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President and CEO, Nancy C. Windham Resigns

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NEWS RELEASE: Windham resigning as head of the Nacogdoches Economic Development Corporation

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After two years as president and CEO of Nacogdoches Economic Development Corporation, Nancy Windham has resigned. "I have had some other opportunities come my way for a while," she said. "They are not solidified yet but are in the works. I don't plan on leaving the area. It is just a path for my economic development career, and I am working with groups to finish those contracts."

Nacogdoches EDC board members hired Windham in May 2014 after she worked for Frisco EDC as vice president for the previous six years. "It's been a great ride," Windham said. "Nacogdoches County is full of great folks. There is so much potential here, and I look forward to supporting that. I just could not turn down these opportunities. I will be able to announce those in the next month."

In November 2015, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott announced that Windham and five others were appointed to the Texas Economic Development Corporation. She is a board member and an honorary life member of the Texas Economic Development Council and is a member of the Industrial Assets Management Council, TexasOne, Texas Forest Country Partnership Board of Directors, International Economic Development Council and the International Council of Shopping Centers.

“We will miss Nancy and her vast contacts around the state, but we are confident that we can find leadership that will continue to move our organization forward,” Nacogdoches EDC board Chairman Jimmy Mize said in a press release. Windham’s last day is Aug. 31. “I can’t say enough of how much I appreciate all of the opportunities everybody provided for me here,” she said. “I will remain on the Texas Economic Development Corporation Board, and what I will do is relative to economic development in the East Texas area.”

In 2014, Windham was selected from among 31 candidates to oversee an EDC with a \$350,000 budget funded mostly by membership fees. She was hired following a two-month search to succeed interim President and CEO Judy McDonald, who took over for Bill King after he resigned in May 2013. Mize said the search for a permanent president and CEO could take “several months.”

“Our officers will meet this week to try to formulate how we want to move forward,” he said. “It’s just really early. We’ve certainly got staff in the office who can take care of our day-to-day functions, so I think we are fine for the time being. We will certainly do a regional and statewide search — and maybe even national search — for the right person for the job. It could take several months.”

King succeeded McDonald in June 2008 when she retired after 11 years as Nacogdoches EDC’s first president and CEO.

