



EDACC Business Recruitment and Incentives Program Committee		
April 1, 2026		8:00 AM
EDACC Conference Room		
Meeting called by	Jim Cox called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM	
Type of meeting	Business Recruitment and Incentives Program Committee	
Facilitator	Chair - Jim Cox	
Note taker	Linda Peplau	
Adjourned	8:19 AM	
Attendees	Jim Cox, Ben Stapleton (entered @ 8:04), & Mark Wills	
Staff/Guests	Rick Evans, Cheney Eldridge, Anita Patel, Stuart Hilsman & Linda Peplau, Connie Melear (BOC), & Skyler Andrews (Augusta Press)	
Meeting Agenda		
1 minute	Jim Cox	
Discussion	Jim Cox called for a motion to jointly approve the agenda for the April 01, 2026 , Business Recruitment and Incentives Program Committee meeting & the minutes for the February 18, 2026 , Business Recruitment and Incentive Committee meeting.	
Conclusions	Motion: Mark Wills 2nd: Jim Cox Motion passed unanimously (2-0)	
Minutes of Previous Meeting		
0 minutes	Jim Cox	
Discussion	See above.	
Conclusions	Motion: Mark Wills 2nd: Jim Cox Motion passed unanimously (2-0)	
Old Business		
2 minutes	Cheney Eldridge & Jim Cox	
Discussion	<p>Cheney Eldridge shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheney provided project updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An update on the quarry project (not an EDACC project) ○ Updates on the two data center sites (one EDACC project and one non EDACC project) ○ The current status of the data center appeal was shared, including the required 30 day waiting period, the county's filings for dismissal, the scheduled project hearing dates, and the current project setbacks. 	



New Business		
13 minutes		
Discussion	<p>Cheney Eldridge shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheney provided an update on her meeting with Jason with Mosh Pit Eats regarding his community/retailer expansions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The expansion potential, which includes a 20 bay retail area and an amphitheater, was highlighted. ○ Discussed potential funding sources for the expansion and future partnership opportunities. • Tax Allocation District and Martinez Redevelopment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rick Evans initiated a discussion on Tax Allocation Districts (TAD) and the opportunities they could create for the county. ○ The committee recommended that the EDACC staff locate and review the previous Tax Allocation District (TAD) plan/proposal for redeveloping the Martinez area, including an evaluation of its boundaries and language to improve its overall appeal. ○ Funding sources and potential tax allocation district support were considered ○ The concept of a business park featuring warehouse and office space was discussed as a potential option for relocating tenants, including the possibility of partnering with a developer. ○ The potential for the redevelopment of Martinez was highlighted, with additional properties along Bobby Jones also being considered. ○ Tax structures and taxpayer impacts were discussed, along with commissioner support and approval. ○ Rick Evans suggests pulling files and maps to better understand the redevelopment possibilities. 	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Cheney Eldridge agreed to locate and review the previously submitted TAD proposal for reference and potential revisions.	EDACC staff	N/A
Updates		
3 minutes	Cheney Eldridge	
Discussion	<p>Cheney Eldridge shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April Show case updates (highlights for Masters week): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guest list ○ Board Dinner – Monday at 7 PM ○ Discussed logistics for the Richmond County Regional Dinner – Thursday at 7 PM (parking areas) ○ Discussed logistics for Red Carpet Events –Thurs. and Sat. (parking and transportation by sprinter van) • Jim Cox reminded the committee about the upcoming Thunder Over Evans concert and fireworks display, to be held at Evans Towne Park on May 16, 2026, in support of our military personnel. 	
Adjournment		8:19 AM
Conclusions	<p>Jim Cox called for a motion to adjourn - 8:19 a.m. Motion: Ben Stapleton 2nd: Mark Wills Motion passed unanimously (3-0)</p>	
Next meeting: June 03, 2026		Economic Development Authority Conference Room