Laredo Housing Authority
Special Board of Commissioners Meeting
LHA Board Room
2000 San Francisco Ave.
Laredo, Texas 78040
Wednesday, October 16, 2024
9:30 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.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Cynthia Mares, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9.30 a.m.

2. INVOCATION PRAYER

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Joe E. Aranda, 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 Gloria Ann Freeman, Resident Commissioner

Staff Present

Maria Gaona, Executive Director Gustavo Rojo-Buendia, Assistant Executive Director Jennifer Barrientos, Director of Finance Bulmaro Cruz, Director of Construction Robert Pena, Director of IT Raquel Aguilar, Director of Housing Management Christy Ramos, Human Resource Manager Alejandro Jimenez, Assistant Director of IT

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.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion related to the Executive Director search, recruitment, and employment. Candidate interviews are to be conducted. This item will be discussed in executive session, pursuant to section 551.071 Tex. Gov't Code (consultation with attorneys) and 551.074 Tex. Gov't Code (personnel matters).

Joe E. Aranda, Commissioner, moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to sections 551.071 (consultation with attorneys) and 551.074 (personnel matters). Gloria Ann Freeman, Resident Commissioner, seconded the motion; motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners entered Executive Session at 9:34 a.m.

8. OPEN SESSION

A. Discussion/Action: Name finalist for Executive Director position and authorize legal counsel and board chair to negotiate contract with finalist with final approval of contract and naming of new Executive Director to be approved by the board.

The Board of Commissioners returned from Executive Session at 2:01 p.m.

Cynthia Mares, Board Chair, made a motion to name Jennifer Barrientos as the finalist for the Executive Director position and to authorize legal counsel and Board Chair to negotiate a contract to be brought back to the Board for final approval. Gloria Ann Freeman, Resident Commissioner, seconded the motion; motion carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Cynthia Mares, Board Chair, moved to adjourn the meeting. Gloria Ann Freeman, Commissioner, seconded the motion; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Cynthia Mares, Board Chair

Mary Gaond, Executive Director