

OKLAHOMA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 10, 2026

The Oklahoma Economic Development Authority Executive Board met Tuesday, March 10, 2026, in the Beaver City Hall Conference Room, 318 Douglas, Beaver Oklahoma.

1. Meeting called to order by Board Chairman CJ Rose at 1:10pm.

2. Flag salute – Gary Nielsen

3. Invocation – Jonathon Cross

4. Roll Call

**Present**

Gary Nielsen, Elvia Hernandez, Dolan Sledge, Ruby Gore, Sam Hamilton, John Smiley, CJ Rose

**Absent**

Bron Gardner, Clint White, Mickey Louthan

5. **Guests**

None

6. Review and possible approval of minutes from the Executive Board meeting November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Sledge made a motion to approve the Executive Board meeting minutes from November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, with a second from Nielsen. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYE: Gary Nielsen, Elvia Hernandez, Dolan Sledge, Ruby Gore, Sam Hamilton, John Smiley

NAY: None

ABST: CJ Rose

7. Review and possible action to accept the following staff reports: (included in Board Packet)

8. Review and approve financial report (included in Board Packet):  
Nielsen made a motion to approve the financial report, with a second from Hernandez. The Motion carried with the following vote:

AYE: Gary Nielsen, Elvia Hernandez, Dolan Sledge, Ruby Gore, Sam Hamilton, John Smiley, CJ Rose

NAY: None

ABST: None

9. Discussion and possible action on the REAP program (includes, but not limited to extension requests, changes of scope, needs related to project activities.)

No Action – Just discussion

10. Executive directors report- Jonathon Cross

- A. Health Insurance increased.
- B. The application for the EECBG (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant) has been submitted. All required modifications have also been submitted. Once reviewed and approved, OEDA will receive \$50,000 for admin and planning efforts.
- C. There is money for a treatment/education counseling grant for opioid abuse. This program would require hiring a coordinator dedicated to grant administration. We will continue to discuss this at future meetings. We will also be gathering more information to present to the board. Possible grants will fund treatment and recovery programs, assistance with co-occurring disorders and mental health issues, opioid abuse education and prevention, proper prescription efforts, and strategies to decrease the supply of narcotics across the state.
- D. Bent Creek, the renter of the Woodward office, would like to do some upgrades to the building. Their request includes tinting some windows and app software for the AC/Heat unit.

11. New Business (in accordance with section 311 (9) O.S. Title 25.)

12. Public Participation: NONE

13. Adjournment: Nielsen made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Sledge @ 1:42pm. All voted AYE.

Signature Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

