

Minutes of the Franklin Economic Development Commission
Special Meeting
Franklin City Hall Lower Level Meeting Room
9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin
September 25, 2025 – 12:00 p.m.

Members Present		Others Present	
Mike Barber	X	Bobowski, Steve (Chair)	X
Barbara Wesener	X	Timothy Wachter (Vice Chair)	X
Justin Lockridge		Michelle Eichmann (Alderwoman)	X
Cathleen Richard	X		

- I. The Franklin Economic Development Commission (EDC) meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Chairman Bobowski.
- II. The floor was opened for Citizen Comment at 12:02 p.m. No citizens were present, and Citizen Comment closed at 12:03 p.m.
- III. Approve Minutes from the August 20, 2025 Meeting – Motion by Barber, second by Eichmann, to approve. Motion Carried.
- IV. Strategic Planning Report and Implementation Plan Approval – The final draft was discussed and two edits were made: Page 3 to be left justified and Barbara to be used for Commissioner Wesener's first name on page 18. Motion by Wachter, second by Eichmann to approve the final draft as edited. Motion carried.
- V. EDC meeting schedule – Discussion was held regarding consistent meeting times and frequency. Motion by Barber, second by Eichmann, to hold meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month, except November, December and July in 2026, with the next meeting to be held on October 27, at 6:00 p.m... Motion carried.
- VI. Economic Development Update
 - A. Business Appreciation Celebration
 1. Awards and Nominations – the Chair reviewed the winners and nominees. The Mayor's Award and the Excellence in Large Business will both go to the same company as they are the largest project to come to the City.
 2. MCPR assistance
 1. Save-The-Date and Evite (invitation) Draft review – The EDC decided to send just invitations and insert the new water tower photo. They had edits for the Evite copy as well.
 3. Update – A program will be drafted for the event and awards will be ordered.
 - B. Justin Lockridge sent his resignation by email during the meeting.
 - C. Current Prospects - Motion by Eichmann, second by Richard, to enter into closed session. Motion carried.

The Economic Development Commission may enter closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e), for market competition reasons, to deliberate and consider potential commercial/industrial/manufacturing development(s) and governmental actions in relation thereto, and to reenter open session at the same place thereafter to act on such matters discussed therein as it deems appropriate.



Motion by Barber, second by Wachter, to enter back into open session. Motion Carried.

VII. Invoices – CP2 Consulting, \$1,000, Strategic Planning Services. Motion by Barber, second by Eichmann to approve the invoice. Motion carried.

VIII. Next meeting date – Motion by Eichmann, second by Richard to hold the next EDC meeting on October 27, motion carried.

IX. Adjournment – Motion by Richard, second by Wachter to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.