

EDINBURG HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES CORPORATION
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 28, 2018

1. Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum – ~~Chairman, Dr. Martin Castillo Jr.~~ Chairman, Simon Garza welcomed everyone to the meeting, established there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance (Marissa Chavana) and Invocation (Gabriel Salinas.)

Attendees: Dr. Martin Castillo, Gabriel Salinas, Simon Garza, Marissa Chavana, Juan Guzman
Staff: Rodolfo Ramirez, Liz Hernandez, Richard Christian, Robert Hernandez, Maria Valdez
Attorney: Rebecca Vela
3. Review and Consider Approval of Minutes
 - a. Special Board Meeting of July 27, 2017
The current board members were not present during last meeting.
Motion to approve, 1st motion by Martin Castillo 2nd motion Simon Garza Carried 5-0
4. Election of Officers
Martin Castillo nominated Simon Garza as President.
Motion to approve, 1st motion by Martin Castillo 2nd motion Marissa Chavana Carried 5-0
Simon Garza nominated Marissa Chavana as vice-president.
Motion to approve, 1st motion by Simon Garza 2nd motion Gabriel Salinas Carried 5-0
5. Discuss and Approve component unit approval to submit a request for separate credit card for the component units of agency. Simon Garza inquired on what type of cards EHA is currently using. Richard Christian and Rodolfo Ramirez further explained that EHOC currently has no credit card. Simon Garza motioned to register and open a credit card for EHOC. Martin Castillo mentioned that the board can come back to and further discuss who else can/would be added to the card.
Motion to approve, 1st motion by Marissa Chavana 2nd motion Gabriel Salinas Carried 5-0
6. Discuss, Review and Approve changes to Bylaws.
 - a. Change in regular monthly scheduled meetings
Meetings to be held every 4th Thursday of the month proceeding regular board meeting.
Motion to approve, 1st motion by Gabriel Salinas 2nd motion Marissa Chavana Carried 5-0
7. Executive Session – In accordance with Article 6252-17, Section 2, subsection g, Vernon’s Texas Annotated Civil Statutes, the Open Meeting Act, The Board of Commissioners will publicly announce they will adjourn to an Executive Session to Discuss the following:

Private consultation with the Board’s attorney.

No Action Taken
8. Possible action on posted agenda items discussed in Executive Session
No Action Taken

9. Executive Director's Report

a) Program Events on the calendar

- Ramirez invited the board to participate in the City of Edinburg Night of Lights parade Friday, December 7, 2018.
- Ramirez asked board members if they'd like to assign a committee for the agency's 70th Anniversary. The board decided they would all take part.
- Ramirez announced the groundbreaking took place at Liberty Village on November 27, 2018. There was a plaque made including the names of the board of commissioners and city council members to be placed at Liberty Village. A future date will be determined for the grand opening.

b) Agency Programs update

c) Financial Report

- EHOC tax credit deal will be dissolved by Attorney Rebecca Vela.
- Salinas asked about washer/dryer money, Chavana asked if we could use debit cards instead of coins. Guzman had mentioned to Ramirez previously about the use of debit cards.
- Salinas asked Christian to provide a monthly breakdown and a complete recap from now on for every meeting.

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn, 1st motion by Martin Castillo 2nd motion Gabriel Salinas at 7:32 p.m.

Carried 5-0

/s/ _____
Simon Garza, Chairman

/s/ _____
Marissa Chavana, Vice-Chairman

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