

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104
Heber, CA 92249

MINUTES

Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Pompeyo Tabarez Called the Meeting to Order at 6:00pm
2. **ROLL CALL:** All those Present Included President Pompeyo Tabarez, Vice-President Delfino Matus, Director Tony Sandoval, Director Helen Diaz-Molina, Director Sarah J. Curry, General Counsel Mitchell A. Driskill, General Manager Madeline Dessert, Finance Manager Luis Carrazco, Clerk of the Board Jacob Bermudez.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Tabarez led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. President Tabarez Held a Moment of Silence Recognizing Director Diaz-Molina's Late Father-in-Law, Ignacio "Nacho" Molina who Recently Passed.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Director Sandoval Motioned to Approve the Agenda. Director Sarah J. Curry Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried.
AYES: 5 President Tabarez, Vice-President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry
NOES: -
ABSTAIN: -
ABSENT: -
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - David Salgado Provided a Brief Introduction on his Role with the Imperial County Local Agency Formation Commission (ICLAFCo) and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).
 - Diahna Garcia Stated that she was not Pleased with the Result of the Sidewalk as the Streets were not Repaved.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Director Daiz-Molina Motioned to Approve the Consent Agenda. Director Sandoval Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried.
8. **AYES:** President Tabarez, Vice-President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry
NOES: -
ABSTAIN: -
ABSENT: -

A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting on April 16, 2026

- B. Approval of Current Demands for April 2026
- C. Information Only: CR&R 1st Quarter Report – General Manager
- D. Approve and Authorize Staff to Release the Request for Proposals for Professional Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 – General Manager

9. REPORTS:

- A. President and Director’s Comments
- B. Operations Report for April 2026 –Presented with no Additions
- C. General Manager’s Report – Presented with no Additions
- D. Grants Update – Presented with no Additions

10. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Review and Authorize submission of the updated Service Area Plan to LAFCO for Approval – The Holt Group – Director Sandoval Motioned to Authorize submission of the updated Service Area Plan to LAFCO for Approval. Director Diaz-Molina Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried.
 AYES: 5 President Tabarez, Vice-President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry
 NOES: -
 ABSTAIN: -
 ABSENT: -
- B. Adopt Resolution Number 2026-03 Authorizing the Board President to Sign an Agreement Regarding the Special District Membership in and Funding of the Imperial County Local Agency Formation Commission – General Manager

Public Comments:

- Chuck Jernigan Expressed his Concerns Regarding Special District Representation on LAFCo and the Funding Agreement.
- Diahna Garcia Expressed her Concerns Regarding Special District Representation on LAFCo and the Funding Portion.
- David Salgado Encouraged Staff and Board of Directors to Familiarize Themselves with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg.
- IID Vice-Chairman Hamby Provided some Clarification on the Special District Representation at LAFCO as well as the Funding Agreement.

Director Sandoval Motioned to Adopt Resolution Number 2026-03 Authorizing the Board President to Sign an Agreement Regarding the Special District Membership in and Funding of the Imperial County Local Agency Formation Commission. Director Diaz-Molina Seconded the Motion. Motion Failed.

AYES: Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina
 ANOES: President Tabarez, Vice-President Matus, Director Curry.
 ABSTAIN: -
 ABSENT: -

Direction was Given to Staff to Bring General Manager’s Evaluation back to Closed Session for the June Meeting to Give Direction on Goals Regarding LAFCo Representation.

C. Designate Board Member to Represent Heber Public Utility District at the Independent Special District Selection Committee – General Manager
Direction Given to Staff to Trail Item.

D. Authorize Designee to Sign Written Request for the Imperial County Local Agency Formation Commission (ICLAFCo) to Initiate Proceedings for the Representation of Independent Special Districts on the Commission - General Manager
Direction Given to Staff to Trail Item.

E. Information Only: Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget Review – Finance Manager
Presented with no Additions.

F. Discussion and Possible Action: Recreational Coordinator Position – General Manager – Director Sandoval Motioned to Approve the Recreation Coordinator Position. Director Curry Seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

AYES: President Tabarez, Vice President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

ABSENT: -

G. Authorize Board President to Sign Letter in Support of the County of Imperial FY26 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Application – General Manager
Director Sandoval Motioned to Authorize Board President to Sign Letter in Support of the County of Imperial FY26 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Application. Director Curry Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried.

AYES: President Tabarez, Vice-President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

ABSENT: -

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Children’s Park Splash Pad will open for the summer season Friday, May 22
- The HPUD Office will be Closed on May 25, 2026 for Memorial Day
- Schools Out Cool Down Event, June 5, 2026 at Children’s Park from 5pm to 8pm

12. CLOSED SESSION: Director Sandoval Motioned to Enter Closed Session at 8:17pm. Director Curry Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried.

AYES: President Tabarez, Vice President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

ABSENT: -

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) – General Manager

B. Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(b) – General Manager

The Board of Directors Rejected the Morales Claim. Direction Given to General Counsel to Draft Letter Informing the Claimant.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Director Sandoval Motioned to Adjourn the Meeting at 9:03pm. Director Diaz-Molina Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved.

AYES: President Tabarez, Vice President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

ABSENT: -