

THOSE PRESENT: Joe Janick, Nancy Norman, Paula Bibbs-Samuels, Carlos Garcia, Danielle Talkmitt, Monique Ruiz, Wade Willson, Melissa McCaghren, and Lezlee Harlan.

1. Open – Joe Janick called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm in the SEDCO Office Building.
2. Invocation – Nancy Norman offered the invocation.
3. Election of 2026 Officers – Carlos Garcia made a motion to elect the officers by acclamation with Joe Janick as President, Paula Bibbs-Samuels as Vice President, and Clif Shaw as Secretary/Treasurer. Nancy Norman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Abstention and Conflicts of Interest – None
5. December 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes – Nancy Norman made a motion to accept the December 18, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented. Carlos Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Financial Statement and Monthly Bills – Paula Bibbs-Samuels made the motion to accept financial statements and monthly bills as presented. Nancy Norman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
7. Comments from the Public – Limited to 5 minutes – Monique Ruiz thanked the SEDCO Board for the First Responder Appreciation Dinner we provided for our Police, EMS, and Firefighters. Melissa McCaghren reminded those in attendance to vote for the tie breakers in their Best of Slaton awards.
8. Public Hearing: Public Hearing opened at 12:11 pm. Public Hearing closed at 12:13 pm.  
Zarate Detailing and Tires, 350 S 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Slaton Texas – Project in the amount of up to \$10,500.00 for an Equipment Incentive – No public comments were made.
9. Director and or Presidents Report:
  - a. Discuss, consider, and take action on recommendations to the City Council for four board seats – Seat 1: Carlos Garcia, Seat 2: Danielle Talkmitt, Seat 4: Paula Bibbs-Samuels, Seat 6: vacant – Carlos Garcia made the motion to recommend Carlos Garcia and Paula Bibbs-Samuels for another term in Seat 1 and Seat 4 and Danielle Talkmitt and Shannon Taliaferro to fill the vacancies of Seat 2 and Seat 6. Paula Bibbs-Samuels seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
  - b. Update on Downtown Strategies Information on the Historic Business District of Slaton – Lezlee Harlan informed the board of the information that came from Downtown Strategies strategic plans and some of the questions and comments the core team has with the leadership. She said they have a zoom meeting with them next week.
  - c. Update on the Retail Coach progress for retail recruitment in Slaton – Lezlee Harlan stated she had no new information from them at this time, but will talk to them next week.
  - d. Prospective new businesses – None known at this time
10. Executive Session:  
An Executive Session may be held under the Provisions of Texas Government Code Section, 551.071; 551.072; 551.073; 551.074; 551.086
  - a. Section 551.072 – Deliberate the purchase or sale of real property – The Board did not go into executive session.
11. Discuss and Consider any Action to be Taken After Executive Session
  - a. Section 551.072 – Deliberate the purchase or sale of real property – No action
12. Adjournment – 12:51 pm

Slaton Economic Development Corporation, Type B

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Janick, President

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paula Bibbs-Samuels, Vice President