

Tatum Economic Development Corporation

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06/15/2026 TEDCO Board Minutes

Members in attendance: Darin Anthony, Tate Smith, Erika Smith, Kendra Friend, Fred Grindle, and Nakia Smith (Executive Director)

Invocation

Call the meeting to order at 3:07 PM (TEDCO Building)

Citizen: None

New Business

1. Motion was made to accept meeting minutes from January 30, 2026. Kendra made a motion, followed by Darin seconding the motion to accept meeting minutes; all in favor.
2. A discussion in reference to the building and updates. We have replaced the roofing that was leaking in the back office. Two new tenants have signed leases (Grind Head Coffee & Hitch It Rideshare).
3. Discussion and Review: Three candidates for the TEDCO Incentive Program. One sponsorship request. (Grind Head Coffee, Hitch It Rideshare, & Tatum Sunshine Café. They are requesting June 22nd Grand Opening) Sponsorship Request from Tatum Youth Football. After discussion a motion was made by Kendra to give Tatum Youth Football **\$1,100.00** with TEDCO sponsorship banner. The motion was seconded by Fred; all in favor. In reference to Grind Head Coffee, Hitch It Rideshare, and Tatum Sunshine Café...discussion was had and it was motioned by Tate to give each local business **\$2,000.00** and was seconded by Kendra; all in favor.
4. Discussion of new property acquisition (4.827 acres purchased from the Irwin's – property next to B&B for **\$125,000.00** and **\$2,500.00** earnest money was paid 06/08/2026. TEDCO will officially close on July 1, 2026. There are an additional 2.54 acers that is adjacent to the property owned by Winston Sullivan that is for sale and with our purchase the land is locked with no access to the property. This is potentially more property for TEDCO to purchase.
5. Discussion of marketing campaign – Tatum Small Business Network it currently has 97 members which most are small businesses in the area. Considering a small

business symposium, partnering with the SBDC and ETCOG to help business with business planning, marketing, financial planning, etc...

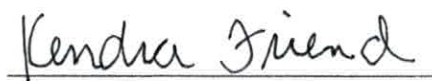
6. Discussion of possible franchise Nakia spoke with a representative of Chicken Express in reference to a possible restaurant in town. He stated that the new property is a much more viable option. He did not know who the franchisee is/are in our area, but you could probably find out quickly by calling the Chicken Express locations in nearby towns like Carthage, Henderson, Marshall, etc. and asking. Once the new property acquisition is completed in July, Nakia will begin to explore further information and proceed with attempting to secure contact information.
7. Discussion and review of the TEDCO projected budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. After reviewing the presented budget, a motion was made by Darin to accept the budget and present it to the City Council for adoption. The motion was seconded by Fred; all in favor.
8. **Information Only: June 17-19, 2026, TEDC 2026 Mid-Year Conference at Hilton Dallas/Plano Granite Park 5805 Granite Pkwy, Plano, TX 75024**
9. Motion to adjourn – The motion was made by Fred and seconded by Kendra to adjourn @ 4:22 PM. All in favor and none opposed.

ATTEST:



TEDCO Secretary

APPROVED:



TEDCO Board Member