



**TEMPLE HEALTH AND BIOSCIENCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

***Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting held on  
Wednesday September 7, 2022***

The Temple Health and Bioscience Economic Development District Board of Directors conducted a scheduled special board meeting in person Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Mr. Thomas Baird, Chair  
Dr. Jason Locklin - by Zoom  
Mr. Gregg Strasburger  
Dr. Robert Cortes – by Zoom  
Mr. John Kiella  
Mr. Michael Norman, Vice Chair  
Mr. Tyler Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer – by Zoom

**Members Absent:**

**Guests/Staff in attendance:**

Ms. Kayla Landeros  
Ms. Shannon Wetherbee, Executive Assistant, THBD

The agenda for this meeting was posted on the bulletin board of the Temple Health and Bioscience Economic Development District (THBD) facility, Bell County and THBD's website ([www.templebioscience.org](http://www.templebioscience.org)) in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

*The following is a summary of the proceedings of this meeting. It is not intended to be a verbatim translation.*

The meeting was opened by Chairman of the Board, Mr. Thomas Baird at 5:00 pm.

**I) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Citizens who desire to address the board on any matter may sign up to do so prior to the meeting. Public comments will be received during this portion of the meeting. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes. No discussion or final action will be taken by the board.

There being no public comments Mr. Thomas Baird closed the Public Comments section at 5:01 pm.

**A). Tax Rate:**

1. Conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed tax rate of \$0.0148 per \$100 valuation for fiscal year 2023 (2022 tax year).

There being no public comments Mr. Thomas Baird closed the Public Comments section at 5:02 pm.

**II) REGULAR AGENDA:**

**B). Budget:**

1. Discuss and possibly take action to adopt THBD's budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 ending September 30, 2023.

Response by Mr. John Kiella, I move to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2023 beginning on October 1, 2022, ending on September 30, 2023, as presented.

Motion by Mr. John Kiella, second by Mr. Gregg Strasburger to adopt THBD's budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, ending September 30, 2023.

A verbal vote was called and was unanimous.

2. Discuss and possibly take action to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget. This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$56,106.00, which is a 4.29% increase from last year's budget.

Response by Mr. Michael Norman, I move to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget. This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$56,106.00, which is a 4.29% increase from last year's budget.

Motion by Mr. Michael Norman, second by Mr. Tyler Johnson to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget. This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$56,106.00, which is a 4.29% increase from last year's budget.

A verbal vote was called and was unanimous.

**C). Tax Rate:**

1. Discuss and possibly take action to adopt a tax rate of \$0.0148 per \$100 valuation for fiscal year 2023 (2022 tax year).

Response by Mr. Gregg Strasburger, I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.0148 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 4.29% increase in the tax rate.

Motion by Mr. Gregg Strasburger, second by Dr. Robert Cortes to adopt a tax rate of \$0.0148 per \$100 valuation for fiscal year 2023 (2022 tax year).

A verbal vote was called and was unanimous.

- D). Project Updates: Discuss and possibly take action on the THBD's current projects including but not limited to the study to identify a permanent facility and construction of the TMED statue base.

Update on TMED statue base – request for proposals have been sent out. Update will follow once proposals have been submitted.

Update on THBD's new permanent facility – preliminary meetings with Stantech architects have taken place. Draft drawings are being prepared for presentation.

BSW / BCM sent a request letter to inquire about a joint project with THBD. Mr. Michael Norman will be reaching out to BSW / BCM.

Update THBD / Temple College interlocal agreement – Kayla Landeros will reach out to Dr. Ponce on the status of the last agreement submitted.

No action was taken.

- E). Discuss and possibly take action on WashSense's request to make a lump sum payment of \$35,000 by September 30, 2022 and receive a one-year extension on the balance of the current loan.

Motion by Mr. John Kiella, second by Mr. Michael Norman to extend the WashSense loan of \$110,160.00 with a lump sum payment of \$35,000 by September 30, 2022 and receive a one-year extension at the interest rate of 4% with 11 monthly payments of \$1,500.00 and a 12<sup>th</sup> final payment of \$1,145.40.

A verbal vote was called and was unanimous.

There being no further business, Mr. Baird adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:34 p.m.

Transcribed by:  
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