



Keene Economic Development Corporation (Type A) Board Special Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Keene City Hall - Robert G. Cooper Council Chamber
1000 N. Old Betsy Rd., Cleburne, Texas 76031

Recorded Live Stream Available at <https://www.youtube.com/@cityofkeenetexas>

Members Present: Samantha Gillin, President; Cody Thornton, Vice President; and Board Members Gwen Beeson and Efrain Castellanos

Members Absent: Board Member Rolando Colindres-Bran

Staff Present: Jonathan Seitz, Don Martin, Holly Russell, Cari Warwick

1. Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

President Gillin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

3. General

- A. *Review, discuss, and consider the minutes of the regular Keene EDC (Type A) Board meeting held on March 18, 2026.*

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented, and seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Beeson, Seconded by Castellanos.

Voting Yea: Gillin, Beeson, Vice President Thornton, Castellanos

- B. *Receive, discuss, and take action on a resolution approving the sale of a portion of the Keene Industrial Park: 59.292 acre tract of land out of the Elbert M Heath survey Abstract No.345, Johnson County, TX Addition, City Of Keene, Johnson County, Texas, known as approximately 60 net acres situated between CR 317 and CR 318 and authorizing Samantha Gillin to execute all necessary documents for the sale and closing.*

Jonathan Seitz, City Manager, introduced this item. Metalplate is planning to attend a May meeting to present on their manufacturing services that will be conducted in Keene, and the estimated number of jobs being brought to Keene. A motion was made to approve Resolution No. 2026-497 approving the sale of approximately 60 acres of the Keene Industrial Park, and authorizing Samantha Gillin to execute all necessary documents for the sale and closing; and seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Beeson, Seconded by Vice President Thornton.

Voting Yea: Gillin, Beeson, Vice President Thornton, Castellanos

4. Executive Session

There was no recess into Executive Session.

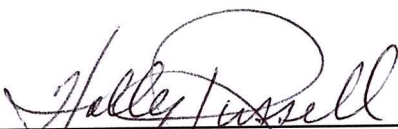
5. Reconvene into Open Session

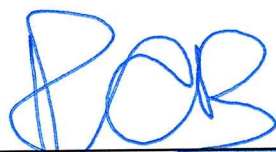
There were no items needing action.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, President Gillin adjourned the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Approved this the 15th day of April 2026.



Holly Russell, City Secretary

Presiding Member