



City of Broken Arrow

Minutes

City Hall
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Broken Arrow Economic Development Authority

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

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Debra Wimpee called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 5 - David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

3. Consideration of Consent Agenda

- A. 26-51** **Approval of the Broken Arrow Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2026**
- B. 26-212** **Ratification of the Claims List Check Register Dated January 26, 2026**

MOTION: A motion was made by Justin Green, seconded by Johnnie Parks

Move to approve the Consent Agenda

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

4. Consideration of Items Removed from Consent Agenda - NONE

5. Public Hearings, Appeals, Presentations, Recognitions, Awards - NONE

6. General Authority Business

- A. 26-220** **Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of and authorization to execute an Economic Development Agreement between Solar Turbines Incorporated and the Broken Arrow Economic Development Authority**

Travis Stevens, Economic Development Manager, addressed city leadership to introduce an agenda item focused on economic development and new job opportunities in Broken Arrow. He kept his remarks brief, explaining that the Economic Development Corporation leads business recruitment, retention, and expansion efforts, and then handed the presentation over to EDC Vice President Amber Miller to provide the detailed information.

Amber Miller, Vice President, Economic Development Corporation, presented a performance-based economic development agreement for Project Sapling, also known as Solar Turbines, describing it as an expansion of an existing employer in Broken Arrow that includes a \$32

million capital investment and 52 new full-time manufacturing jobs. She emphasized that the agreement ties public incentives to verified job creation and capital investment to protect taxpayer funds while supporting long-term reinvestment, job retention, and growth in the city's manufacturing base. She then invited General Manager David Simon to provide additional details about the project and agreement.

David Simon, General Manager of the Solar Turbines facility in Broken Arrow, explained that the company manufactures industrial gas turbine engines for the oil, gas, and power generation industries and is experiencing strong growth, primarily driven by rising energy demand. He noted that although the company is headquartered in California and also operates in Mexico, the Broken Arrow facility is one of the fastest-growing locations, with its workforce increasing by more than 75 percent over the past five years and its physical footprint expanding by more than 50 percent. He said the company expects continued long-term growth and expressed appreciation for its partnership with the City of Broken Arrow and the local economic development organization.

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by David Pickel

Move to Approve Item 26-220 authorization to execute an Economic Development Agreement between Solar Turbines Incorporated and the Broken Arrow Economic Development Authority

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

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 8:14 p.m.

MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by Lisa Ford

Move to Adjourn

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

Chairperson

Secretary