



City of Newton, Massachusetts  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

DATE: Tuesday, April 9, 2024

TIME: 7 p.m.

PLACE: City Hall, Room 204. Remote participation online at <https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/85100923399> and by phone at +16469313860,,85100923399#.

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1. Attendance
2. Approval of minutes
3. Guest Speaker: Jerry A. Bazata, SVP and Senior Business Banking Specialist, Cambridge Trust: A presentation about financing and supporting small businesses followed by discussion.
4. City Updates
5. EDC Subgroups + Discussion
  - a. Economic Strategy
  - b. Business Listings
  - c. rDNA permitting
6. Other/New Business
7. Adjournment

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