



Pharr
Economic Development
Corporation



**TAKE NOTICE THAT A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II
OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS
WILL BE HELD AT CITY HALL, COMMISSIONERS' ROOM,
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS
COMMENCING AT 3:00 PM ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

If during the meeting, the Board of Directors should determine that a closed, or executive session of the Board is required, then such closed or executive session or meeting is authorized by Sections 551.071 et seq. of the Texas Government Code. Notice of closed or executive session will be given after the commencement of the meeting covered by this notice. On matters requiring a public hearing all persons desiring to speak during a public hearing shall sign in with the presiding clerk prior to the scheduled public hearing in accordance with city ordinances.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A) Roll call and possible action on the excusing of any absent member.
- B) Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation.

2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY: *(Ordinance No. O-2019-45). A person intending on addressing the governing body may speak at a scheduled meeting of the governing body following registration with the presiding clerk and prior to the scheduled meeting. A registered speaker may speak only on items on the agenda and may not exceed 1.5 minutes when addressing the board regarding an agenda item. A registered speaker may not donate time to another speaker. A sign-in form for public testimony shall be promulgated by the presiding clerk and be made available at the city clerk's office. A person may sign up for public testimony beginning at the time the agenda is posted for the meeting. A person may not sign up later than one hour before the posted meeting is scheduled to begin. No registered speaker may be allowed to speak regarding an item once the public testimony portion of the agenda has ended.*

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- A) Recaps and Important Upcoming Dates.

4. REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION: *Additional Items on the Agenda:*

- A) Consideration and action, if any, on Approval of Minutes - January 20, 2026 Regular Called Meeting.
- B) Consideration and action, if any, on Project AT.
- C) Consideration and action, if any, on Project IM.
- D) Consideration and action, if any, on Lot 6 A Update.
- E) Consideration and action, if any, on Project AC.

5. CLOSED SESSION: *In accordance with Chapter 551 Texas, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Code Annotated (Open Meetings Act), the Pharr Economic Development Corporation II Board will meet in Executive (Closed) Session to discuss the items listed on the public portion of the meeting agenda, in accordance with the following below.*

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6. RECONVENE: *into Regular Session and consider action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in executive session.*

7. ADJOURNMENT:

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT THE PUBLIC MEETING

City Hall is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 956-402-4200 Ext 1201 or FAX 956-475-3442 or Email cityclerksoffice@pharr-tx.gov for further information. Braille is not available.

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above notice of said Regular Meeting of the Pharr Economic Development Corporation II was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and on the City's web page at www.pharr-tx.gov. This Notice was posted on the 17th day of February 2026 at 3:00 p. m. and will remain posted continuously for at least three (3) business days preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting, in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated (Open Meetings Act).

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, this 17th day of February 2026



VICTOR PEREZ
PRESIDENT/CEO

I certify that the attached notice and agenda of items to be considered by the Pharr Economic Development Corporation II was removed from the bulletin board of City Hall on the _____ day of _____, 20__ by,

Name: _____

Title: _____



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

BOARD: PHARR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II

AGENDA ITEM #: 3.A.

DATE SUBMITTED: February 17, 2026

MEETING DATE: February 23, 2026

FROM: Maribel Garcia, Executive
Administrative Assistant

DEPARTMENT: PEDC II

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Recaps and Important Upcoming Dates.

Classification: Consent

(* If closed session, City Attorney must review and approve.)

Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No

Reason:

ROUTING:

Maribel Garcia
Victor Perez

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Final Approval - 02/17/2026



PEDC II EVENTS OF INTEREST

Events of Interest

IMAS Fresh Groundbreaking Ceremony

January 29, 2026

RECAP Video

Feeding America Tour

February 10, 2026

RECAP Video

Pharr EDC Foundation Scholarship Application is now open

February 13, 2026

Location: Pharr, TX

The Pharr EDC Foundation Scholarship application period has officially opened on Friday, February 13, 2026, and will close on Friday, March 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Eligible high school seniors who are graduating in the 2025-2026 academic year and meet the criteria below are encouraged to apply.

Kauffman FastTrac Program Now Accepting Applications

February 13, 2026

Location: Pharr, TX

The Kauffman FastTrac program is an intensive training course for entrepreneurs and business owners who want to learn how to start or strengthen their company. We invite the entire business community to participate in this great Kauffman program. Through several weeks of hands-on workshops, participants gain key skills in areas such as business planning, marketing, finance, strategy, and sales, with tools and resources designed to help them turn their ideas into real, successful businesses. The registration fee is refundable at the end of the program, so there is no excuse not to take advantage of it.



**Pharr EDC
Foundation**

Get Local Help Paying for School

The Pharr EDC Foundation Scholarship helps Pharr-area students pay for college or trade and technical school programs.

