

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 20, 2023
TO: Mayor Lankford and City Council
FROM: Mercy Rushing, MEDC Executive Director
SUBJECT: MEDC Board Member New Appointment
Board Meeting Agenda Item for January 5, 2023

Background Information:

Mineola Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Board of Directors voted unanimously at their Meeting on **January 5, 2023**, for the City Council to consider approval of Ms. Ellen Brooke who will be replacing Judge Kevin White.

Ms. Ellen Brooke, she is a graduate of Mineola ISD and she and her husband Steve Brooke, also a graduate of Mineola ISD, have both retired and have returned home to Mineola. Ellen have been married to her husband Steve for 44 years. Ellen & Steve live at Lake Brenda at 225 CR 2437 Mineola TX. 7577, and does live within the Mineola School District. Ellen retired with the City of Arlington where she worked for the Mayor's Office for 23 years. While working for the mayor's office she interacted and worked with many community's neighborhood organizations, businesses, and government officials on numerous projects and programs. In her words she said, **"I am excited to be back home after 38 years, and we (Steve and I) hope to have the opportunity to be engaged and give back to our hometown."**

Since her retirement 3 years ago she been as follows:

- She currently serves on the Mineola Historical Museum Board
- Serves on the 150th Sesquicentennial Committee
- She is a constant volunteer for the Iron Horse Square Mini-Train Rides
- The Music in May promotion event downtown Mineola
- Ellen & Steve both received at Chamber Banquet in 2021 the **BR Short Community Volunteer Award from the Mineola Chamber of Commerce.**

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of MEDC Board of Directors that the Mayor and City Council consider the appointment of Ellen Brooke for a (1) year term through September 2024 to finish out Judge Kevin White's term on MEDC.