

City of Hempstead
Commerce and Civic Association Meeting
Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026

Call to Order:

The monthly HCCA meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Hardwick at 6:01 P.M.

Roll Call of Board Members:

All HCCA Board members were present. President Cheryl Hardwick, Vice President Melissa Hegemeyer, Secretary Katherine Ragston, Treasurer Raul Villarreal, Board Members James Garfield, Vicki LeBlanc, Kenneth Pilcher, and Brian Trafton.

Approval of the January 6th, 2026, Executive Board Meeting Minutes:

Board Member Kenneth Pilcher made a motion to accept the January 6th, 2026, Executive Board meeting minutes and a second was made by Board Member Brian Trafton. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Approval to purchase four binders and sheet protectors for the HCCA's paperwork for the Year of 2026 in the amount of \$82.00 from Amazon:

Board Member Kenneth Pilcher made a motion to approve the purchase of four binders and sheet protectors in the amount of \$82.00 from Amazon and a second motion was made by Board Member Vicki LeBlanc. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Report on the Waller County Crime Stoppers Gala:

The board discussed the Waller County Crime Stoppers Gala, and everyone stated that they had a fun time.

Discussion on Upcoming Business Ribbon Cuttings for 2026:

President Cheryl Hardwick talked about the upcoming ribbon cuttings.

The upcoming ribbon cuttings are Hegemeyer Realty and Associates, Gundersons CFO & Bookkeeping, Integrity Urgent Care, and "The Switch." The Board discussed giving a certificate to the new business owners and everyone agreed.

Discussion on the Domain Hempstead Texas Chamber.com. The price for 3 years was only \$44.59:

Board Member Vicki LeBlanc discussed the benefit for HCCA to pay for the Hempstead Texas Chamber.com domain for a price for three years of \$44.59. The board all agreed. Board Member Kenneth Pilcher made a motion to purchase the Hempstead Texas Chamber.com domain for the price of three years for \$44.59 and a second motion was made by Vice President Melissa Hegemeyer. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Discussion on an Appreciation and Sponsor Dinner for 2026:

The HCCA board discussed options for having an Appreciation and Sponsor Dinner for the month of March to get a head start on getting sponsors for the Watermelon Festival. President Cheryl Hardwick stated that last year's event helped to get the sponsor money in early and numerous sponsors gave more than last year. At the March board meeting a date, time, and location will be determined.

Discussion on the Easter in the Park set for Saturday, March 28th, 2026, at the gazebo:

President Cheryl Hardwick stated that she would like to have the balloon lady and face painter at the Easter in the Park. Board Member Kenneth Pilcher made a motion to have the balloon lady and a face painter for the Easter in the Park and a second motion was made by Board Member James Garfield. A vote was taken and the motion carried. Hegemeyer Realty will volunteer to sponsor the hotdogs, chips, and drinks. President Cheryl Hardwick will ask the Lions Club to sponsor the coloring contest, and she will ask the Easter Bunny and get a sponsor for the Easter in Park Event. The Easter eggs have already arrived for the event.

Discussion on the Watermelon Festival for 2026:

President Cheryl Hardwick stated that she had already contacted the Chairmen of last years Watermelon Festival and everyone will help again this year.

Watermelon Chairman and Co-Chairman – Treasurer Raul Villarreal and Board Member James Garfield

BBQ Cook-Off – Stephen Pfeiffer and Dustin Stanley Chairmen

Watermelon Games – Hempstead Lutheran Church

Car Show – Dallas Doyle Chairman

Watermelon Royalty – Melissa Carter Chair and Tassidy Contreras Co-Chair

Entertainment – Entertainment committee will meet to work on the getting the entertainment booked.

Quilt Show – Vice President Melissa Hegemeyer to contact Paula Ivy

Corn Hole – Board Member Vicki LeBlanc to Contact Michelle Gaston

Watermelon Growers Contest- Christine Herbert and the Beta Club

Watermelon Festival Parade – Barbara Bezub Chairman

Watermelon Tent and Sales – Boy Scouts to Chair

Watermelon Festival Vendors – Vicki LeBlanc and Raul Villareal - Chairmen

Discussion on a Run sponsored by the HCCA and Citizens Coffee and Wine Café for 2026:

Board Member Kenneth Pilcher talked about having a run for the upcoming Watermelon Festival. He and his wife Kim are working on a route for the run, and we will need to contact the police department to discuss the streets that will need to be closed. He will have more information at the next meeting in March.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

The board discussed having something for the upcoming celebration of the United States turning 250 years ago. President Cheryl Hardwick will contact the County Judge Trey Duhon to see if the county has planned anything.

Adjourn:

Board Member James Garfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and a second motion was made by Board Member Kenneth Pilcher. A vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

Submitted by Secretary Katherine Ward_____

Approved and signed by President Cheryl Hardwick_____

