



CITY OF MILPITAS

Economic Development and Trade Commission

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 9, 2026
Committee Conference Room
Milpitas City Hall, First Floor
455 E. Calaveras Blvd. Milpitas

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Daryani called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Schapira led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Economic Development Specialist Khaled Zubair called the roll.

PRESENT: Chair Daryani, Vice-Chair Conrad Schapira;
Commissioners Bill Bhagvat (4:36 PM) and Larry Ciardella.

Alternate #1: Vacant

Alternate #2 Michael Nguyen

City Council Liaison Councilmember William Lam

Staff: Interim Economic Development Director Madison Nguyen, Economic Development Coordinator Michael Thomas and Economic Development Specialist Kal Zubair

ABSENT: Commissioners Lynne Rice, Jacob Sanchez, Robert Jung; Student Commissioner Alice Nguyen

SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Alternate # 2 Michael Nguyen was seated in place of Commissioner Rice

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Action: Approve the March 9, 2026 regular meeting agenda of the Economic Development & Trade Commission as submitted.

Mover / Second: Schapira / Ciardella

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 4 NOES: 0

Ayes: Daryani, Ciardella, Schapira, Nguyen

Noes: None **Abstentions:** None

Commissioner Bhagvat arrived at 4:36 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommended Action: Approve the February 9, 2026 meeting minutes of the Economic Development & Trade Commission as submitted.

Mover / Second: Schapira / Ciardella

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 4 NOES: 0

Ayes: Daryani, Ciardella, Schapira, Bhagvat

Noes: None **Abstentions:** Nguyen

PUBLIC FORUM

No speakers provided comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ciardella announced that the Milpitas Chamber of Commerce's Crab Feed event was successful, with over 200 attendees.

Councilmember Lam reported that the City Council provided an offer to a candidate for the City Attorney position. Mr. Lam also reported that City Council approved a project to repave sidewalk gutters. He also summarized progress on coordinating traffic signals on Calaveras Blvd and provided details on Rivian's grand opening event on February 27, 2026.

Economic Development Coordinator Michael Thomas announced the City's upcoming Milpitas Youth Force employer recruitment effort and provided the promotional flyer to the commission members. He also informed the commission members regarding the recruitment for the city manager position.

Interim Economic Development Director Madison Nguyen introduced herself to the Commission and provided information about her professional background and experience.

Economic Development Specialist Kal Zubair invited commissioners to a workshop on April 2 regarding how small businesses can utilize available AI tools.

BUSINESS ITEMS

9a. Taste of Milpitas and FIFA World Cup Preparations Update

Recommended Action: Receive the presentation and provide suggestions on planning efforts.

Chair Daryani introduced the business item and Coordinator Thomas provided a summary of the City's preparations regarding events related to FIFA's World Cup.

No public comment was provided.

Commissioners discussed the details of the presentation and asked clarifying questions.

Mover / Second: Schapira / Ciardella

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5 NOES: 0

Ayes: Daryani, Ciardella, Schapira, Bhagvat, Nguyen

Noes: None **Abstentions:** None

9b. MUSD Career Fair

Recommendation: Receive the presentation and provide suggestions.

Chair Daryani introduced the item and Specialist Zubair provided a presentation on the City's efforts to support the career fair.

No public comment was provided.

Commissioners discussed the details of the presentation and asked clarifying questions.

Mover / Second: Schapira / Ciardella

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5 NOES: 0

Ayes: Daryani, Ciardella, Schapira, Bhagvat, Nguyen

Noes: None **Abstentions:** None

9c. New Business Item Discussion

Recommendation: Note and file commissioners' suggestions.

Chair Daryani introduced this business item.

No public comment was provided. The commissioners discussed potential items to include in the future work plan.

Chair Daryani suggested that the Commission focus on creative solutions to PG&E-related challenges as a business attraction tool. Councilmember Lam encouraged Commissioners to help strategize on how the City can attract a hospital to Milpitas.

Mover / Second: Schapira / Ciardella

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5 NOES: 0

Ayes: Daryani, Ciardella, Schapira, Bhagvat, Nguyen

Noes: None **Abstentions:** None

ADJOURNMENT

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mover/Second: Schapira / Ciardella

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5 NOES: 0

Ayes: Daryani, Ciardella, Schapira, Bhagvat, Nguyen

Noes: None **Abstentions:** None