Housing Authority of the City of Laredo Board of Commissioners Workshop https://us06web.zoom.us/u/kgD6APwOB

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### **Board of Commissioners**

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

The Board of Commissioners will convene for a Board meeting to discuss the following matters.

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Minutes

June 3, 2025

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Cynthia Mares, Board Chair, called meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

### 2. INVOCATION PRAYER

Ms. Cynthia Mares, Board Chair, led in prayer.

# 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Joe E. Aranda, Commissioner, led Pledge of Allegiance

# 4. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Jennifer Barrientos, Executive Director, proceeded with the roll call, and Ms. Cynthia Mares, Board Chair, declared a quorum.

<u>Directors Present</u> Cynthia Mares, President Silvia Madrid, Vice President Leo Flores, Director

Mr. Leo Flores, Commissioner moved to excuse Mr. Joe E. Aranda, Commissioner, and Ms. Myrna P. Flores, Resident Commissioner, from the meeting. Mrs. Sylvia Madrid, Vice Chair, seconded the motion; motion carried.

# 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)

No citizens comments.

# 6. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Overview of the Laredo Housing Authority Presentation by Executive Director
  - History and mission of Housing Authority
  - Organizational structure and key personnel
  - Relationship with the City of Laredo and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Ms. Jennifer Barrientos, Executive Director, presented Item 6A with an overview of the Laredo Housing Authority. Discussion took place.

- **B.** Legal and Ethical Responsibilities of Municipal Housing Authorities Presentation by JCA Law, PLLC
  - Roles and responsibilities of Commissioners
  - Conflicts of Interest and ethics policies
- **C.** Governance and Board Operations Presentation Presentation by Chair & JCA Law, PLLC
  - Structure and duties of Board of Commissioners
  - Commissioner's Proposed Operating Procedures
  - Texas Open Meetings Act Update

Mr. Juan Cruz and Mr. Joe Benavides, JCA Law, presented Item 6B Legal and Ethical Responsibilities of Municipal Housing Authorities and Item 6C Governance and Board Operations. Discussion took place.

### 7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Leo Flores, Commissioner, moved to adjourn meeting. Mrs. Sylvia Madrid, Vice Chair, seconded the motion; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Cynthia Mares, Board Chair

Jennifer Barrientos, Executive Director