

Housing Authority of the City of Laredo

Special Meeting

Board of Commissioners

LHA Conference Room

2000 San Francisco Ave.

Laredo, Texas 78040

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

12:00 p.m.

A-17-S-3

Minutes

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Ceballos called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

Chairman Ceballos thanked the Commissioners, Ms. Ortiz and the Attorneys for making time to have the special meeting with a short notice and mentioned that Commissioner Dr. Rodriguez was going to be out of town the rest of the week and there were other things happening with most of them, so he appreciated everyone for making time.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Chairman Ceballos led them in the recital of the pledge.

3. **ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Commissioners Present

Jose L. Ceballos, Chairman

Dr. Sergio Garza, Vice-Chairman

Anita Guerra, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent

Dr. Marisela, Rodriguez, Commissioner

Staff Present

Melissa Ortiz, Acting/Interim Executive Director

Attorney Ricardo De Anda

Attorney Doug Poneck

Chairman Ceballos mentioned, for the record, that Commissioner Magallanes was stepping down, that she was no longer a tenant of Public Housing as of September 30, 2017 and recommended to give her some kind of recognition at the next regular meeting. He stated that Ms. Magallanes had attended a tremendous amount of meetings, had contributed a lot with Russell Terrace, and although she did not communicate that she was leaving, she had done a great job. Commissioner Ms. Guerra asked about the length of time Commissioner Magallanes had served. Chairman Ceballos responded that it would have been two years in January. Commissioner Ms. Guerra commented that it had been a lot of meetings. Chairman Ceballos stated they had held 23 meetings the first year and did not think Commissioner Magallanes had missed any meeting, so he mentioned he would get with the Mayor in the following two weeks to see if the Mayor would appoint a replacement.

4. **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

This is the opportunity for visitors and guests to address the Board of Commissioners on any issue. The Board may not discuss any presented issue, nor may any action be taken on any issues at the time. There will be a 3-minute limitation per speaker. (Texas Attorney General Opinion-JC-0169)

Chairman Ceballos mentioned that there were no comments.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discussion and possible action related to the Executive Director vacancy and recruitment. This item may be discussed in executive session, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

Chairman Ceballos mentioned they had posted this item in April and in May 31, and received a lot of responses which had been discussed. He stated they went back and published in Texas NAHRO, TML, National NAHRO, PHADA, and mentioned that he would like to get to a conclusion and discuss the item in Executive Session.

Chairman Ceballos moved to go into Executive Session.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

The Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the City of Laredo reserve the right to adjourn into Executive Closed 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, including 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).

Chairman Ceballos called all the Board of Commissioners, Acting/Interim Executive Director Melissa Ortiz, Attorney Ricardo De Anda, and Attorney Doug Poneck to go into Executive Session.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 12:15 p.m.

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 1:45 p.m.

Chairman Ceballos mentioned there was no action taken in Executive Session.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Ceballos moved to adjourn.


Commissioner Ms. Guerra seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.



Jose L. Ceballos, Chairman



Melissa Ortiz, Acting/Interim Executive Director