



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
Richfield, Minnesota
Regular Meeting
March 16, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting President Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

a. Oath of Office for Brett Stursa.

City Clerk Friedrich administered the Oath of Office to incoming Economic Development Authority (EDA) Commissioner Brett Stursa, formally swearing her into the role. City Clerk Friedrich read out loud the responsibilities and ethical obligations associated with the role, after which Commissioner Stursa affirmed their commitment and signed the official documentation. The Economic Development Authority welcomed the new commissioner and acknowledged the completion of the swearing-in Oath of Office ceremony.

b. Election of officers for the Richfield Economic Development Authority.

Acting President Hanson opened the floor for nominations for Economic Development Authority seats of President, Vice President, Secretary Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer.

Commissioner Supple nominated Gordon Hanson for President.

MOTION: made by Supple, seconded by Hayford Oleary to appoint Gordon Hanson as President.

Motion carried: 5-0

Commissioner Supple nominated Sean Hayford Oleary for Vice President.

MOTION: made by Supple, seconded by Young to appoint Sean Hayford Oleary as Vice President.

Motion carried: 5-0

Commissioner Supple nominated Michelle Friedrich for Secretary.

MOTION: made by Supple, seconded by Hayford Oleary to appoint Michelle Friedrich as Secretary.

Motion carried: 5-0

Commissioner Supple nominated John Young for Treasurer.

MOTION: made by Supple, seconded by Hayford Oleary to appoint John Young as Treasurer.

Motion carried: 5-0

Commissioner Supple nominated Mary Bogie for Assistant Treasurer.

MOTION: made by Supple, seconded by Hayford Oleary to appoint Mary Bogie as Assistant Treasurer.

Motion carried: 5-0

2. ROLL CALL

EDA Present: President, Gordon Hanson; John Young; Mary Supple; Sean Hayford Oleary; and Brett Stursa.

The EDA Commission expressed appreciation for the Elevate Hennepin program and its support for small businesses. Ms. Shaw provided additional information on the \$2 million recovery fund for businesses impacted by Operation Metro Surge, with applications open online for a limited period and grants ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 for eligible businesses. It was noted that the program is open to all qualifying businesses in the county.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Acting Executive Director Urban presented the Consent Calendar.

- a. Consider the adoption of a resolution amending the Bylaws of the Economic Development Authority to adjust the order of operations.
- b. Consider resolutions designating official depositories for the Economic Development Authority for 2026, including the approval of collateral.

MOTION: made by Young, seconded by Stursa to approve the Consent Calendar items 7a-b as presented.

Motion carried: 5-0

8. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

10. RESOLUTIONS

None.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Consider the creation of the Small Business Resiliency Program to provide one-time forgivable loans to small businesses adversely impacted by recent federal immigration actions and the allocation of \$150,000 in Economic Development Authority funds for the program.

Economic Development Manager Youngquist reported that recent federal immigration enforcement actions under Operation Metro Surge have caused significant economic impacts to local small

15. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:42 p.m.

Date Approved: April 20, 2026

Michelle R. Friedrich

Michelle Friedrich
City Clerk

Gordon Hanson

Gordon Hanson
EDA President

Julie Urban

Julie Urban
Acting Executive Director