



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Community Economic Development Advisory Board

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

10:30 AM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

Chair Burroughs called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

- Present** 8 - Chair Burroughs, Board Member Endee, Board Member Eisenhower, Board Member Jerome, Board Member Perkins, Board Member Matthews, Board Member Drumm and Board Member LaCour
- Absent** 1 - Vice Chair Holland

Also Present

Staff Liaison Meerman, Board Specialist Lindner, and Business and Research Analyst Waterhouse.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [26-0375](#) Approve the January 20, 2026 Community Economic Development Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

Chair Burroughs requested a motion.

A motion was made by Board Member Endee, seconded by Board Member Jerome, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

- Yes:** 8 - Chair Burroughs, Board Member Endee, Board Member Eisenhower, Board Member Jerome, Board Member Perkins, Board Member Matthews, Board Member Drumm and Board Member LaCour
- Absent:** 1 - Vice Chair Holland

6. Updates

A. [26-0480](#) Economic Development Division Update

Chair Burroughs announced the item.

Mr. Meerman introduced the item and spoke to business tax receipts, proposed legislation changes, new business metrics, residential and commercial distribution, home-based businesses, and business category data.

Discussion took place regarding non-residential and commercial classifications, database collection and metric usage, home-based business regulations, code enforcement concerns, aerospace and aviation industry recruitment, Benderson development, federal defense activity, and semiconductor industry training.

B. [26-0484](#) Workforce Development Update

Chair Burroughs announced the item.

Mr. Meerman introduced the item and spoke to healthcare workforce needs, terminology clarification, Suncoast Technical College (STC) programs, staffing shortages, and upcoming healthcare exposition and hiring event.

Discussion took place regarding event participation, semiconductor industry partnerships, University of South Florida (USF) student engagement and scholarships, aviation workforce needs, business recruitment, articulation agreements, and land use.

7. Future Agenda Items

Chair Burroughs announced the item and queried Board Members regarding items to be placed on a future agenda including Toledo Blade corridor updates, market-driven retail, Innovating Commerce Serving Communities (ICSC) conference participation, lifestyle engagement, budget, Suncoast Technical College (STC) and Shannon Staub Library expansion.

Discussion took place regarding upcoming meeting dates and training.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

Chair Burroughs adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

By: _____
Sean Burroughs, Chair