with the Partnership Committee in Braunfels, Germany. Tommy Carden asked questions regarding past

contacts with the partnership in Germany and both Mary Irwin and Nathan Manlove provided examples of what past communications have looked like. Benno Engel also spoke of an opportunity to visit Braunfels, Germany in collaboration with the Wurstfest Association. This trip is set to be a day trip scheduled within another event and Benno Engel is hopeful he will be able to make contact with the partnership in Germany.

B) Discuss and possible action on future projects and possible funding opportunities for a committee budget.

Chair Manlove read the aforementioned item.

Nathan Manlove presented an idea to the committee of an art installation in collaboration with the Sophienburg that will help bring a deeper insight to the history of New Braunfels. The project consisted of creating panels that would show details of New Braunfels being established along with details of German settlers leaving from Braunfels, Germany. Other options were discussed and Nathan Manlove announced he will contact the Sophienburg to see what potential next steps could be on the project he announced.

C) Discuss and consider possible action on a mural exchange.

Chair Manlove read the aforementioned item.

Nathan Manlove announced that a former committee member introduced this project and was working to contact stakeholders and provide an update at this meeting. Discussions ensued between the committee members, however, none offered to continue this project.

6. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

No action may be taken at this time.

Chair Manlove stated to keep items A & B with the possibility of a presentation taking place for Item B depending on the progress made with the Sophienburg as well as the removal of Item C since no other committee member offered to continue the project.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Manlove adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

BOARD CHAIR

Attest:

GAYLE WILKINSON, CITY SECRETARY