

NEISDC Meeting Minutes

Location: The Regional Chamber, V2030 Conference Room
Date: August 23, 2024
Time: 3:00 pm
Facilitator: The Regional Chamber

Agenda Items

DETERMINE QUORUM

Ron Turpin, Mike Watson, Todd Hollman, Andrew Briggs, Mark Wickersham, Bill Konyha, Stephane Frijia, Mike Vanover, Craig Snow, Richard Strick, Keith Thornton, Steven McMichael

APPROVE AGENDA

Revise the agenda to change the RDA Report to the Administrative Report. Travis Holdman motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Steven McMichael.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE MEETING

Steve McMichael motioned to approve the minutes from the June meeting, seconded by Mike Vanover.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Ron discussed the approval of the \$30M and the list of applicants so far. Approval of the list for voting is tabled until later in the meeting. Stephane elaborated on how the metrics are measured, which Sen. Liz Brown brought up in a discussion between her and Ron Turpin. Each committee will formulate its calculations separately and review them in a future meeting for consensus. Ron Turpin returned to the Claim Form-1 for committee approval with the identified changes requested in the committee reports below. It was passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- GOAL I COMMITTEE (TALENT ATTRACTION & RETENTION)

Travis Holdman provided a brief synopsis of their program list. Mark Wickersham motioned to approve the Go Big and Go Home Expat Attraction Pilot request for \$32,500.00. Richard Strick requested an amendment to the process, requesting a report to measure program success. The motion was approved unanimously. Mike Vanover and Travis Holdman briefly discussed

the Legal Immigration Clinic project. Travis Holdman seconded the motion to approve the request from the Amani Family Services project for \$263,000.00. Steven McMichael requested an amendment to ensure the program would extend to the 11-county area after the initial program launch in Allen County. The motion passed unanimously. Mike Vanover discussed the Wabash Fellowship project for \$75,500.00. Andrew Briggs seconded the motion. Mark Wickersham requested an adjustment to the description in the claim form and their contract. It was passed unanimously. Travis Holdman discussed the FWA Minimum Revenue Guarantee project for \$3,600,000.00. The funds would be obligated until the 18-month federal capital project approval and then returned to the SDC once fully funded by the federal government. Richard Strick seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously. Mike Vanover asked about the Make My Move Project if counties opted out of the project. Travis Holdman clarified that the county has some skin in the game.

- GOAL II COMMITTEE (TALENT DEVELOPMENT)

Richard Strick reported that the committee met to discuss metrics. Ron noted that Mayor Sharon Tucker had been replaced with Representative Phil GiaQuinta. As such, Phil will take Sharon's position on the Goal 2 subcommittee.

- GOAL III COMMITTEE (HOUSING)

The Housing Symposium is scheduled on September 11 at the Walb Student Union. The symposium walkthrough will be on September 10 at 4:00 pm. Ryan reported that work with the Strong Towns network is ongoing and that Steve McMichael has an upcoming interview. Currently, there are 125 RSVPs for the event.

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 27, 2024, at 3:00 pm.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.