

# **Baker Main Street Economic Development District Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2026

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** Virtual Only ([meet.google.com/fmh-hweq-trd](https://meet.google.com/fmh-hweq-trd))

## **1. Call to Order, Prayer, and Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order by Board President Cedric Murphy who led the prayer and Willie Williams led the pledge of allegiance.

## **2. Roll Call**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Present</b>
Cedric Murphy	President	Yes
Willie Williams	Treasurer	Yes
Michel Woods	Member	Yes
Myra Victor-Harris	Member	Yes
Shaelisa Bradley-Hunt	Vice President	Yes
Kermit Johnson IV	Secretary	No
Adrienne Conrad	Member	No

Quorum confirmed.

## **3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from March meeting were not presented (No meeting was held in April). Board indicated they would be reviewed and voted on at the next meeting.

## **4. Discussion of EDD Sales Tax**

The board discussed unexpected obstacles to implementing the Main Street EDD sales tax after learning that the Registrar of Voters found records for 15 registered voters at non-residential addresses (hotels, businesses, and a church) inside the EDD. Because state law requires certification of no registered voters to impose the tax without an election, this discovery forces a choice between (1) holding a fall election in which only those 15 voters could vote on the tax, or (2) pursuing slower legal/administrative remedies to challenge or clean up questionable registrations, which could take years and raises other concerns. Dante committed to meet with the mayor, city attorney, and Registrar of Voters, then report back with a recommended next step.

## **5. Introduction of Overlay District Study Final Report**

The board received an introduction to the 38-page Main Street overlay study, which outlines background on Baker and its two EDDs, plus specific recommendations for a new Main Street overlay zoning district. Dante highlighted proposed development and design standards to make the corridor more pedestrian- and bike-friendly, targeted infrastructure upgrades, and incentive programs for redevelopment and façade improvements. The board also discussed how the proposed changes were directly linked to the recent moratorium on certain new business types along Main St., Plank and Groom Rd. Members were asked to review the document send questions or suggested changes ahead of the next meeting, and prepare to vote on adopting the recommendations before they move to Planning & Zoning in June.

## **7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5pm.

- **Motion By:** Willie Williams
- **Seconded By:** Cedric Murphy
- **Result:** Motion carried unanimously