

Laredo Housing Authority  
Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting

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LHA Board Room

2000 San Francisco Ave.

Laredo, Texas 78040

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

11:30 A.M.

**Board of Commissioners**

Cynthia Mares, Board Chair  
Silvia Madrid, Vice Chair  
Joe E. Aranda, Commissioner

Jose L. Ceballos, 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-23-R-2**

**Agenda**

**April 5, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION PRAYER
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM
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)

6. PRESENTATION BY RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD
7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The Laredo Housing Authority will be opening the 45-day comment period on an amendment to the agencies Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) incorporating the final ruling on the limitation on Public Housing tenancy

for over-income families under the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA).

**8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Approval of Minutes for Regular Board of Commissioners meeting on February 10, 2023.
- B. Approval of Minutes for Special Board of Commissioners meeting on February 22, 2023.

**9. STANDING REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS (No Action to be taken on these items)**

- A. Executive Directors Report to include status of grant programs and ongoing construction projects.
- B. Unaudited Financials for the month of February 2023.

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

All of the following items may be acted upon by one motion. No separate discussion or action on any of the items is necessary unless desired by a Commissioner.

- A. Consideration to authorize out of town travel of staff for the Housing Agency Procurement Assistance Procurement and Contract Management Seminar in San Antonio, Texas on May 16-18, 2023.
- B. Consideration to authorize out of town travel of staff for the Texas NAHRO Annual Conference in Corpus Christi, Texas on April 11-13, 2023.

**11. ACTION ITEM**

- A. Presentation and possible action related to an agreement with Brownstone on the proposed development of Hillside Crossing Apartments. This item may be discussed in Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071, consultation with attorney.
- B. Discussion and possible action to evaluate the existing telephone communications system with a recommendation by the Information Technology Department to enhance on the existing network in place. (Sponsored by Commissioner Joe E. Aranda and Co-sponsored by Vice Chair Silvia E. Madrid)
- C. Presentation by Management on the status of all the existing vacancies with possible action to proceed and fill all necessary positions as allotted in the approved operating budgets for purposes of facilitating the operations of the Laredo Housing Authority in the best interest of the public's needs



and requests and the needs of existing tenants.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Joe E. Aranda and Co-sponsored by Vice Chair Silvia E. Madrid)

- D. Discussion and possible action to approve the writing-off of non-collectable amounts for vacated Public Housing, Russell Terrace, Meadow Elderly and Farm Labor units from October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023, as recommended by staff.
- E. Discussion and possible action to renew the Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance, effective June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024 as recommended by staff.
- F. Discussion and possible action to approve the Capital Fund Program Amendment to the Consolidated Annual Contributions Contract for calendar year 2023 and adopt Resolution No. 23-R-05.
- G. Discussion and possible action to award RFP No. 2023-0130-2 Integrated Pest Management & On-Call Services to JD's Pest Control in the amount of \$25,430.00 and authorize the Executive Director to finalize negotiations and contract with selected firm.
- H. Discussion and possible action to award RFP No. 2023-0130-1 Landscaping & Ground Maintenance to Airstream Professional Misting Systems in the amount of \$258,840.00 and authorize the Executive Director to finalize negotiations and contract with selected firm.
- I. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Executive Director to extend the contract with Slay Architecture for an additional year, as allowable by Contract No. 2022-0516-1 effective May 16, 2023 through May 15, 2024. This would represent the second year of the contract maximum of five years.
- J. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Executive Director to extend the contract with Redline Architecture for an additional year, as allowable by Contract No. 2022-0516-4, effective May 16, 2023 through May 15, 2024. This would represent the second year of the contract maximum of five years.
- K. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Executive Director to extend the contract with Architects Plus, Inc. for an additional year, as allowable by Contract No. 2022-0516-2, effective May 16, 2023 through May 15, 2024. This would represent the second year of the contract maximum of five years.
- L. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Executive Director to extend the contract with Able City for an additional year, as allowable by Contract

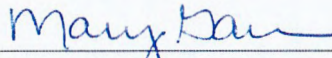
No. 2022-0516-3, effective May 16, 2023 through May 15, 2024. This would represent the second year of the contract maximum of five years.

**12. 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).

**13. ACTION ON ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

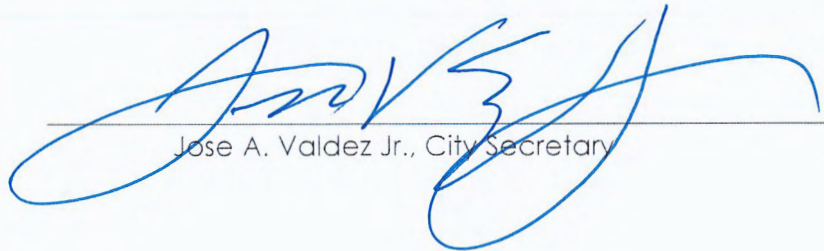


Mary Gaona, Executive Director

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**CERTIFICATION**

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily ADA/accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.



Jose A. Valdez Jr., City Secretary