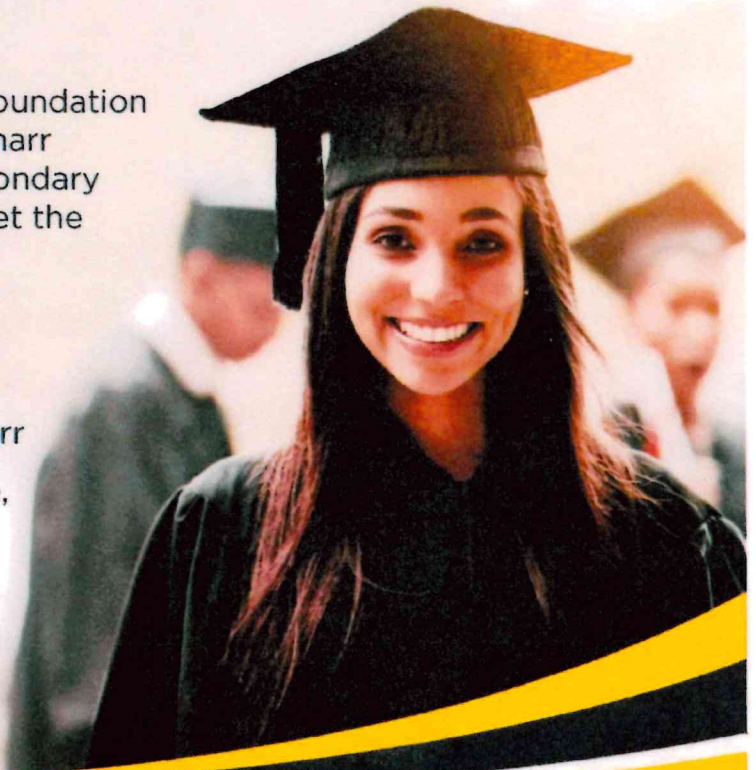
Important Dates

Application Opens: February 13, 2026

Application Closes: March 13, 2026

The Scholarship Fund of the Pharr EDC Foundation was created for residents of the City of Pharr who are enrolling in a qualifying post-secondary institution. To apply, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ High school seniors graduating during the **2025-2026** academic year
- ✓ Students who reside in the City of Pharr
- ✓ Planning to enroll full-time in a college, university, or trade/technical school
- ✓ Minimum 2.5 GPA
- ✓ Complete 15 hours of community service or an internship in Pharr, TX



We will be awarding 50 scholarships, each valued at \$2,000 (\$1,000 per semester) for one academic year. The deadline to submit completed application is Friday, March 13, 2026 by 5:00 PM.



Learn More & Apply

Scan the QR code to view full eligibility requirements and application details.





UTRGV KAUFFMAN

EL PRIMER PASO DE TU EMPRENDIMIENTO

Aprenda a fortalecer su idea de negocio, validarla mediante una investigación de mercado y transformarla en un plan de negocios claro y viable, respaldado por orientación, recursos y una sólida red empresarial.

Inversión: \$250 USD (reembolsables al finalizar el programa)

7 SESIONES EN ESPAÑOL

12 DE MARZO – 23 DE ABRIL, 2026
JUEVES 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

PHARR BUSINESS GLOBAL HUB

301 S CAGE BLVD, PHARR, TX 78577

PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN

UTRGV.EDU/ECC - (956) 882-4119

FECHA LIMITE PARA APLICAR

6 DE MARZO DEL 2026

APPLY HERE: [BIT.LY/4KRXJM4](https://bit.ly/4KRXJM4)





AGENDA MEMORANDUM

BOARD: PHARR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II

AGENDA ITEM #: A.

DATE SUBMITTED: February 17, 2026

MEETING DATE: February 23, 2026

FROM: Maribel Garcia, Executive
Administrative Assistant

DEPARTMENT: PEDC II

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Consideration and action, if any, on Approval of Minutes - January 20, 2026 Regular Called Meeting.

Classification: Consent

(* If closed session, City Attorney must review and approve.)

Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No

Reason:

ROUTING:

Maribel Garcia
Victor Perez

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**MINUTES
PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 20, 2026
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR**

The Pharr Economic Development Corporation II met in a regular called meeting on Tuesday January 20, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. and the following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Board Member Dr. Ambrosio Hernandez
Board Member Comm. Dr. Ramiro Caballero
Board Member Comm. Ricardo Medina
Board Member Comm. Itza Flores
Board Member Mario Lizcano
Board Member Reynaldo Perez
Board Member Romeo Cantu

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Victor Perez, PEDC President/CEO
Jonathan Flores, City Manager
Jamison Merrick, Finance Director
Francisco Mendez, PEDC Accountant
Maribel Garcia, Executive Administrative Assistant

PEDC ATTORNEY: Jaime Muñoz

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

A) ROLL CALL AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXCUSING OF ANY ABSENT BOARD MEMBER

Vice Chair, Mario Lizcano called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Board member Reynaldo Perez moved to excuse absent members. Board member Romeo Cantu seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it was carried unanimously.

Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez entered the meeting at this point of the agenda. The time being 3:01 p.m.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Victor Perez, President/CEO led the pledge of allegiance Mario Lizcano, Board member said the invocation.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 3. REGULAR AGENDA – OPEN SESSION: *ADDITIONAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:*

At this time, Chairman Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, stated they would deviate from the agenda and go into a closed session. There was no objection.

ITEM 4. CLOSED SESSION: IN ACCORDANCE WITH CGAPTER 551 TEXAS, GOVERNMENT CODE, VERNON’S TEXAS CODE ANNOTATED (OPEN MEETING ACT), THE PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II BOARD WILL MEET IN EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

The time being 3:02 p.m. Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, Chairman, stated the PEDC II Board of Directors would be entering into closed session in accordance with Section 551.071 thru 551.087 of the Texas Government Code.

ITEM 5. RECONVENED:

The time being 3:29 p.m., Chairman, Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez stated the board will be resuming the open meeting.

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 15, 2025, REGULAR CALLED MEETING.

President/CEO, Victor Perez introduced the item and stated staff recommended approval as discussed in open session.

Board Member Mario Lizcano **moved** to approve. Board Member Reynaldo Perez seconded the motion and when put to a vote it carried unanimously.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY ON PROJECT SLUSH PUPPIES.

President/CEO, Victor Perez introduced the item and stated staff recommended approval as discussed in closed session.

Board Member Mario Lizcano **moved** to approve. Board Member Reynaldo Perez seconded the motion and when put to a vote it carried unanimously.

ITEM 6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Board Member Commissioner Ramiro Caballero moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Board Member Commissioner Ricardo Medina when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

PEDC II:

Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Romeo Cantu, Secretary

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR**

ON THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026, the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation of Pharr, Texas, convened in a **REGULAR CALLED MEETING** at the Commissioner's Room located at 118 S. Cage, 2nd Floor, Pharr, Texas. The meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, place, subject, hereof, having been posted in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code (Open Meeting Act) and there being present a quorum, I, **MARIBEL GARCIA**, Executive Administrative Assistant of the Economic Development Corporation, of the city of Pharr, Texas, certify that this is true and correct copy of the minutes.

ATTEST:

MARIBEL GARCIA, Executive Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

BOARD: PHARR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II

AGENDA ITEM #: B.

DATE SUBMITTED: February 17, 2026

MEETING DATE: February 23, 2026

FROM: Maribel Garcia, Executive
Administrative Assistant

DEPARTMENT: PEDC II

DIRECTOR: Victor Perez

Agenda Item: Consideration and action, if any, on Project AT.

Classification: Closed Session

(* If closed session, City Attorney must review and approve.)

Issue: To be discussed in closed session.

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No

Reason:

ROUTING:

Maribel Garcia
Victor Perez

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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

BOARD: PHARR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II

AGENDA ITEM #: C.

DATE SUBMITTED: February 17, 2026

MEETING DATE: February 23, 2026

FROM: Maribel Garcia, Executive
Administrative Assistant

DEPARTMENT: PEDC II

DIRECTOR: Victor Perez

Agenda Item: Consideration and action, if any, on Project IM.

Classification: Closed Session

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Issue: To be discussed in closed session.

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

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Reason:

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AGENDA ITEM #: D.

DATE SUBMITTED: February 17, 2026

MEETING DATE: February 23, 2026

FROM: Maribel Garcia, Executive
Administrative Assistant

DEPARTMENT: PEDC II

DIRECTOR: Victor Perez

Agenda Item: Consideration and action, if any, on Lot 6 A Update.

Classification: Closed Session

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Issue: To be discussed in closed session.

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

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Reason:

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Victor Perez

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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

BOARD: PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II

AGENDA ITEM #: E.

DATE SUBMITTED: February 17, 2026

MEETING DATE: February 23, 2026

FROM: Maribel Garcia, Executive Administrative Assistant

DEPARTMENT: PEDC II

DIRECTOR: Victor Perez

Agenda Item: Consideration and action, if any, on Project AC.

Classification: Closed Session

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Issue: To be discussed in closed session.

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

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Reason:

ROUTING:

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BOARD: PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II

AGENDA ITEM #:

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Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

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Ricardo Rodriguez
Jamison Merrick
City Management Office

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Staff Recommendation:

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