

# HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104  
Heber, CA 92249

## MINUTES

**Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**

The District recognizes its obligation to provide equal access to those individuals with disabilities. Please contact the District (760-482-2440) two working days prior to the meeting with any special requests for reasonable accommodation including translation services. **COMUNÍQUESE CON EL DISTRITO SI SOLICITA SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCIÓN SOBRE UN TEMA PARTICULAR DE LA AGENDA. TODAS LAS SOLICITUDES DEBERÁN REALIZARSE POR ESCRITO DOS DÍAS HÁBILES ANTES DE LA JUNTA.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice President Pompeyo Tabarez Jr. Called the Meeting to Order at 6:00pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** All Those Present Included: Vice-President Pompeyo Tabarez Jr., Director Tony Sandoval, Director Delfino Patrick Matus, General Counsel Steve Walker, General Counsel Mitchell Driskill, General Manager Madeline Dessert, Finance Manager Luis Carrazco, Clerk of the Board Jacob Bermudez.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice-President Pompeyo Tabarez Jr. Led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Director Tony Sandoval Motioned to Approve the Agenda. Director Delfino Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / Absentee: President Diaz-Molina
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Kaine Garcia Provided A Public Comment to Extend His Apologies Towards the Board of Directors for His Lack of Attendance to Board Meetings, Acknowledging His Seat Has Been Vacated. Diahna Garcia Provided A Public Comment Voicing Her Opinion That Kaine Garcia Was Being Held to A Different Standard Than the Other Directors. General Counsel Clarified the Seat Was Vacated by Operation of Law.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Director Tony Sandoval Motioned to Approve Item 6.A and 6.B and move item 6.C for Discussion. Director Delfino P. Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: Helen Diaz-Molina
  - A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting on November 18, 2025
  - B. Approval of Current Demands for November 2025
  - C. Adopt the Heber Public Utility District 2026 Calendar: Director Tony Sandoval Motioned to Adopt the Heber Public Utility District 2026 Calendar. Director Delfino P. Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved, AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: President Helen Diaz-Molina
7. **REPORTS:**
  - A. President and Director's Comments
  - B. Operations Report for November 2025 – Reported with no Additions

C. General Manager's Report – Reported with no Additions

D. Grants Update – Reported with no Additions

## **8. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action**

A. Presentation to Outgoing President Helen Diaz-Molina – Held for Future Meeting

B. Nominate and Elect a Board Member to the Office of President – Director Tony Sandoval Motioned to Nominate Pompeyo Tabarez Jr. as President of the Board for the Heber Public Utility District. Director Delfino P. Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: Helen Diaz-Molina

C. Nominate and Elect a Board Member to the Office of Vice-President – President Pompeyo Tabarez Jr. Motioned to Nominate Delfino Patrick Matus as Vice-President for the Heber Public Utility District. Director Tony Sandoval Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: Helen Diaz-Molina

D. Adopt Ordinance Number 2025-21 Prohibiting the Operation of Motorized Vehicles in HPUD Parks and Recreation Facilities. – Director Tony Sandoval Motioned to Approve the Introduced and Waived First Reading of Ordinance Number 2025-21 and Directed Staff to Include Language Which Allows the General Manager and Board of Directors to Approve Temporary Exemptions. Vice-President Delfino Patrick Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: Helen Diaz-Molina.

E. Adopt Resolution Number 2025-22 Requesting the County of Imperial Adopt and Enforce County-Wide Electric Bicycle Safety Measures – Director Tony Sandoval Motioned to Approve Resolution 2025-22 Requesting the County of Imperial Adopt and Enforce County-Wide Electric Bicycle Safety Measures. Vice-President Delfino Patrick Matus Seconded the Motion. AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: Helen Diaz-Molina

F. Adopt Resolution Number 2025-23 Authorizing the General Manager to Sign an Extension of Water Services Agreement with Decon Power – Director Tony Sandoval Motioned to Adopt Resolution 2025-23 Authorizing the General Manager to Sign an Extension of Water Services Agreement with Decon Power. Vice-President Delfino Patrick Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: Helen Diaz-Molina

G. Authorize the General Manager to Sign an Agreement with Decon Power to Provide Water Service – Director Tony Sandoval Motioned to Authorize the General Manager to Sign an Agreement with Decon Power to Provide Water Service. Vice-President Delfino Patrick Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: Helen Diaz-Molina

H. Adopt Resolution Number 2025-24 Amending Policy Number 3040 Expense Authorization – Director Tony Sandoval Motioned to Adopt Resolution 2025-24 Amending Policy Number 3040 Expense Authorization. Vice-President Delfino Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: Helen Diaz-Molina

I. Award Water and Sanitary Sewer Rate Study Services to the Lowest, Responsive and Responsible Bidder, LT Municipal Consultants – Director Sandoval Motioned to Award the Water and Sanitary Sewer Rate Study Service to the Lowest, Responsive and Responsible Bidder, LT Municipal

Consultants. Vice-President Delfino Patrick Matus Seconded the Motion. AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: Helen Diaz-Molina

J. Similarity of Use Item Rehabilitation Facility – Presented with no Additions.

K. Adopt Resolution 2025-25 Special District Representation on Imperial County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) – Director Tony Sandoval Motioned to Adopt Resolution 2025-25 Special District Representation on Imperial County Local Agency Formation Commission and Allow the General Manger to Sign Cost Share Agreement with Small Changes. Vice-President Delfino Patrick Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 3 / NOES:0 / ABSENTEE: Helen Diaz-Molina

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- HPUD Office will be Closed December 25 & 26 for Christmas Break

**10. CLOSED SESSION:** Director Tony Sandoval Motion to enter Closed Session at 6:43pm. Vice-President Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: Helen Diaz-Molina

To ensure privacy during Closed Session, we will observe the following procedures:

- The Board President will enter Closed Session. Members of the public will exit the boardroom.

A. Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d) one matter – General Manager

B. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal Release (Government Code §54957)

No reportable action taken out of closed session. General Manger was given direction to notify the Registrar of Voters' of board vacancy.

The Board Exited Closed Session at 7:23pm

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was Adjourned at 7:24pm