



BROWNSVILLE  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD**

TO: Brownsville Public Utilities Board  
FROM: Art Rendon, Chair  
SUBJECT: Notice of a Regular Board Meeting

Date: August 9, 2024

MEETING DATE: August 12, 2024  
MEETING TIME: 5:00 PM  
MEETING LOCATION: BPUB Annex Building  
Board Room  
1425 Robinhood Drive  
Brownsville, Texas 78521

Dial In: 1-408-418-9388  
Access Code: 2483 577 1990 # #

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

**MEETING AGENDA**

- A. Call Open Meeting to Order at 5:00 PM
- B. Confirmation of a Quorum
- C. Pledge of Allegiance for U.S. Flag and Texas Flag & Moment of Silence
- D. Workshop or Public Hearing(s)  
None
- E. Public Comments  
PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED IN WRITING NO LATER THAN ONE (1) HOUR IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING BY SENDING THEM TO [PublicComments@brownsville-pub.com](mailto:PublicComments@brownsville-pub.com). In the body of the email please include date, your name, your address, phone number, agenda item number, if applicable, or subject of discussion, and your comments.

- THERE IS A **THREE (3)-MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER**. THE PRESIDING OFFICER MAY, BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO, ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME TO A SPEAKER.
- THE SPEAKER MUST IDENTIFY BY NAME, ADDRESS, AND ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION (IF ANY) BEFORE SPEAKING.
- QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE BOARD AS A WHOLE, NOT TO INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS, THE CEO, OR MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE.
- IF AN ISSUE ADDRESSED IS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, NO FORMAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

**F. Consent Agenda Items**

1. Approval of Board Minutes:
  - a. May 13, 2024 Regular Meeting
  - b. July 8, 2024 Regular Meeting
2. Presentation and Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2025 Preliminary Proposed O&M Budget—Miguel Perez
3. Presentation and Possible Action on Current Bank Depository Service Agreement with Wells Fargo Bank—Miguel Perez
4. Consideration and Possible Action to Amend the Brownsville Public Utilities Board Personnel Policies and Procedure Policy No. 5 – Appointments—Emilia Guerra
5. Consideration and Possible Action to Amend the Brownsville Public Utilities Board Personnel Policies and Procedure Policy No. 30 – Use of Technology—Emilia Guerra
6. Consideration and Possible Action to Renew Brownsville Public Utilities Board Printing and Mailing Services for Bills and Reminder Notices—Estrella Solorzano
7. Consideration and Possible Action for Bid Award for the Annual Supply of Water and Power Plant Chemicals—Jaime Estrada
8. Consideration and Possible Action to Authorize the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer to Negotiate and Execute Professional Engineering Services Contracts for Substations Design Based on New Economic Opportunities near the Port of Brownsville—Cesar Cortinas
9. Consideration and Possible Action to Reject and Re-Solicit the Construction of Airport Substation and Control Building Project—Eli Alvarez
10. Consideration and Possible Action for Proposal Award for the Implementation of a Capital Improvement Planning and Project Management Software—David Ramirez/Luis Jimenez

**G. Items for Individual Consideration**

1. General Manager's Report
  - a. Board Calendar—Marilyn D. Gilbert
  - b. Industry and BPUB Updates—Marilyn D. Gilbert
  - c. BPUB Receives TPPA System Achievement Award—Marilyn D. Gilbert
  - d. 2024 Internship—Marilyn D. Gilbert
2. Consideration and Action on Items Pulled Out of Consent
3. Staff Reports and Presentations to the Board
  - a. Financial Report—Miguel Perez
  - b. Quarterly Investment Report—Jorge Santillan
  - c. Drought Update—Rene Mariscal
4. Consideration and Possible Action of a Resolution Authorizing Brownsville Public Utilities Board Application Submission to the Texas Department of Agriculture to Solicit State Funding for the Colonia Praxedis Saldivar – Central Estates Wastewater Improvements Project—Marie Leal

5. Consideration and Possible Action for Proposal Award for Vegetation Management Services—  
Eli Alvarez

#### H. Recess to Closed Meeting

RECESS TO CLOSED MEETING to Consider Matters Pursuant to Tex. Government Code Chapter 551, et seq.

At this time the items on the Agenda designated for Closed Meeting will be considered. If there is an approved motion to go into Closed Meeting the listeners will be placed on “hold” until the Board returns to Open Meeting.

1. Meeting with Board’s legal counsel for advice about contemplated and pending court and administrative litigation and on matters in which the duty of the attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct conflicts with Chapter 551 (Sec. 551.071), including but not limited to the following:
  - a. Reports of local and special counsel,
  - b. Discussion and consultation with Board Counsel regarding legal issues pertaining to BTX Fiber Project Installation Repairs,
  - c. Negotiations to extend Facilities to potential customer within the Port of Brownsville,
  - d. Ongoing negotiations related to the potential extension of facilities for SpaceX
2. Presentation, discussion, and possible recommendation of information upon pricing of purchased power, generation, and fuel and their impact upon the Fuel, Purchased Energy, and Marketing Charge (Sec. 551.086).
3. Consideration and possible action on a Natural Gas Transportation Proposal from Texas Gas Service for Deliveries to the Silas Ray Power Plant, and Authorizing the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a definitive contract (Sec. 551.086).

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

#### I. Consideration and Action on Closed Meeting Items

1. Consideration and Possible Action on Items Discussed in Closed Meeting

#### J. Consideration and Action on Future Agenda Items

1. Discussion and/or Requests for Future Agenda Items

#### K. Adjournment

  
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Art Rendon, Chair

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The meeting will be conducted in accordance with Board Resolution No. 2023-0615 (IC5), the “Rules of the Public Utilities Board.” Once the Meeting is convened with a quorum present, the Presiding Officer may change the order of business for purposes of accommodation of the Board members or participants and to permit a more orderly consideration of related agenda items.

The BPUB reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code § 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), § 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), § 551.074 (Personnel Matters), § 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), § 551.086 (Public Utility Competitive Matters), § 551.087 (Economic Development), and § 551.089 (Department of Information Resources).

I certify that a copy of the foregoing agenda of items to be considered by the BPUB was posted on

8/9/24

ATTEST:

  
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Patsie Burton, Recording Secretary