

**MINUTES
PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR**

The Pharr Economic Development Corporation II met in a regular called meeting on Monday, February 23, 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
Cynthia Garza, Deputy City Manager
Jamison Merrick, Finance Director
Francisco Mendez, PEDC Accountant
Leticia Adame, PEDC Marketing Director
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 Commissioner Ricardo Medina 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 3:09 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. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

RECAPS AND IMPORTANT DATES.

Leticia Adame, Economic & Workforce Development Director, presented to the Board a recap video for the IMAS Fresh Groundbreaking and the Feeding America Tour.

Leticia Adame, Economic & Workforce Development Director, informed the Board about the Pharr EDC Foundation scholarship application being open to graduating seniors in the 2025-2026 academic year, she stated applications would remain open from February 13 through March 13, 2026.

Leticia Adame, Economic & Workforce Development Director, further informed the Board and invited the community to the Kauffman FastTrac Program now accepting applications for their training courses for entrepreneurs and business owners who would like to start or strengthen their businesses.

Victor Perez, President/CEO, shared that the tour and presentation with the Feeding America representatives were highly successful. They asked in-depth questions regarding the Pharr International Bridge and the City of Pharr. The visit was engaging, offering a platform to highlight the City of Pharr’s strengths and partnerships.

ITEM 4. REGULAR AGENDA – OPEN SESSION: *ADDITIONAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:*

At this time, Vice Chair, Mario Lizcano stated they would deviate from the agenda and go into a closed session. There was no objection.

ITEM 5. 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 3:09 p.m. Mario Lizcano, Vice Chair, 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 6. RECONVENED:

The time being 4:29 p.m., Mayor, Ambrosio Hernandez, Chairman stated the board will be resuming the open meeting.

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES JANUARY 20, 2026 REGULAR CALLED MEETING.

Vice Chair, Mario Lizcano, introduced the item and stated staff recommended approval as discussed in open session.

Board Member Reynaldo Perez moved to approve. Board Member Romeo Cantu seconded the motion and when put to a vote it carried unanimously.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY ON PROJECT AT.

Victor Perez, President/CEO, 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.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PROJECT IM.

Victor Perez, President/CEO, 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.

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY ON LOT 6A UPDATE.

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

Board Member Commissioner Ramiro Caballero moved to approve. Board Member Commissioner Ricardo Medina seconded the motion and when put to a vote it carried unanimously.

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PROJECT AC.

Victor Perez, President/CEO, 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 7. 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 Mario Lizcano when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

PEDC II:



Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, Chairman

ATTEST:




Romeo Cantu, Secretary

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

ON THIS 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 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:

May 4, 2026