

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104
Heber, CA 92249

Minutes

Thursday, September 19, 2024 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 DEBERÁ REALIZARSE POR ESCRITO DOS DÍAS HÁBILES ANTES DE LA JUNTA.**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by President Matus at 6:03pm

ROLL CALL: Those Present at the meeting included: President Delfino Matus, Vice-President Helen Diaz-Molina, Director Pompeyo Tabarez, General Counsel Steve Walker, General Manager Madeline Dessert, Finance Manager Luis Carrasco, Clerk of the Board Jacob Bermudez, Director Kaine Garcia joined virtually.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Matus led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Director Tabarez motioned to approve the agenda. Vice-President Diaz-Molina seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 3 / NOES: 0

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Raquel Carrillo wanted to express her gratitude to the Board for the increase / Bonus that was approved for HPUD. Isabel Solis, President for Los Amigos De La Comunida, Imperial Valley College Board of Trustees, wanted to express her support for all of the upcoming bills regarding Lithium Valley that will benefit the Imperial County.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: Vice-President Diaz-Molina motioned to approve the consent agenda. Director Tabarez seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 4 / NOES: 0

A. Approval of the minutes for the Regular Meeting on August 15, 2024

B. Approval of current Demands for August 2024

5. REPORTS:

A. President and Director's Comments – President Matus expressed his gratitude toward HPUD staff on a great event at the Splash Back to School event. President Matus also is thanked HPUD staff on the beautification of the Little League Baseball Park.

B. Operations Report for August 2024 – Presented with no additions

C. General Manager's Report – Presented with no additions

D. Grants Update – Presented with no additions

E. Fall Fiesta Update – Presented with no additions

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- A. Project Food Box – Adriana Ramirez provided a presentation on Project Food Box and its background. Ramirez also provided information on eligibility and requirements. Ms. Ramirez asked if HPUD could include a small pamphlet in our newsletter or billing notice.

7. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Authorize Board President to Sign a Letter of Support of Senate Bill - 1070 to Governor Newsom – Guillermo Hernandez Director Tabarez motioned to approve the item. Vice-President Diaz-Molina seconded the motion. – **Public Comment:** Isabel Solis, President for los Amigos De La Comunida, Imperial Valley College Board of Trustees expressed her Support of SB -1070.
Motion approved AYES: 4 / NOES: 0
- B. Authorize Board President to Sign a Letter of support of Senate Bill - 583 to Governor Newsom – Guillermo Hernandez - Director Tabarez motioned to approve the item. Vice-President Diaz-Molina seconded the motion. **Public Comment:** Isabel Solis, President for los Amigos De La Comunida, Imperial Valley College Board of Trustees, expressed her Support of SB -583.
Motion approved AYES: 3 / NOES: 1
- C. Authorize Board President to Sign a Letter of support Senate Bill – 1105 to Governor Newsom – Guillermo Hernandez - Director Tabarez motioned to approve the item. Vice-President Diaz-Molina seconded the motion. **Public Comment:** Isabel Solis, President for los Amigos De La Comunida, Imperial Valley College Board of Trustees, expressed her Support of SB -1105.
Motion approved AYES: 4 / NOES: 0
- D. Authorize Board President to Sign a Letter of Support Assembly Bill – 2757 to Governor Newsom – General Manager Director Tabarez motioned to approve the item. Vice-President Diaz-Molina seconded the motion. - **Public Comment:** Isabel Solis, President for los Amigos De La Comunida, Imperial Valley College Board of Trustees expressed her support of AB-2757.
Motion approved AYES: 4 / NOES: 0
- E. Adopt Resolution 2024-09 adopting Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for FY 2024-2025 – Finance Manager- Director Tabarez motioned to approve the item. Vice-President Diaz-Molina seconded the motion.
Motion approved AYES: 4 / NOES: 0
- F. Adopt Resolution 2024-10 adopting reserve guidelines and budget for FY 2024-2025 – General Manager- Vice-President Diaz-Molina motioned to approve the item. Director Tabarez seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 4 / NOES: 0
- G. Authorize and Sign Children’s Park Parking Lot Use Agreement with Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish in El Centro, California, Real Property Support Corporation (“OLVRPSC”) – General Manager- Director Tabarez motioned to approve the item. Vice-President Diaz-Molina seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 4 / NOES: 0
- H. Award the Estancia Park Irrigation Efficiency Project to the Lowest, Responsive and Responsible Bidder, Sun Landscape Inc., Contingent on Final Review and Approval - General Manager - Director Tabarez motioned to approve the item. Vice-President Diaz-Molina seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 4 / NOES: 0

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Children’s Park Splash Pad Ribbon Cutting – September 30, 2024 – Presented with no further comments.

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B. 2024 Fall Fiesta Seeking Vendors, Sponsors, and Volunteers - October 26, 2024 - Presented with no further comments.

9. CLOSED SESSION: Commenced 7:16pm

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)(1))– General Manager

One item was Discussed in closed session; no reportable action was taken; direction was given to staff.

Closed Session ended at 7:21pm

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm

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