

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN MEETING OF THE  
LLANO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
January 12, 2026**

**OPEN MEETING**

1. Call to Order
  - a. Don Comedy, Vice President, called the meeting the order at 5:30 PM with the following members present: Pat McDowell, Eric Schuessler, JD Baker and Marion Bishop.
  - b. Allen Hopson and Travis Allen were absent.
  - c. Also in attendance was Mayor Laura Almond and City Manager, Finley deGraffenried
2. Public Comments
  - a. No public comments
3. Discuss and Consider – Meeting Minutes for December 8, 2025
  - a. Motion was made by Pat McDowell and seconded by Marion Bishop to approve the minutes as presented.
  - b. Motion was unanimously passed.
4. Discussion Only – Financial Reports For December, 2025
  - a. Finley reported the revenues are still tracking close to budget.
5. Discussion Only – Update on Pensar LED
  - a. Pat McDowell welcomed Don Rapp, CEO of Pensar, and Mr. Rapp spoke with the Board.
  - b. The addition of Pensar LED to the City of Llano will bring a minimum \$15M injection to the City. The corporate vein of Pensar will call Llano home with offices, board room, show room, assembly and warehouse.
  - c. Pat reported the meeting with the CHIPS grant people was a positive meeting.
  - d. Discussion on site location and other possibly available properties.
6. Discussion Only – LEDC Priorities including Business Retention, Economic Strategies, Workforce and Housing
  - a. Finley went over his compiled discussion notes from last month's discussion.
  - b. Highlights of discussion included: life safety grant, marketing Llano, affordable housing, property tax sales, high-end remote workers.
  - c. Finley will continue to work on this living document and bring back to next meeting.
7. Discuss and Consider – Invoices and Timesheets
  - a. Motion was made by JD Baker and seconded by Eric Schuessler to approve the timesheet as submitted.
  - b. Motion was unanimously passed.
8. Reports
  - a. Mayor Almond gave a brief intro to a new program that will be available through the Llano Chamber of Commerce called Leadership Llano. Leadership Llano is hoping to raise up leaders from our younger population. This program will follow the school year and consist of one full day per month with a cost of \$500/person. Kickoff will be August, 2026. She offered that the LEDC might want to be a part of it.
9. Adjourn
  - a. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM.



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J.D. Baker, Secretary/Treasurer  
Llano Economic Development Corporation