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**SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING  
CELINA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
302 W WALNUT ST.  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025  
5:30 PM  
MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM PRESENT:**

Vice Chair Lisa Whiteside called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**Members Present:**

Vice Chair Lisa Whiteside  
Committee Member Amanda Bowmer  
Committee Member Amanda Webber  
Committee Member Chris Baksa  
Committee Member Rebecca Lassere

**Members Absent:**

Committee Member Amy Ludwyck  
Committee Member David Hogue

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Bree Shamsy, Special Events Manager, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. OPEN FORUM:**

Open Forum is for information only. If you wish to speak, please sign one of the "Speaker Cards" and present to the Staff Liaison prior to the beginning of the meeting. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes. No action can be taken. No charges and/or complaints will be heard against any elected official or employee of the city that are prohibited by law.

**\*Please note\*** Anyone wishing to furnish copies/handouts regarding their item of interest must provide nine (9) copies and present them to the Staff Liaison for distribution.

Vice Chair Whiteside opened the Open Forum at 5:32 PM. As no discussion cards were submitted, the Open Forum was closed at 5:33 PM.

**IV. WORKSESSION:**

A. Introduction of New and Current Board Members (Shamsy)

Bree Shamsy, Special Events Manager, led the introduction of new and current board members.

B. Training Overview with City Secretary's Office (Rubio)

Bree Shamsy, Special Events Manager, presented the Training Overview with the City Secretary's Office.

C. Quarterly Events Update (Shamsy)

Bree Shamsy, Special Events Manager, presented an update on the draft 2026 Calendar of Events, the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, and upcoming special events, and facilitated committee feedback and recommendations.

D. Celina 150th Presentation and Discussion (Monaco)

Joe Monaco, Director of Marketing & Communications, presented the Celina 150th overview for the upcoming 2026 celebration and facilitated committee feedback and recommendations.

E. Set Next Meeting Date

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

V. **ACTION:**

A. Consider and Act to Elect a Chair and Vice Chair

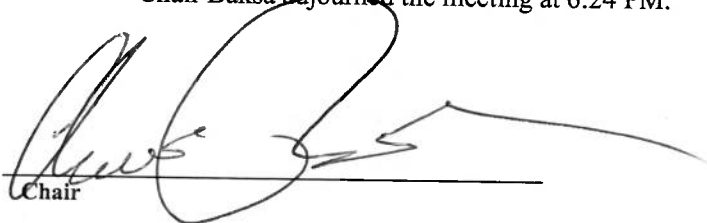
Upon a motion by Vice Chair Whiteside and a second by Committee Member Webber, the Committee voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to elect Chris Baksa as Chair and Lisa Whiteside as Vice Chair. The motion carried 5-0.

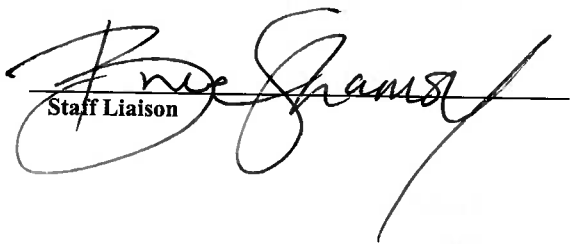
B. Minutes Approval: Special Events Advisory Committee — Regular Meeting — August 6, 2025, 5:30 PM

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Whiteside and a second by Committee Member Webber, the Committee voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting - August 6, 2025, 5:30 PM. The motion carried 5-0.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Baksa adjourned the meeting at 6:24 PM.

  
Chair

  
Staff Liaison

1.14.26  
Date