

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES APRIL 1, 2026

City of Paramount, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Economic Development Board was called to order by Chair David Moody at 8:13 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Present: Board Member Ernie Esparza
Board Member Linda Timmons
Board Member Gordon Weisenburger
Vice Chair Javier Gonzalez
Chair David Moody

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT:

Lindsay Thorson, Planning Commission Attorney
John King, Planning and Building Director
Monica Rodriguez, Assistant Planning and Building Director
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner
Caitlin Au, Planning Intern
Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES March 4, 2026

Chair Moody presented the Economic Development Board minutes of March 4, 2026 for approval.

It was moved by Board Member Weisenburger and seconded by Board Member Timmons to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Board Members Esparza, Timmons and Weisenburger; Vice Chair Gonzalez; and Chair Moody

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Planning and Building Director King stated that there are no public comments.

REPORTS

2. ORAL REPORT
ADA Compliance:
What Every Business
Needs to Know

Planning and Building Director John King introduced Assistant Planning and Building Director Monica Rodriguez who provided a summary from the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) workshop hosted by the Gateway Cities Council of Governments on March 17, 2026.

Assistant Planning and Building Director Rodriguez reviewed key physical accessibility requirements that would apply to new construction, alterations to facilities, and upcoming changes to public agency websites and informational flyers. ADA requirements also state that a person with disabilities must have a path of travel and site accessibility such as accessible routes connecting to parking, entrances, and public service areas (i.e. restrooms, public counters, and seating areas). The building must also have proper signage and wayfinding signs directing building access.

Board Member Timmons asked if ADA parking would be minimized when parking in general is minimized in certain structures.

Assistant Planning and Building Director Rodriguez stated that ADA parking requirement would not be minimized as ADA parking is based on a set formula.

Vice Chair Gonzalez asked if the City would be responsible for businesses to be ADA compliant or is the business responsibility to comply.

Assistant Planning and Building Director Rodriguez stated it is a little bit of both – when a new development goes through the building review and inspection process, the Building and Safety Division ensures the project meets all the accessibility requirements. For existing buildings, compliance could be difficult because of the age of the building or lack of square footage. In those cases a business could file for an undue hardship determination.

COMMENTS

3. COMMENTS

Board Member Weisenburger stated that it is nice to hear when people come up to the podium and state that Paramount is good place to be and good city.

Board Member Timmons stated that Paramount, along with the City Council and Chamber of Commerce, is very supportive of businesses.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Moody at 8:21 p.m. to the next Economic Development Board meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at City Hall Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ David Moody

David Moody, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Biana Salgado

Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED: May 6, 2026