

**DRAFT - MINUTES  
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025**

**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**President Shane Hines called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present: Tera Thompson, Jason Hurta, Kathy Meurin, Don Austin, Kristen Carden, Larry Hammonds, and Shane Hines.**

**Also in attendance: Mayor Neal Linnartz**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A) Approval of the May 15, 2025 workshop meeting minutes**

**President Hines introduced this item. Director Hurta motioned to approve the May 15, 2025 workshop minutes, Director Carden seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.**

**B) Approval of the May 15, 2025 regular meeting minutes**

**President Hines introduced this item. Director Hurta motioned to approve the May 15, 2025 regular meeting minutes, Director Thompson seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.**

**4. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS**

*This time is for citizens to address the Board on issues and items of concerns not on this agenda. There will be no Board action at this time.*

**President Hines introduced this item. Jim Holster, resident, spoke at this time.**

**5. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

**A) Presentation on a proposed economic development incentive to Lefko USA, Inc. for an expansion project to create or retain primary jobs.**

**President Hines introduced this item. Michele Boggs, SVP of Economic Development, New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, provided a brief background. Mr. Jason Hickey and Ms. Ann Miller, both of Hickey & Associates presented on this matter. Mr. Hickey**

outlined Lefko's company structure, history, and products manufactured. Ms. Miller provided an overview of the expansion project by addressing the facility plans, anticipated capital investment, employee count and wage estimates, and primary customer base. Ms. Boggs presented the proposed incentive, required investments, and employee expectations.

**Ms. Boggs answered questions from the Board.**

- B) Presentation on a proposed additional economic development incentive to Northeast Lakeview College at New Braunfels for an expansion project to promote workforce training and education.

**President Hines introduced this item. Jonathan Packer, President & CEO, New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, provided a brief background. Dr. Veronica Garcia, President, Northeast Lakeview College presented on this matter. Dr. Garcia discussed student enrollment growth in Comal and Guadalupe counties, expansion plans for newly purchased facility on Old FM 306 & Sundance Parkway, and the purchase of additional land adjacent to the facility. Dr. Garcia addressed the original plan of two-phases and discussed the benefits of transitioning the project to a single phase. She shared projected enrollment numbers, a planned floor plan, and identified a funding shortfall of \$3,800,000.**

**Dr. Garcia answered questions from the Board.**

## **6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In accordance with the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, the Board reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning the items listed on this agenda to consult with its attorney. In addition, the Board may convene in executive session on any of the following items, with any final action being taken in open session:

- A) Deliberate issues regarding economic development negotiations in accordance with Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code:
1. HD Supply
  2. Northeast Lakeview College
  3. Project Ellie
  4. Project Nemo
  5. The Neue
  6. Project Shoot
  7. Project Ambiance

President Hines introduced this item. The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:01PM. The items were discussed in the following order: Northeast Lakeview College, Project Ellie, HD Supply, Project Nemo, and The Neue. Project Shoot and Project Ambiance were not discussed. No action was taken. The Board returned to open session at 7:05PM.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Hines adjourned the meeting at 7:05PM.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
SHANE HINES, PRESIDENT