

**Housing Authority of the City of Laredo**  
Special Board of Commissioners Meeting

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LHA Board Room

2000 San Francisco Ave.

Laredo, Texas 78040

Monday, March 21, 2022

6:15 P.M.

**Board of Commissioners**

Jose L. Ceballos, Board Chairman  
Dr. Sergio D. Garza, Vice-Chairman  
Anita L. Guerra, Commissioner

Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina, Commissioner  
Gloria Ann Freeman, Resident Commissioner

**“The Board of Commissioners will convene for a Board meeting for discussion on the following matters (NOTE: A quorum of the Board will be physically present at this location, but up to two other Commissioners may attend by videoconferencing, as permitted by Tex. Gov’t Code Section 551.127)”**

**A-22-S-1**

**Minutes**

**March 21, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jose L. Ceballos called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

Chairman Ceballos stated that he appreciates the Board and the staff and the Director for being present after Friday’s meeting and asked Commissioner Ms. Freeman to lead them in the invocation prayer as she has been doing it for quite a bit.

**2. INVOCATION PRAYER**

Commissioner Ms. Freeman led them in prayer: “Heavenly Father, today as we meet to do our work, we pray that you protect everyone’s natural disasters; we pray that you protect everyone from political aggression and conflicts throughout the world; we pray that you protect us from COVID-19 as number of cases rise again; we pray for the homeless, the sick and the elderly, that they find relief; we pray for the 132 souls we lost today; we pray for our active duty men and women and our veterans; we pray for all those present here today and their families; we thank you for all the blessings that you bestow on us, in your name we pray, Amen.”

Chairman Ceballos thanked Commissioner Ms. Freeman for the prayer.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Chairman Jose L. Ceballos led them in the recital of the pledge.

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

Chairman Ceballos stated that

**Commissioners Present**

Jose L. Ceballos, Chairman  
Anita L. Guerra, Commissioner  
Dr. Marisela Rodríguez Tijerina, Commissioner  
Gloria Ann Freeman, Resident Commissioner

**Commissioners Absent**

Dr. Sergio D. Garza, Vice-Chairman

**Staff Present**

Mary Gaona, Executive Director  
Jennifer Barrientos, Director of Finance  
Robert Peña, Director of IT  
Jessica Martinez, Interim Public Housing Director  
Melissa Ortiz, Director of Section 8  
Bulmaro Cruz, Director of Construction Projects  
Ricardo De Anda (zoom)

**Others Present**

5. **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 stated that there were no citizens comments.

6. **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF**

There were no disclosures.

7. **ACTION ITEM**

- A. Discussion and possible action to conduct the Executive Director's scheduled annual evaluation, as stipulated in contract agreement. This item may be discussed in Executive Session, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (personnel matters).

**Commissioner Dr. Rodriguez Tijerina moved to go into executive session.  
Chairman Ceballos seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Ceballos mentioned that the Board, the Executive Director and Mr. De Anda will be in executive session.

#### **8. EXECUTIVE 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 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).

**The Board went into executive session at 6:20 p.m.**

**The Board reconvened from executive session at 7:12 p.m.**

#### **9. ACTION ON ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM**

No action was taken in executive session.

Chairman Ceballos stated that on item 7A. Discussion and possible action to conduct the Executive Director scheduled evaluation, for the record that they took in executive session, there is no action at this time and that any discussion between the Board and the Executive Director related to this has occurred without any further action.

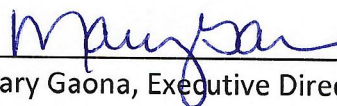
#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chairman Jose L. Ceballos moved to adjourn the meeting.  
Commissioner Ms. Freeman seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.**



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Jose L. Ceballos, Chairman



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Mary Gaona, Executive Director