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LHA Board Room

2000 San Francisco Avenue

Laredo, Texas 78040

Thursday, October 16, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Board of Directors

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

Leo Flores, Director
Myrna P. Flores, Director

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

M-25-R-5

Minutes

October 16, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Cynthia Mares, President, called the meeting to order at 12:57 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

Directors Present

Cynthia Mares, President

Joe E. Aranda, Director

Leo Flores, Director

Mr. Joe E. Aranda, Director, moved to excuse Ms. Myrna P. Flores, Director, and Mrs. Sylvia Madrid, Vice President, from being present. Mr. Leo Flores, Director, seconded the motion; motion carried.

Staff Present

Jennifer Barrientos, Executive Director

Gustavo Rojo-Buendia, Assistant Executive Director

Bulmaro Cruz, Director of Community Development

Valeria De Leon, Procurement Officer

Melissa Ortiz, Director for HCV Programs

Raquel Aguilar, Director for Public Housing

Orlando Guerrero, Director of Finance

Robert Pena, Director of IT

Ana I. Martinez, Administrative Assistant

3. 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.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes for the Board of Directors meeting on September 23, 2025.

Mr. Joe E. Aranda, Director, moved for approval of minutes for the Board of Directors' meeting on September 23, 2025. Mr. Leo Flores, Director, seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. 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 approve the writing-off of non-collectible accounts for vacated units in Public Housing, Russell Terrace, Meadow Elderly, Aldo Tatangelo, and Los Balcones Apartments from April 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025, as recommended by staff.
- B. Consideration to authorize the Executive Director to extend the contract with Roger's Cabello Towing & Storage Co. for an additional year, as allowable by Contract No. 2024-1101-1, Towing Services, effective November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026. This would represent the second year of the contract maximum of five years.
- C. Consideration to authorize the Executive Director to extend the contract with Praetorian Security & Investigations, LLC. for an additional year, as allowable by Contract No. 2023-1027-1, Unarmed Security Services, effective October 28, 2025 through October 27, 2026. This would represent the third year of the contract maximum of five years.
- D. Consideration to approve the updated Housing Authority of the City of Laredo Procurement Policy and adopt Resolution No. 25-R-12 effective January 1, 2026, as recommended by staff.
- E. Consideration to approve the updated Housing Authority of the City of Laredo Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act Policy (VAWA) and adopt Resolution No. 25-R-14 effective January 1, 2026, as recommended by staff.
- F. Consideration to approve the updated Housing Authority of the City of Laredo Emergency Transfer Plan for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking (VAWA) and adopt Resolution No. 25-R-15 effective January 1, 2026, as recommended by staff.
- G. Consideration to approve the updated Housing Authority of the City of Laredo Assistance and Service Animal Policy and adopt Resolution No. 25-R-16 effective January 1, 2026, as recommended by staff.
- H. Consideration to approve the updated Housing Authority of the City of Laredo Pest Eradication Policy and adopt Resolution No. 25-R-17 effective January 1, 2026, as recommended by staff.
- I. Consideration to approve the updated Housing Authority of the City of Laredo Maintenance Plan and adopt Resolution No. 25-R-18 effective January 1, 2026, as recommended by staff.

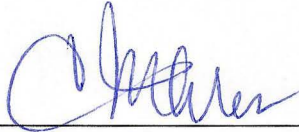
J. Consideration to approve the updated Housing Authority of the City of Laredo Pet Ownership Policy and adopt Resolution No. 25-R-19 effective January 1, 2026, as recommended by staff.

Mr. Leo Flores, Director, moved to approve items 5A through 5J, with the same stipulation for item 5C for amendment to contract, as previously discussed in the LHA Regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Mr. Joe E. Aranda, Director, seconded the motion, motion passed.

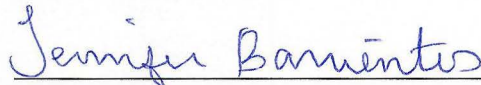
6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Joe E. Aranda, Director, moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Leo Flores, Director, seconded the motion; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.



Cynthia Mares, President



Jennifer Barrientos, Executive Director