

MINUTES



SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HIDALGO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
4405 South Professional Drive
Edinburg, Texas

December 9, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard A. Garza, Chairman
Albert Cardenas, Vice-Chairman
Eddy Betancourt, Member
Joe D. Olivarez, Member
Pablo "Paul" Villarreal, Jr. Non-Voting Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Amador Requenez, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Rolando Garza, RPA, Chief Appraiser
Janie Espinoza, Executive Secretary
Lydia Elizondo, Finance/Personnel Director
Richard S. Talbert, HCAD Legal Counsel

ITEM 1 DECLARATION OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER - Mr. Richard A. Garza, Chairman of the Board determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. For the record, Mr. Amador Requenez, Secretary of the Board was absent.

ITEM 2. REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 18, 2020- Mr. Eddy Betancourt, Member of the Board made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 18, 2020. Mr. Albert Cardenas, Vice-Chairman of the Board seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON APPRAISAL DISTRICT AND APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES- There were no taxpayers present for public comments.

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AMENDING THE 2020 BUDGET- Mr. Garza informed the Board as per the Texas Property Tax Code, all entities had been notified of the amended budget thirty days prior to the meeting and he had not received any calls on the 2020 amended budget. Mr. Garza continued to say the reason for amending the 2020 Budget was to transfer funds to overspent line items, such as postage, software maintenance and the safety program due to the COVID-19, but the overall budget had not changed. Mr. Garza added he was requesting for board approval to the 2020 amended budget.

A motion was then made by Mr. Eddy Betancourt and seconded by Mr. Albert Cardenas to approve the 2020 Amended Budget as submitted by the Chief Appraiser. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered into Executive Session at 3:13 p.m. to discuss Item 5a, Evaluation of Performance, Salary and Benefit of HCAD Chief Appraiser.

ITEM 5. PERSONNEL MATTERS-EXECUTIVE SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 551.074 OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE - No action was taken.

5a. Evaluation of performance, salary and benefits of HCAD Chief Appraiser. No action was taken.

ITEM 6. PENDING LITIGATION-EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACTS - No action was taken.

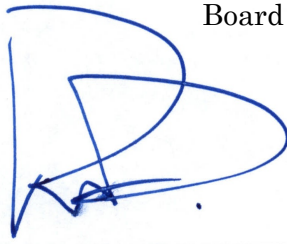
The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 3:25 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

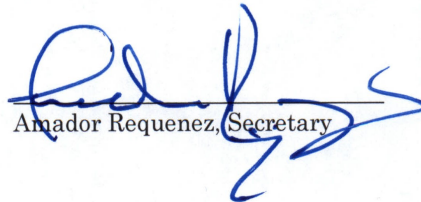
ITEM 7. POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS - A motion was made by Mr. Albert Cardenas, Vice-Chairman the Board to increase the salary of the HCAD's Chief Appraiser by 5% effective January 2021. Mr. Eddy Betancourt, Member of the Board, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business before the Board, meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Board minutes approved this 20th day of **January**, 2021.



Richard A. Garza, Chairman



Amador Requenez, Secretary