



Industrial Development Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 22, 2026, 5:30 PM  
City Hall, Lakeland, Tennessee 38002

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I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Steve Laster at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2026.

II. ROLL CALL:

Richard Gonzales	Present
Shaun Brannen	Present - arrived 5:44 pm
Richard Justin	Present
Steve Laster	Present
Jeff Roman	Present
Commissioner Derek Johnston	Present - not voting
Alan Johnson	Absent

Staff personnel in attendance were Planning Director Paul Luker, City Engineer/Interim City Manager Emily Harrell, IDB Attorney Al Bright, and City Recorder pro tempore Olivia Wing.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. **Regular Meeting Minutes** - December 18, 2025

Richard Gonzales moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Richard Justin.

***When the question was called the meeting minutes passed as presented, voice vote, in 4 favor 0 against 0 abstain (4-0-0).***

IV. PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None.

V. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

None.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

Chair Steve Laster motioned to move item number 4 to item 2 on the agenda. No objections were heard.

1. **Discussion** - Lake District update.

Richard Gonzales moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Jeff Roman.

Paul Luker presented this item.

*For the record:* Discussion ensued in Conference Room A via Teams meetings with Cole Young, representing Romspen.

Resident Boyd Rupplet, Sr., 9000 block Old Brownsville commented on this item.

4. **Resolution** - approving draw request 4 in connection with the tax increment financing for the Lakeland Safety TIF.

Richard Gonzales moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Jeff Roman.

Paul Luker presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

***When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, voice vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).***

2. **Resolution** - approving an annual promissory note for the Gateway TIF.

Richard Gonzales moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Jeff Roman.

Al Bright presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

***When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, voice vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).***

3. **Resolution** - approving draw request 27 in connection with the tax increment financing for Ashmont Developer, LLC.

Richard Gonzales moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Richard Justin.

Paul Luker presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

***When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, voice vote, in 5 favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).***

5. **Resolution** - stipend request for IDB President Paul Luker.

Richard Gonzales moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Richard Justin.

Paul Luker presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

***When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, voice vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).***

6. **Discussion** - marketing strategy for City-owned properties.

Richard Gonzales moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Richard Justin.

Paul Luker presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

There was no action to take on this item.

7. **Discussion** - policies and procedures for draw requests.

Richard Gonzales moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Richard Justin.

Paul Luker presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

A Resolution to be written and brought before the Board at a future meeting for approval.

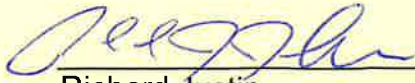
VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

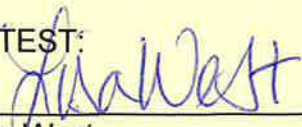
The groundbreaking ceremony for the Lakeland Community Center will be on Thursday, January 29, 2026.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business on which to act, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:22 pm on Thursday, January 22, 2026.

These minutes were approved on February 26, 2026.

  
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Richard Justin  
Secretary

ATTEST:  
  
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Lisa West  
City Recorder pro tempore