

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CVB BOARD MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025, AT 8:30 AM IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE BIVINS MANSION, 1000 S. POLK AMARILLO, TEXAS.

## ACVB Mission: Hosting guests with "Boots on the Ground" to ensure unique experiences and lifelong memories.

Voting Member	Present	No. Meetings Held	No. Meetings Attended
Angela Knapp Eggers	Y	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Vic Ragha</u>	Ñ	6	3
Phyllis Golden	<u>N</u>	<u>6</u>	3
Bobby Lee	<u>N</u>	<u>6</u>	3
Coco Duckworth	Y	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
Tom Scherlen	<u>Y</u>	6	4
Jason Fenton	Y	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
Payal Nathu	<u>Y</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
Al Patel	<u>Y</u>	6	<u>6</u>
Ex-Officios			
Beth Duke	<u>N</u>	<u>6</u>	3
Bo Fowlkes	<u>Y</u>	6	4
Brady Ragland	<u>N</u>	<u>6</u>	4

## 1. Call to Order

- CoCo Duckworth called the meeting to order.

## 2. Approval of Minutes from March 26, 2025

- Motion to approve made by Payal Nathu, Tom Scherlen seconded. After a board vote the motion passed.

## 3. Presentation and Consideration: Financial Report

- Braley Beck presented the following:
  - Highlights:
    - Rev \$552,653
    - Expenses \$544,006
    - Total HOT collections are up 11.3%
    - ACVB portion of HOT collections up 22.47%
  - Motion to approve the financial report as presented made by Angela Knapp Eggers, Payal Nathu seconded. After a board vote the motion passed.

## 4. Discussion and Consideration: Certificate of Deposit Renewal Terms

- Braley Beck presented the following:
  - Matures 5.31.25
  - Currently at ANB with a rate of 4.2%



- ANB is offering a rate of 4.1%
- FirstBank Southwest offers a rate of 4.4%
  - Difference of about \$1500 if rolling over interest.
- Considerations
  - We would need to ensure that they could adequately collateralize our funds as required by law and are familiar with compliance standards.
  - We have a strong relationship with ANB and have had fantastic service.
  - Accounts at multiple institutions.
- Motion to approve the Certificate of Deposit Renewal made by Al Patel, Payal Nathu seconded. After a board vote the motion passed.

## 5. Discussion: STR report and Tourism Impacts

- Kashion Smith presented the following:
  - o From the National Travel and Tourism Office:
    - International Travel is down 11.6% in March
  - o Smith Travel Research: Data in Amarillo
    - Occupancy:
      - March, down 5.2%
      - YTD down 4.2
    - Revenue:
      - March, down %3.7
      - YTD down .8%
  - Key Data: Short Term Rental
    - March
      - Occupancy down 11%
      - Revenue down 10%
  - Rick Husband International Airport
    - March 2025
      - Enplanement is down 7.7%
      - Revenue is down 5.6%
- 6. Discussion: Route 66 Festival Finale Reminders (Sponsorships, Volunteer Shifts)
  - Luz Aguilar presented the following:
    - o 43 days away unit festival starts
    - o 22 events on calendar for the full 10 days
    - Second stage: Arts and Culture of Amarillo
    - Volunteers needed

#### 7. Public Forum

There were no comments



## 8. General Announcements from Board Members

- Bo Fowlkes announced that the Civic Center is hosting Wizard of Oz on Ice April 26th and The Selena Experience on May 2nd
- 9. Discussion on future meeting dates and possible agenda items.

The next meeting date is May 28, 2025

## 10. Adjournment

There being no further business CoCo Duckworth adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Executive Assistant** 

CoCo Duckworth

**CVB Board President** 

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