

AGENDA

Paramount Economic Development Board
August 5, 2026



Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers
6:00 p.m.

City of Paramount

16400 Colorado Avenue ♦ Paramount, CA 90723 ♦ (562) 220-2000 ♦ www.paramountcity.gov

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE

In-person Attendance: The public may attend the Economic Development Board meetings in-person.

Public Comments: Members of the public wanting to address the Economic Development Board, either during public comments or for a specific agenda item, or both, may do so by the following methods:

- **In-person**

If you wish to make a statement, please complete a Speaker's Card prior to the commencement of the Public Comments period of the meeting. Speaker's Cards are located at the entrance. Give your completed card to a staff member and when your name is called, please go to the podium provided for the public.

- **E-mail:** planning@paramountcity.gov

E-mail public comments must be received **15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting**. The e-mail should specify the following information: 1) Full Name; 2) City of Residence; 3) Phone Number; 4) Public Comment or Agenda Item No.; 5) Subject; 6) Written Comments.

All public comments are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes unless an extension is granted. No action may be taken on items not on the agenda except as provided by law. All public comments will be recorded and rules of decorum and procedures for the conduct of City meetings will apply when addressing the Economic Development Board whether in-person or via email.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair: Vacant

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Board Member Ernie Esparza
Board Member Austin Moreno
Board Member Linda Timmons
Board Member Gordon Weisenburger
Vice Chair Javier Gonzalez

MINUTES

1. [APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#) July 1, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENTS

REPORTS

2. [ORAL REPORT](#) LAEDC Quarterly Economic Report

COMMENTS

3. [COMMENTS](#)
 - Board Members
 - Staff

ADJOURNMENT

To a meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MOTION IN ORDER:

APPROVE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES OF JULY
1, 2026.

MOTION:

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

[] APPROVED

[] DENIED

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES JULY 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 6:49 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

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

Absent: Board Member Linda Timmons

It was moved by Vice Chair Gonzalez and seconded by Board Member Esparza to excuse Board Member Timmons from the Economic Development Board meeting. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Board Members Esparza and Weisenburger;
Vice Chair Gonzalez; and Chair Moody
NOES: None
ABSENT: Board Member Timmons
ABSTAIN: None

STAFF PRESENT:

Lindsay Thorson, Planning Commission Attorney
John King, Planning and Building Director
Monica Rodriguez, Assistant Planning and Building Director
Ivan Reyes, Building and Housing Manager
Tara Reyes, Management Analyst
Leslie Corrales, Associate Planner
Caitlin Au, Planning Intern

MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 3, 2026

Chair Moody presented the Economic Development Board minutes of June 3, 2026 for approval.

It was moved by Vice Chair Gonzalez and seconded by Board Member Esparza to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Board Members Esparza and Weisenburger;
Vice Chair Gonzalez; and Chair Moody
NOES: None
ABSENT: Board Member Timmons
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

REPORTS

2. ORAL REPORT
Gateway Cities Career
Training and Resource
Hub

Planning and Building Director King introduced Management Analyst Reyes who presented the Gateway Cities Career Training and Resource Hub. The report outlined the resources available to residents seeking career training, educational resources, and workforce development opportunities. The Hub connects residents with career training and education programs in a variety of high demand fields and serves as a starting point for those who are unsure where to begin their career journey.

COMMENTS

3. COMMENTS

Vice Chair Gonzalez asked where residents can find the Gateway Cities Career Training and Resource Hub.

Management Analyst Reyes stated the website is www.gatewaycitieshub.org.

Chair Moody announced his departure from the Planning Commission, Development Review Board, and Economic Development Board after serving four years. He stated it was a pleasure working with everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Moody at 6:56 p.m. to the next Economic Development Board meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at City Hall Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California at 6:00 p.m.

David Moody, Chair

ATTEST:

John King, Planning and Building Director
Minutes Prepared by Biana Salgado Administrative Assistant

https://paramountcity1957.sharepoint.com/sites/Planning/Shared Documents/ADMIN/MINUTES/EDB MINUTES 2026/Minutes/07-2026_EDB.docx

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ORAL REPORT

LAEDC QUARTERLY ECONOMIC REPORT



To: Honorable Economic Development Board

From: John King, AICP, Planning and Building Director

By: Tara Reyes, Management Analyst

Date: August 5, 2026

SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT – LAEDC QUARTERLY ECONOMIC REPORT

Management Analyst Tara Reyes will provide an informational overview of key takeaways from the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) Quarterly Economic Briefing for June 2026.

The presentation will summarize current national and regional economic trends, including the outlook for employment, inflation, housing, commercial and industrial development, and overall business conditions.

Key Takeaways:

- The economy is slowing – but not contracting
- Housing affordability remains the largest challenge
- Labor market remains healthy
- Consumers continue driving the economy

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF