

**CITY OF BASTROP**  
**REGULAR BRIDGING BASTROP BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 12, 2024**

The Bridging Bastrop Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas, with the following action taken to wit:

**Board Members Present**

Chair Sheila Lowe  
Nancy Wood  
Carly Barteo  
George Martinez  
Mary Moody (virtually)

**Staff Present**

Human Resources Director Tanya Cantrell  
Assistant City Secretary Victoria Psencik

**City Council Members Present**

Kerry Fossler

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lowe called the Regular Bridging Bastrop Board meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. with a quorum present. Board Member Anthony Vasquez was absent.

**2. CITIZEN COMMENT(S)**

No comments were submitted.

**3. PRESENTATION**

**3A. Update and Discussion on Past Events:**

- Sit with Syl Session on August 28th.
- Bastrop Co Health Fair on August 10th had a good crowd.
- The Traveling Exhibition Harriet Tubman Program on August 31st was well attended.

**3B. Update and Discussion on Upcoming Events:**

- Sit with Syl Session on September 18th 6:30 pm at City Hall.
- Indigenous Peoples' Day at the Museum on October 12th.
- Boards and Commissions Banquet on October 24th.
- Veterans "Red, White & Blue Banquet" on November 9th.

**3C. Additional Announcements and/or Events from Individual Bridging Bastrop Board Members:**

- Museum closed for renovations: September 24th - October 10th.
- National Hispanic Heritage Month: September 15th - October 15th.
- Feed The Need Gala in September.
- Music at the Art Center September 21st.

#### 4. REPORTS

##### 4A. Received report on the schedule for the Infomercial Sessions:

Sheila and Colin met and discussed ways to keep the infomercials evergreen.

##### 4B. Received report update on job training and workforce development initiatives specific to community needs and partnerships with Bastrop EDC Board, Bastrop Chamber of Commerce and Workforce Solutions of Bastrop County:

Meeting with Becki Womble from the Chamber of Commerce, this event will happen in 2025.

#### 5. WORKSHOP

##### 5A. Workshop and presentation with Dominica McGinnis, BridgeField Group, regarding guidance on implementation of Bridging Bastrop Board Work Plan and Initiative:

###### Summarization of Dominica McGinnis' Presentation

If you get it right, what does a win look like?

Communication:

- Great conversations throughout the community.
- Vehicle of communication between the citizens and the city Satisfied communication.
- Inclusive discussions

Amplify voices that aren't commonly heard and then listen

- Communicate to the unreached people groups

Bridging Bastrop:

- Understanding differences are valuable, better answers.

Equitable participation on boards, committees, etc.

Questions to Ask:

- Where are you currently/ what's the current situation?
- What resources are needed to accomplish the outcome?
- Who else needs to be involved?

- Who is the "owner" of the process or result?
- How to measure: Hard data is important and it's incomplete - don't be afraid of "squishy" metrics when measuring relationships.

## 6. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

### 6A. Consider action to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board minutes from the August 8th, 2024, Regular Meeting.

**MOTION:** Board Member Carly Bartee moved to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board minutes from the August 8th, 2024 Regular Meeting with the changes to name of Item 6A's motion and Item 6C's motion. Board Member George Martinez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### 6B. Discussion and possible action on the City of Bastrop Human Resources Department items:

**MOTION:** Board Member Carly Bartee moved to approve a quarterly report given in person to City Council. Board Member George Martinez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### 6C. Received report on cost breakdown for posting jobs to additional sites. No formal action was taken on Item 6C.

### 6D. Discussed replacing City Staff luncheon with a cultural potluck. No formal action was taken on Item 6D.

### 6E. Discussed new Bridging Bastrop Board logo: still in works with Colin and Rick. No formal action was taken on Item 6E.

### 6F. Discussion and possible action on new social media format for Bridging Bastrop Board postings on the City of Bastrop social media pages: still in the works with Colin and Rick. No formal action was taken on Item 6F.

### 6G. Individual Requests from Bridging Bastrop Board members for particular items to be listed on future agendas (no group discussion).

#### Individual Requests made from the Board Members:

- Revising Work Plan
- National Neighborhood Night Out Recap: help plan involvement next year
- Bastrop PD ride along
- Workforce update after meeting

- Colin's information for infomercials
  - Presenting update at October 22nd City Council Meeting: discuss presentation
  - George Martinez's retirement from Bridging Bastrop Board.
- No formal action was taken on Item 6G.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon receiving a motion and a second to adjourn, the September 12th Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. without objection.

**APPROVED:**

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Sheila Lowe, Bridging Bastrop Board Chair

**ATTEST:**

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Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary