



**Oak Grove Economic Development Committee
Special Session Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 10, 2025
Oak Grove Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Session of the Oak Grove Economic Development Committee (EDC) was called to order by Chairperson Richard Baker at 1:05 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, in the Oak Grove Council Chambers located at 8505 Pembroke Oak Grove Road, Oak Grove, Kentucky.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

- Chairperson/Committee Member Richard Baker
- Vice Chairperson/Committee Member Isaiah Spencer
- Public Works Director/Committee Member Brian Ahart
- Committee Member Janet Edwards
- Committee Member Traci Cunningham
- City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher
- Special Guests (Representatives) Tad Long and John Buchanon with KLC
- Special Guest (Representative) Chris Wooldridge with Murray State University
- Also in attendance were Mayor Oliver and Assistant Chief/Major Victor Lynch

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Motion: Vice Chairperson/Committee Member Isaiah Spencer moved to approve the minutes

Second: Committee Member Janet Edwards

Vote: Voice vote-motion passed

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Presentation/Discussion on Economic Development with Kentucky League of Cities Officials:** The committee was asked how they view growth in Oak Grove. Committee Member Edwards stated that opinions differ. She explained that while Oak Grove does not have the land or infrastructure of Hopkinsville, or the income base of Clarksville, the city is known for its award-winning festivals. She highlighted the need for higher-end housing, and representatives suggested that competitive pay rates from Buc-ee's could help attract developers to build such homes.

When asked about Oak Grove's relationship with Fort Campbell, the committee highlighted the strong partnership that exists between the two communities. The representatives invigorated Oak Grove to set both short- and long-term economic development goals, determine what the city wants to attract, and develop a plan to reach those goals. One idea discussed was creating an Economic Development Fund (EDF) that would be dedicated solely to city development projects, which the committee agreed would be valuable.

The representatives also stressed the importance of updating ordinances to reflect current laws and regulations, and of showing appreciation/support for existing businesses by reaching out to top businesses and letting them know the city values their company. They offered to assist Oak Grove in beginning a basic plan for growth.

More general discussion followed. The committee scheduled its next meeting for September 30, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Committee Member Janet Edwards moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:35pm.

Second: Committee Member Isaiah Spencer

Vote: Voice vote-motion passed

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:35pm.

APPROVED:

Chairperson/Committee Member Richard Baker

DATE

ATTEST:

Lorelynn Fisher, MMC, CKMC, City Clerk

DATE