City of Broken Arrow
Broken Arrow Economic Development Authority
Minutes

City Hall
220 S 1st Street
Broken Arrow, OK 740121

Chairperson Debra Wimpee
Vice Chairman Johnnie Parks
Trustee Lisa Ford
Trustee Justin Green
Trustee David Pickel

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 **Council Chambers**

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Debra Wimpee called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 4 - David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee
Absent: 1 - Johnnie Parks

3. Consideration of Consent Agenda

A. 26-57 **Approval of the Broken Arrow Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2026**
B. 26-674 **Approval of authorization to execute a Global Financial Professional Services Agreement with Municipal Finance Services**
C. 26-678 **Acknowledgement of submittal of the April 2026 Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation's Monthly Report**
D. 26-669 **Ratification of the Claims List Check Register Dated May 1, 2026**

MOTION: A motion was made by Justin Green, seconded by Lisa Ford
Move to Approve the Consent Agenda
The motion carried by the following vote:
Aye: 4 - David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Debra Wimpee

4. Consideration of Items Removed from Consent Agenda - NONE

5. Public Hearings, Appeals, Presentations, Recognitions, Awards

A. 26-664 **Presentation, discussion and possible acceptance of the October 2025 - March 2026 Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation Biannual Report**

Kristi McClain, Economic Development Specialist for the City of Broken Arrow addressed the Authority. She introduced James Bell, President and CEO of the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation who was present to the biannual report.

Mr. Bell thanked the Authority for their remarks about Rooster Days and congratulated his staff, the Broken Arrow Police and Fire Departments, as well as other community partners for

putting on such an incredible Festival. He then presented the Spring ’26 Biannual Report on behalf of the Economic Development Corporation. He began by noting this report is contractually obligated by the Broken Arrow Economic Development Authority and also provide transparency into the work they provide to the City, aligning to its mission. He then went on the describe the mission of Amplify BA, a broader strategy for growth reflecting an alignment of investments between private industry, the city, and education partners in the EDC.

Mr. Bell continued his presentation by detailing Year 4 of 5 of a 5-year plan, in which the EDC directly supported projects resulting in $418 million of new capital investment in Broken Arrow and 2,525 new high-quality jobs. And high-quality jobs are measured by whether they pay above the average county wage. 2.8 times the capital investment promise, 2.5 times the jobs promised, and with a year remaining on in the plan.

Mr. Bell detailed the contract reporting period success as measurable activity and significant positive results across employer support, attraction, entrepreneurship, workforce, and research. Additionally, the EDC worked with the City on Highway 51 Corridor planning. The EDC also represented the interests of Broken Arrow at the state capital. Other achievements include 58 BRE visits, supporting Project Sapling, a City Council approved project resulting in $32 million in capital investment, 52 new high-quality jobs, and a 38,00 square foot expansion. The Amazon Last Mile facility, a $61 million of investment and 100 new jobs was just announced as Project SAM.

Mr. Bell then went on the list the hinderances needed to support more development within Broken Arrow, calling out the need for rail-served properties, move-in -ready buildings. He also mentioned how Aero Forge remains one of the most important long-term opportunities as it positions Broken Arrow as a place for advanced manufacturing and in the aerospace industries.

The EDC also continues to support Broken Arrow’s entrepreneurs with programs like One Million Cups Broken Arrow. As well as connecting individuals with jobs through Solar Turbine’s hiring event and introducing local student with career days focusing on healthcare and manufacturing. He then went on to note some additional items of delivery. For business retention and expansion, Mr. Bell noted the contract work is being fulfilled through consistent employer engagement and direct support for business growth. In business attraction, that contract work is being fulfilled through active project response, through market visibility and strategic partner relationships. In entrepreneurship, small business innovation, that contract work is being fulfilled through ecosystem building, through entrepreneur support and continued work at Arrow Forge and the progress there. For workforce development, that contract work is being fulfilled through employer-led strategy, education partnerships, and tools that connect people to opportunity.

He then went on to field questions from the authority. Inviting an additional member to answer questions regarding the CSI for the innovation District, which is still in the design phase. Additional questions were asked about the location for the CSI.

6. General Authority Business - NONE

7. Remarks and Inquiries by Governing Body Members - NONE

8. Remarks and Updates by City Manager and Staff - NONE

9. Executive Session - NONE

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

MOTION: A motion was made by Justin Green, seconded by David Pickel
Move to Adjourn
The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Debra Wimpee

Chairperson

Secretary