

Laredo Housing Authority
Special Board of Commissioners Meeting
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LHA Board Room

2000 San Francisco Ave.

Laredo, Texas 78040

Wednesday, October 02, 2024

10:00 A.M.

Board of Commissioners

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

Leo Flores, 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)

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Minutes

October 02, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

Cynthia Mares, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. INVOCATION PRAYER

Gloria Ann Freeman, Resident Commissioner, led us in prayer.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Leo Flores, Commissioner, led us in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Mrs. Gaona proceeded with the roll call and a declaration of quorum was made by Cynthia Mares, Board Chair.

Commissioner Present

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

Staff Present

Mary Gaona, Executive Director
Gustavo Rojo-Buendia, Assistant Executive Director
Jennifer Barrientos, Director of Finance
Bulmaro Cruz, Director of Construction
Roberto Pena, Director of IT
Raquel Aguilar, Director of Housing Management
Melissa Ortiz, Director of HCV
Christy Ramos, Human Resource Manager
Alejandro Jimenez, Assistant Director of IT
Juan Cruz, Attorney

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)

Cynthia Mares, Board Chair, stated that there were no disclosures.

6. 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 discussion took place and Leo Flores, Commissioner, moved to approve all the following items under the consent agenda.

- A. Consideration to authorize the renewal of the Commercial Property and Commercial Liability Insurance for the Housing Authority of the City of Laredo effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.
- B. Consideration to authorize a travel request of staff to the Texas Nahro Maintenance Conference in South Padre, Texas on October 16-18, 2024.

Gloria Ann Freeman, Resident Commissioner, seconded the motion; motion carried.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion related to the Executive Director vacancy. This item will be discussed in the executive session, pursuant to section 551.071 Tex. Gov't Code (consultation with attorneys) and 551.074 Tex. Gov't Code (personnel matters).

Leo Flores, Commissioner, moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to section 551.071 (consultation with attorneys) and 551.074 (personnel matters).

Gloria Ann Freeman, Resident Commissioner, seconded the motion; motion carried.

Board of Commissioners entered Executive Session at 10:05 a.m.

Board of Commissioners returned from Executive Session at 11:25 a.m.

8. OPEN SESSION

- A. Discussion/Action to Select Candidates to Be Interviewed for the Executive Director Vacancy and Matters Related Thereto.

Joe E. Aranda, Commissioner, moved to interview the following candidates #1, #4, #6, #10, & #11 and to start interviews on October 16, 2024 at. Discussion took place. Sylvia Madrid, Vice Chair, seconded the motion; motion failed.

Leo Flores, Commissioner, moved to interview fewer candidates and would only like to interview candidates #1, #6, #10, & #11. Discussion took place. Gloria Ann Freeman, Resident Commissioner, seconded the motion; motion carried.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

The Board of Commissioners for 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, 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).

No action was taken during Executive Session.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Joe E. Aranda, Commissioner, moved to adjourn the meeting. Gloria Ann Freeman, Resident Commissioner, seconded the motion; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.



Cynthia Mares, Board Chair



Mary Gaona, Executive Director