



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Date:** August 12, 2022

**In Control:** Economic and Workforce Development Committee Meeting

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**DEPARTMENT:** Office of the City Clerk

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Debbie Racca-Sittre

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Consideration of Applicants to the San Antonio Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors (3 seats).

**SUMMARY:**

The Economic and Workforce Development Council (EWDC) Committee will review and consider applicants to the San Antonio Economic Development Corporation (SAEDC) Board (3 seats). Appointees will serve a term of office to begin upon approval by City Council and to expire on May 31, 2023.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The San Antonio Economic Development Corporation (SAEDC) is a nonprofit corporation that was created by the City Council in May 2010 with the purpose of focusing on job creation and promoting long term economic growth specific to the San Antonio regional business ecosystem. Over the years, the SAEDC has invested over \$14.3 million in 12 economic development projects.

The SAEDC has solidified its position over the years as a dependable partner in the entrepreneurship and start-up communities, regularly taking part in local investment pitches and connecting new companies with the appropriate resources and assistance they may need to succeed. Additionally, in collaboration with key economic development partners, the SAEDC has started its annual Military Industry Day so that local vendors and businesses can network with military personnel and learn more about the Federal and Department of Defense procurement process. The SAEDC staff is often evaluating San Antonio's emerging and developing industries and markets in order to make strategic investments and help spur further economic growth.

The SAEDC is governed by a Board which is comprised of seven (7) members from the following categories: Mayor - one (1) seat; City Manager - one (1) seat; the Chair of the Economic and Workforce Development Council Committee (1 seat); the Chair of the Transportation and Mobility Council Committee and Citizens At-Large – three (3) seats. The three (3) Citizens At-Large seats are appointed by the City Council. The terms for the Citizen members have since lapsed and require new appointments.

After marketing and community outreach efforts, a total of 29 applications were received and 25 were deemed qualified applicants for three (3) seats for the category of Citizen At-Large. On April 20, 2022, the Economic and Workforce Development Committee created a Subcommittee to review applicants for the vacant position. The Committee included Councilmembers Viagran and Rocha-Garcia.

On June 7, 2022, the Subcommittee met and created a 'shortlist' of the eight (8) most qualified Candidates to recommend to the EWDC Committee for interviews for the three seats for the category of Citizen At-Large at its August 12, 2022 meeting.

#### **ISSUE:**

Recommendation of applicants to be appointed by City Council to the San Antonio Economic Development Corporation Board. A final list of six (6) Candidates will be forwarded to the Economic and Workforce Development Council Committee for interviews:

1. Dr. Christina Burke (Reappointment)
2. Sandra Jasso
3. Ralph Johnston
4. Erika Moe (Reappointment)
5. Jose Padilla
6. Dr. Sean Vina

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#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Committee can reject all or some of the applicants. If applicants are rejected, this would delay the process of filling the vacancy and require the application process to start over, which could impact the ability of the San Antonio Economic Development Corporation Board to obtain quorum and conduct its work.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The recommendation of the Economic and Workforce Development Council Committee will be presented to the full City Council for approval at a future Council A Session.