

HOUSING AUTHORITY CITY OF EDINBURG
Special Board Meeting Agenda
Monday, December 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum – Chairman, Dr. Martin Castillo Jr. Chairman, Dr. Martin Castillo Jr. welcomed everyone to the meeting, established there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance (Simon Garza) and Invocation (Marissa Chavana)

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. Approval of Minutes for Special Board Meeting on December 11, 2018
Motion to approve, 1st motion by Simon Garza, 2nd Juan Guzman

Carried 5-0

4. 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

1. Discussion duties, responsibilities and possible action RE:

Rodolfo Ramirez, Executive Director of the Edinburg Housing Authority
Personnel Matters (§552.074 Personnel Matters and §551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting)

Motion to go into executive session, 1st motion by Marissa Chavana, 2nd Simon Garza at 5:05 p.m.

Carried 5-0

5. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Motion to reconvene, 1st motion by Simon Garza, 2nd Juan Guzman at 8:52 p.m.

Carried 5-0

6. Possible action on posted agenda items discussed in Executive Session

Martin Castillo stated the floor is open for anyone to speak. Gabriel Salinas made the following statement:

"I motion for the immediate termination of contract; separation of duties and responsibilities as Executive Director Rodolfo Ramirez from Edinburg Housing Authority. For the Failure to perform required duties and willful violation of federal laws and regulations; specifically proven incompetence and serious repeated failures that have placed the agency and its residents in jeopardy of losing federal funding for housing."

Motion for immediate termination of Rodolfo Ramirez, Executive Director.
Motion to approve, 1st motion by Gabriel Salinas, 2nd Simon Garza

Carried 5-0

Board members stated that Rodolfo Ramirez be removed from all bank accounts.

Martin Castillo motions for the Accounting department, Richard Christian to continue day to day operations.

Motion to approve, 1st motion by Martin Castillo, 2nd Simon Garza

Carried 5-0

Martin Castillo also motions for the board to continue with the in-house investigation from the present and past conducted by Attorney Rebecca Vela.

Motion to approve, 1st motion by Martin Castillo, 2nd Gabriel Salinas

Carried 5-0

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn, 1st motion by Gabriel Salinas, 2nd Simon Garza at 8:57 p.m.

Carried 5-0

/s/ _____
Dr. Martin Castillo, Jr., Chairman

/s/ _____
Gabriel Salinas, Vice-Chairman