

**MINUTES**  
**STAFFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALLED MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., the Board of Directors of the Stafford Economic Development Corporation met in regular session in the Council Chambers at Stafford City Hall.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Board of Directors

President Krahn called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. The following Board of Directors were present: President Randy Krahn, Vice-President Damon Leonetti, and Directors Ken Mathew, Gwen Goodwin (arrived at 6:33 p.m.), William K. Bostic Jr., Arthur J. Honore, and Robert Sorbet. Absent: None. The following City staff were present: City Secretary Roxanne Benitez, Director of Public Works/Development Services Kyle Jung, Chief of Police Richard Ramirez, and City Attorney Bridgette Begle.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Honore led the pledge to the United States flag.

3. Discussion of Financial Matters of the Corporation, Including:

(a) Presentation of Finance Statements, investments, and other financial reports. Chief Financial Officer Alka Shah was unable to attend the meeting. All documents were included in the packet.

(b) Public comments on item (a).  
No public comments were made.

(e) Possible Consideration of appropriate action on items (a-c).  
No action was taken.

4. (a) Discussion regarding possible budget amendments to the current fiscal year budget.

President Krahn advised that the item would be tabled for a future meeting. Director Sorbet advised that he requested the agenda item. He suggested that a line item be created for miscellaneous expenses for the Board. President Krahn advised that he would discuss it with Chief Financial Officer Alka Shah.

(b) Public comments on item (a).  
No public comments were made.

(c) Possible Consideration of appropriate action on item (a).  
No action was taken.

5. Discussion of matters relating to The Stafford Centre including:

(a) Report by Bryan Blaum, President of FMSquared, on event schedules, marketing plans, operations, statements, and productions. FMSquared President Bryan Blaum provided his report.

Mr. Blaum advised the Board of the following events:

- Outcome of February 26<sup>th</sup> event: Stars of the Sixties – Motor Town Allstars
- March 28 – A Taste of Ireland

- April 3 – The Coastal Conservation Association Crawfish Boil and Catfish Dinner
- April 5 & 6 – Ballet Forte – Coppelia
- April 17 – The Grand Kyiv Ballet – Swan Lake
- April 19 – Punjabi Society of Greater Houston – Grand Vaisakhi 2025
- April 20 – Yara Productions – Aaron Afshar
- May 2 – Ekal Annual Gala – A Musical: Story of the Nation
- May 9 – Jorge Luis Chacín: Contento y En Vivo
- May 30 – Romeo & Juliet: A Comedy
- July 12 – Already Gone – Greatest Hits of the Eagles
- October 22 – Stars of the Sixties – Jay and the Americans

Mr. Blaum answered questions from the Directors.

(b) Public comments on items (a).  
No public comments were made.

(c) Possible Consideration of appropriate action on items (a).  
No action was taken.

6. Presentation by Street Level on the following:

(a) Update on the GRID and developments.

Brian Murphy, Managing Principal with Street Level Development, provided a presentation regarding the history of the property, current and future tenants, security, parking, as well as plans for future development.

Mr. Murphy answered questions from the Directors.

(b) Public comments on item (a).  
No public comments were made.

(c) Possible Consideration of appropriate action on item (a).  
No action was taken.

7. Updates by Director of Public Works/Development Services Kyle Jung including:

(a) Update on the City of Stafford Parks Water Fountain Replacement Project.

Mr. Jung provided an update. He answered questions from the Directors.

(b) Public comments on items (a).  
No public comments were made.

(c) Possible Consideration of appropriate action on items (a).

Director Sorbet motioned for the SEDC to begin the process for a public project concerning water fountains at the Stafford City Parks with the figures being \$375, 000 for the Request for Proposals and installation and \$25,000 for annual maintenance, and Vice-President Leonetti seconded the motion. President Krahn, Vice-President Leonetti, and Directors Mathew, Goodwin, Bostic, Honore, and Sorbet voted “Aye”. “Nay” – none. Motion carried 7-0.

8. (a) Approval of February 25, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.  
No discussion was held.

(b) Public comments on item (a).

No public comments were made.

(c) Consideration of appropriate action on item (a).

Director Bostic motioned to approve the February 25, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented, and Director Sorbet seconded the motion. President Krahn, Vice-President Leonetti, and Directors Mathew, Goodwin, Bostic, Honore, and Sorbet voted "Aye". "Nay" – none. Motion carried 7-0.

9. Request for future agenda items from the Board of Directors.

President Krahn requested an update from the Director of Human Resources on the search for the Economic Development Director.

Director Sorbet requested a discussion item for a project or modification of a project for completion of roads in the Island District.

President Krahn requested an update on the possible expansion of the 2025 General Street Project.

Vice-President Leonetti requested a discussion item regarding sending a physical newsletter to Stafford residents.

Director Bostic requested an item on updating the SEDC website.

Director Honore requested a discussion item, for the May agenda, on revenue ideas to assist with drainage and Public Works projects.

10. The Stafford Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors Reports:

President Krahn

- Provided an update on Texas Department of Transportation (TX Dot) landscaping cleanup and revitalization project.

Director Bostic

- Spoke on the passing of long-term employee Otis Brown.

Director Mathew

- Offered his condolences to the friends and family of Otis Brown.

President Krahn

- Spoke on Otis Brown and everything he did for the City.

11. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Randy Krahn, President

  
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William K. Bostic, Jr., Secretary