

# HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LAREDO

## Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting

2000 San Francisco Avenue  
Administration Building  
Conference Room 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Laredo, Texas 78040

Thursday, June 26, 2014  
12:00 Noon

A-14-R-3

MINUTES

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Bruni called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon.
2. **ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM:** Roll call and declaration of quorum by Luis, Calderon, Interim Assistant Director. Chairman Bruni introduced newly appointed Mr. Joe Aranda to serve as Commissioner to Laredo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

### Commissioners Present

Chairman Raymond A. Bruni  
Commissioner Johnny Amaya  
Commissioner Joe Aranda  
Commissioner Martha Castro  
Commissioner Robert Simpson

### Commissioners Absent

### Staff Present

Luis Calderon, Interim Assistant Director  
Bulmaro Cruz, Director of Public Housing  
Mary De La Rosa, Executive Secretary  
Melinda Gavilanes, Public Housing Assistant

### 3. ACTION ITEMS:

#### A. Discussion and possible action to elect a Vice-Chairman to the Laredo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Aranda made a motion to nominate Johnny Amaya as Vice-President.  
Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion.  
Motion approved.

#### B. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes for meeting held on May 27, 2014 and Special Meeting April 11, 2014.

Commissioner Simpson made a motion to approve the agenda item.  
Vice-Chairman Amaya seconded the motion.  
Motion approved.

**C. Discussion and possible action to approve the Housing Authority of the City of Laredo's Operating budget amendment #2 for FY 2013-2014.**

Vice-Chairman Amaya made a motion to approve the agenda item.  
Commissioner Aranda seconded the motion.  
Motion approved.

**D. Discussion and possible action to authorize the transfer of \$300,000 from Laredo Housing Authority's Central Office Cost Center to the Laredo Housing Opportunities Corporation a public facility and instrumentality of the Housing Authority of the City of Laredo.**

Commissioner Simpson made a motion to approve the agenda item.  
Vice-Chairman Amaya seconded the motion.  
Motion passed.

**E. Discussion and possible action to approve amending the Annual Plan for FY 2014 to include the flat requirements contained within 2014 Appropriations Act and adopt Resolution No. 14-R-12.**

Commissioner Simpson made a motion to approve the agenda item.  
Commissioner Aranda seconded the motion.  
Motion passed.

**F. Discussion and possible action to approve amending the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy to reflect new Flat Rent requirements as per Section 210 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act 2014 and adopt Resolution No. 14-R-13.**

Commissioner Aranda made a motion to approve the agenda item.  
Vice-Chairman Amaya seconded the motion.  
Motion passed.

**G. Discussion and possible action to approve adopting the Public Housing Flat Rent Schedule effective July 1, 2014 and to be implemented on October 1, 2014 and adopt Resolution No. 14-R-14.**

Commissioner Aranda made a motion to approve the agenda item.  
Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion.  
Motion passed.

**H. Discussion and possible action to accept a donation of twelve (12) acres for the construction of Affordable Housing.**

Chairman Bruni informed there had been an advertisement in the newspaper where the agency was looking to purchase land or land be donated to the agency. Mr. Bruni stated a family has donated twelve (12) acres of land for Affordable Housing. Mr. Bruni explained these affordable housing would be built with funds the agency would use utilizing either tax credit or monies being borrowed. He mentioned the family has given a time frame of three (3) year as a waiting period to see the construction of the development for affordable housing and if the development did not come through the land would be returned to the land owner.

Vice-Chairman Amaya made a motion to approve the agenda item.  
Commissioner Aranda seconded the motion.  
Motion passed.

**4. EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE**

- A. Discussion of real estate acquisition and disposition for affordable housing all current and prospective assets may be discussed. As authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 (deliberations about real property).
- B. The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Laredo reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on the posted agenda, above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorneys), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations,) 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), and 551.086 (economic development).

**5. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:**

(Note: These items may include expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; honorary recognitions of city officials, employees, or other citizens; reminders about upcoming events sponsored by the city or other entity that is scheduled to be attended by a city official or city employee; and announcements involving imminent threats to the public health and safety of the city. No specific items will be listed under this section, and no discussion or action will take place.)

- 6. ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Aranda made a motion to adjourn.  
Vice-Chairman Amaya seconded the motion.  
Motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.



RAYMOND A. BRUNI, CHAIRMAN



LAURA LLANES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR