

**HIDALGO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES**

**February 16, 2021
9:00 a.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kellie Flores, Chairman
Joe Barrera, Vice-Chairman
Rosa Ybarra, Secretary
Eloy Barrientes, Member
Annette Valadez, Member
John Flores, Member
Erica Perez- Auxiliary Member
Oscar Cuellar- Auxiliary Member
Ramona Barron- Auxiliary Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Graciela Farias, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rolando Garza, Chief Appraiser
Jorge Gonzalez, Assistant Chief Appraiser

NOTICE had been posted that on the above date and time, the Appraisal Review Board of Hidalgo County Appraisal District, hereinafter referred to as ARB, would hold a meeting at 4405 S Professional Dr., Edinburg, Texas to consider protests filed for 2020 and prior years, and motions from the Chief Appraiser to correct 2020 and prior year records. Following is the record of the proceedings.

ITEM 1. Declaration of Quorum and Call to Order- Ms. Kellie Flores, Chairman of the ARB, determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEM 2. Pledge of Allegiance- Ms. Kellie Flores, Chairman of the ARB, asked Mrs. Ramona Barron, Member of the ARB, to lead everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

ITEM 3. Appointment of the 2021 ARB Officers- Mr. Jorge Gonzalez, Assistant Chief Appraiser, informed the ARB of the decision from the Hidalgo County Appraisal District to keep the appointed officers as Ms. Kellie Flores, Chairman, Mr. Joe Barrera, Vice-Chairman, and Ms. Rosa Ybarra, Secretary.

ITEM 4. Review and Consider Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting held January 19, 2021-

A motion was made by Mr. Eloy Barrientes, Member of the ARB, and seconded by Ms. Annette Valadez, Member of the ARB, to approve the minutes held on January 19, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5. Public Comments- No taxpayers were present for public comments

ITEM 6. Discussion on Pending Litigation- No discussion on Pending Litigation

ITEM 7. Consideration and Possible Action to Accept the Appraisal Records for 2020 and Prior Year Omitted Records-

The ARB acknowledged receipt of the appraisal records. A motion was made by Mr. John Flores, Member of the ARB, and seconded by Mrs. Ramona Barron, Member of the ARB, acknowledging receipt of the appraisal records. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 8. Non-Communication with Interested Parties Concerning Property- For the record, all ARB members present signed the affidavit, attesting they had not had any communication with the taxpayers or Chief Appraiser prior to the meeting.

ITEM 9. Hearings for Taxpayers Protests-

(a.) For the record the oath was administered to Michael Lopez and Rema Rojas.

(b.) Hearing for taxpayer's protests - The ARB will hear scheduled protests, motions from property owners/agents on clerical errors, multiple appraisals, non-existent property, one-third over-appraisal errors, joint motions on incorrect appraised values, failure to give notice, affidavits and correspondence from taxpayers. The Chairperson shall Schedule hearings by the board or panels of the Board-
Thirty-nine accounts were scheduled for February 16, 2021. Ms. Kellie Flores, Chairman of the ARB, assigned Panels A, B, & C to conduct protest hearings. Nine accounts were presented to offer evidence in Panel A. Three accounts were presented to offer evidence in Panel B. Seven accounts were presented to offer evidence to Panel D. After all protestors were heard, the Full Board met to ratify all accounts presented. After the review of the accounts for Panel A, a motion was made by Mrs. Ramona Barron, Member of the ARB and seconded by Mr. Oscar Cuellar, Member of the ARB to approve the accounts presented. The motion passed unanimously. After the review of the accounts for Panel B, a motion was made by Ms. Rosa Ybarra, Secretary of the ARB and seconded by Mr. Joe Barrera, Vice-Chairman of the ARB to approve the accounts presented. The motion passed unanimously. After the review of the accounts for Panel C, a motion was made by Mr. John Flores, Member of the ARB and seconded by Mr. Eloy Barrientes, Member of the ARB to approve the accounts presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The hearing proceedings for this section are on file in the ARB Coordinator's office and are available to the Board if they so desire.

ITEM 10. Consideration and Possible Action to Correct the 2020 and Prior Year Records on Recommendation by the Chief Appraiser-

(a.) A motion was made by Mr. Eloy Barrientes, Member of the ARB, and seconded by Mrs. Ramona Barron, Member of the ARB, to accept The appraisal records as submitted by the ARB Coordinator. The motion passed unanimously.

(b.) Batched books which included corrections for ARB approval were presented to the ARB by the Chief Appraiser. After the review, a motion was made by Ms. Rosa Ybarra, Secretary of the ARB, and seconded by Mr. Joe Barrera, Vice-Chairman of the ARB, approving the corrections for prior years appraisal roll. The motion passed unanimously.

(c.) A motion was made by Mr. John Flores, Member of the ARB, and seconded by Ms. Ramona Barron, Member of the ARB, to accept the Appraisal records as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 11. Non-Present Motion-

(a.) A motion was made by Mr. Eloy Barrientes, Member of the ARB, and seconded by Mr. Joe Barrera, Vice-Chairman of the ARB, to accept the recommendation from the Chief Appraiser on protest where the owner/agent provided information resulting in an agreed value. The motion passed unanimously.

(b.) Ms. Rosa Ybarra, Secretary of the ARB, asked if there were any remaining protestors on the list that desired to be heard. There being no taxpayers needing to be heard, Ms. Rosa Ybarra, Secretary of the ARB, made a motion that the ARB accept the recommendation, if any, From the Chief Appraiser on protests where taxpayers did not appear to offer evidence. Additionally, if no recommendation is made by the Chief Appraiser, **NO ACTION** is taken on the remaining protests. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Flores, Member of the ARB, and Passed unanimously.

ITEM 12. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve of 2020 and Prior Year Omitted Records-Section 41.12 PTC- A motion was made by Ms. Ramona Barron, Member of the ARB, and seconded by Ms. Rosa Ybarra, Secretary of the ARB, approving the 2020 and prior year omitted records as presented by the Chief Appraiser.

ITEM 13. Motion to Adjourn: There being no further business before the ARB a motion was made by Mr. Joe Barrera, Vice-Chairman of the ARB, and seconded by Mr. Eloy Barrientes, Member of the ARB, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED THE 16 DAY OF March, 2021.

Kellie Flores

Rosa Ybarra

Chairman, Appraisal Review Board

Secretary, Appraisal Review Board