



CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of November 20 2025

Held in Conference Room A, City Hall

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. Members present were Chairwoman Michelle Martins-Botelho, Mr. McManus, Mr. Brun, Mr. Brown, Mr. Decrescenzo, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Leonardo.

II. Old Business:

A. Vote on Meeting Minutes October 16, 2025

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from October 16, 2025 by Mr. Brun, seconded by Mr. Leonardo. Motion passes unanimously. Mr. Brown recused from voting.

III. New Business

A. Discuss ideas on utilization of existing balance of UDAG funds

Given the Commission has not received a loan application for the past several months, the Commission brainstormed different ways existing UDAG funds could potentially be utilized to further the mission of economic development and how to best help businesses citywide. The Commission also discussed business focused advertising and social media campaigns as well as collaborating with the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council.

B. Continuation of Discussion on Washington Bridge

The Commission discussed the latest construction timeline and the current impact of the existing travel conditions.

C. Review/Vote on 2026 EDC Meeting Calendar

On a motion by Mr. Leonardo, seconded by Mr. McManus, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the 2026 Meeting Calendar.

IV. Staff Report

Mr. Moran and Mr. Leonardo provided an update to the Commission that no new loan or pre-app requests occurred over the past month.

V. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Leonardo, seconded by Mr. McManus, the Commission voted to adjourn.

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