

ALEDO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Aledo Economic Development Corporation convened on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., at the Aledo Municipal Complex, Aledo, Texas, for the purpose of a Regular Meeting, with the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting having been posted as prescribed by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, with the following members being present:

BOARD PRESENT

Shane Davis, President
Amanda Wimpee
Matthew Pruitt
Ryan Hays

STAFF PRESENT

Candice Edmondson, City Manager
Erika Cooper-Bateman, Director of Community Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Shane Davis called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

2. ITEMS REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARING

a. PUBLIC HEARING: Consider approval of Your Personal Chef Economic Development Incentive Agreement

Candice Edmondson, City Manager, provided an update on this item. She noted that the Board approved it at the previous meeting; however, a public hearing was required. She also shared that the City Council approved the item on first reading.

President Shane Davis opened the public hearing at 5:37 p.m. No one came forward to speak in favor of or opposition to the request. President Davis closed the public hearing at 5:38 p.m.

MOTION by Matthew Pruitt, second by Ryan Hays, to approve the Your Personal Chef Economic Development Agreement. MOTION PASSED by unanimous vote.

6. AEDC MEMBER COMMENTS / STAFF COMMENTS

**President Davis moved this agenda item order.*

a. 2026 Summer Blast Preview

Laura Weber, Communications and Events Manager, provided an update to Council on the upcoming Aledo Summer Blast. She highlighted this year's entertainment lineup, including the newly secured opening act, and shared that an LED dance floor will be featured to encourage people to dance.

Laura announced that a professional bubble artist and disco performers will be on-site

as part of the festivities. She also recognized Myser Orthodontics for sponsoring the Kids Zone and outlined the layout for the food truck area. To conclude, she reviewed the planned fireworks show that will close out the evening and provided an overview of this year's sponsors.

3. REGULAR AGENDA

a. Approval of April 28, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Amanda Wimpee, second by Ryan Hays, to approve the minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

b. Consider approval of the updated Aledo Economic Development Corporation incentive programs

Erika Cooper-Bateman, Director of Community Services, presented the proposed Building Improvement Grant (BIG) Program policy and application for the Board's consideration. She explained that the program was developed in response to the Board's feedback and is intended to replace the existing incentive programs by consolidating key elements into a single, unified framework that reflects the Board's recommendations.

Candice Edmondson, City Manager, facilitated a discussion regarding the program name and provided several examples for consideration. Following discussion, the Board reached consensus that Aledo Community Enhancement (ACE) Grant Program was the preferred name.

MOTION by Amanda Wimpee, second by Ryan Hays, to approve the updated economic corporation incentive program known as the Aledo Community Enhancement (ACE) grant program. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

c. Discuss creation of a Public Art Program

Candice Edmondson, City Manager, presented the draft Aledo Public Art Policy. She noted that while the revised Aledo Community Enhancement (ACE) Program includes an option for public art improvements, funding is limited to matching grants up to \$10,000, which primarily supports smaller-scale projects. The proposed Aledo Public Art Program would establish a broader framework for larger installations and future partnerships involving the City, AEDC, businesses, developers, and property owners.

This item was for discussion only, and the board recommended bringing the resolution back for formal consideration.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Aledo Economic Development Corporation may convene in executive session to deliberate regarding the following matters:

**a. Section 551.087 – Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.
To discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the**

City has received from a business prospect that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described above, including the following items:

- Dean Ranch
- Downtown Development

5. ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NECESSARY

President Davis called the meeting back to regular session at 6:43 p.m.

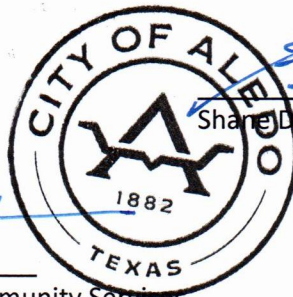
No action taken.

7. ADJOURN

President Shane Davis adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

ATTEST:


Erika Cooper-Bateman, Director of Community Services




Shane Davis, AEDC President

