# CITY OF DALLAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

#### YEAR IN REVIEW

► JOHN STEPHEN, BOARD PRESIDENT



# **YEAR 1 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Elected officers
- Established a regular meeting cadence and held the first board retreat
- Held board meetings in key locations throughout the community
- Established processes and procedures for the board and committees
- Created six committees to manage board tasks
  - CEO search
  - Data and projects
  - Executive
  - Finance and audit
  - Governance
  - Marketing and communications

- Developed tracking systems for board outreach/engagement and task implementation
- Obtained required insurance policies
- Contracted with legal representation
- Finalized interlocal agreement
- Created a procurement policy
- Initiated process to obtain 501c3

# YEAR 1 PROGRESS TO DATE

- Met with local, regional, national, and international organizations to promote the Dallas and the DEDC; continuing to develop and maintain relationships. (examples below)
  - City of Dallas Council Committees
  - Dallas Assembly
  - Dallas Friday Group
  - Dallas Regional Chamber
  - International Economic Development Council Annual Conference and associated events
  - Korean-US Chamber event
  - Pegasus Park
  - Texas Economic Development Corporation
  - University of North Texas at Dallas
  - University of Texas at Dallas
  - World Affairs Council

- Met with leadership from high-performing EDOs to glean lessons for the DEDC
  - Craig Richard, Tampa Bay Economic Development Council
  - Houston First visit under development
- Created a PowerPoint deck to represent the DEDC at public engagements
- Launched a national CEO search
- Developed a logo and branding materials
- Began developing data analysis tools and gathering baseline data
  - GIS mapping
  - Company relocation overview by industry and geography
- Initiated a budget process
- Began drafting the strategy and operations plans

## **YEAR 2 ANTICIPATED ACTIONS**

- Hire and onboard a CEO
- Finalize strategy and operations plans
- Identify a long-term revenue strategy
- Refine data and analysis tools
- Create a new committee focused on engagement
- Develop and launch a marketing and communications strategy
- Launch an organizational website
- Prioritize engagement with key stakeholders and organizations at the state and local levels
- Establish advisory councils focused on business growth citywide, and south Dallas specifically
- Explore project opportunities and initiatives for the DEDC
- Identify real estate development opportunities
- Continue engaging with high-performing EDOs and leaders

#### **ADOPTED LOGO**



### **UPCOMING COUNCIL ACTION**

- May 6 Economic Development Committee and May 22 City Council Meeting
  - Proposed amendments to the corporation bylaws
  - Nomination of five board members for terms expiring June 30, 2024

### **QUESTIONS?**