

Laredo Housing Development Corporation
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
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LHA Board Room
2000 San Francisco Ave.
Laredo, Texas 78040
Thursday, February 22, 2024
11:30 A.M.

Board of Directors

Cynthia Mares, President
Silvia Madrid, Vice President
Joe E. Aranda, Director

Leo Flores, Director
Gloria Ann Freeman, Director

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-24-R-1

Minutes

February 22, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Cynthia Mares called the meeting to order at 12:49 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Directors Present

Cynthia Mares, President
Silvia Madrid, Vice President
Joe E. Aranda, Director
Leo Flores, Director
Gloria Ann Freeman, Director

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Joe E. Aranda, Director, moved to approve and keep our current President, Cynthia Mares, and our current Vice President, Silvia Madrid. Gloria Ann Freeman, Director, seconded the motion; motion carried.

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)

Cynthia Mares, President, stated that there were no comments.

5. PRESENTATION BY GARZA/GONZALEZ & ASSOCIATES (No action to be taken)

As presented in the Laredo Housing Authority Regular Board Meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gloria Ann Freeman, Director, moved to approve all the following items 6A, 7A, 8A, 8B, and 8C as discussed in our Laredo Housing Authority Regular Board Meeting.

A. Approval of Minutes for Board of Directors meeting on February 22, 2023.

7. 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 the Executive Director to extend the contract with JD's Pest Control for an additional year, as allowable by Contract 2023-0412-2, effective April 12, 2024 through April 11, 2025. This represents the second year of the contract maximum of five years.

8. ACTION ITEM

A. Discussion and possible action to accept into public record the audited financial statements for fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

B. Discussion and possible action to award RFQ No. 2023-1211-1 Annual Audit Services and authorize the Executive Director to finalize negotiations and contract with selected firm.

C. Discussion and possible action to approve the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2025, for the Laredo Housing Authority and adopt Resolution No. 24-R-04.

Leo Flores, Director, 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 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).

10. ACTION ON ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:51p.m.



Cynthia Mares, President



Mary Gaona, Executive Director