

**WHARTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**Minutes Special Meeting**  
**February 19, 2018**

President Marshall Francis called the Meeting to order at 12:02 P.M.

Board Members Present: Marshall Francis, Judd Perry, Bill Ansley and Freddie Pekar,  
Russell Machann, Michael Wootton and Al Bryant

Board Members Absent: None

Advisory Members Present: Billie Jones, City Manager Andres Garza Jr., Judge Phillip Spenrath  
and Ron Sanders

Advisory Members Absent: Betty McCrohan, Kent Hill, Mayor Tim Barker, Tina Herrington, Marilyn  
Sebesta and Mark Castillo.

WEDC Attorney Larry Wadler  
Not Present:

Visitors: Alysia Cook

Staff Members Present: Chad Odom and Karen Heintschel

**Public Comments:** President Marshall Francis asked if there were any public comments. Advisory Committee Member Billie Jones said that there would be a party to honor John McCain on his 100<sup>th</sup> at the Wharton Civic Center on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> and that Oak Bend would be participating in a Health Fair on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There were no other public comments.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 5, 2018.** Director Russell Machann made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Director Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Executive Session: According to Texas Government Code (Chapter 551, Open Meetings), the Board may conduct a closed executive session for the following reasons: Consultation with attorney §551.071, deliberation regarding real property §551.072, deliberation regarding prospective gift §551.073, personnel matters §551.074, deliberation regarding security devices §551.076, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations §551.087. Final action, decision, or vote, if any with regard to any matter considered in Executive Session shall be made in Open Meeting.**

**The Board did not adjourn into Executive Session.**

**Strategic Planning Session.** President Marshall Francis opened the session by commenting on some of WEDC's major accomplishments in 2017 and some of the perspective goals for 2018-19. Alysia Cook facilitated the session and is to provide a Strategic Plan for the Board.

**Adjourn:** President Marshall Francis thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 4:34 P.M.

WHARTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marshall Francis, President

ATTEST : \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Wootton, Secretary (02.19.18)