

Bland County Economic Development Authority

**Authority Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2026
612 Main Street,
Courthouse Conference Room 200
Bland, VA 24315**

Call to Order:

Mr. Martin, Vice-chairman, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

The following authority members attended the meeting:

Mr. James Starks
Mr. John Martin
Mr. Andy Davis
Mr. Wade Hall
Mrs. Linda Townley

Members Absent:

Mr. Timothy Havens
Mr. John Babbitt

Others present:

Mr. Stephen Kelley, Board of Supervisor member
Mrs. Cameron Burton, County Administrator
Ms. Teresa Tolbert, EDA Secretary

PLEDGE & INVOCATION

Mr. Starks led the pledge to the U.S. Flag and offered an invocation.

AGENDA/MINUTES/TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVAL

Mrs. Townley made a motion to approve the agenda with a change of deleting section VI (B). Mr. Starks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA/MINUTES/TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVAL

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of January 5, 2026, as presented. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Townley presented the Treasurer's report. Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Project update—Mrs. Burton provided an update.

NEW BUSINESS

EDA regular meeting location. Mrs. Townley made a motion to conduct meetings in 2026 in the Courthouse Conference Room, 612 Main Street, Bland, Virginia due to the Electoral Board's use of the EDA's conference room for voting purposes.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Starks made the following motion: "Pursuant to Section 2.2 – 3711 (A) (3), (5) and (8) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Bland County Economic Development Authority convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussion of real property acquisition/disposition, prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding, and discussion of a specific legal matter with legal counsel for legal advice, *more specifically Project Precision, Project Legacy, Project Heart and Project BLT*. This motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion passed.

The Authority retired into closed session.

OPEN SESSION AND CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Starks made the motion that the EDA return to open session and read the following certification:

"Pursuant to Section 2.2 – 3712 of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Bland County Economic Development Authority team while in closed session discussed only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements as previously stated in Virginia Law and that only such matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered." This motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. Roll call vote: Mr. Martin-yes; Mr. Davis-yes; Mr. Babbitt-absent; Mr. Hall-yes; Mr. Starks-yes; Mrs. Townley-yes, and Mr. Havens-absent.

Mrs. Townley made a motion to authorize Mrs. Burton to negotiate an agreements, lease and performance, with Projects Heart and Precision. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Townley. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

March 9, 2026, at 5:15 p.m. at Courthouse Conference Room.