

Art Rendon, Board Chair

Notice of a Regular Board Meeting of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board

MEETING DATE:

January 13, 2025

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: ##2480 878 8334

In accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §551.127, NOTICE is hereby given that a physical quorum, including the presiding officer/member, will be present at the specified meeting location. Some members of the board and/or administration may participate via videoconference.

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

MEETING AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- 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)
- 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. 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. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Board Travel in Accordance with the Statements of Policy for Travel by Members of the Board of Directors of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board Marilyn D. Gilbert
- 2. Consideration and Possible Action for Bid Award for the Supply of Electrical Underground Material Diane Solitaire
- 3. Consideration and Possible Action to Extend the Contract for the Annual Supply of Liquid Aluminum-Based Water Treatment Coagulant Jaime Estrada
- 4. Consideration and Possible Action for Proposal Award to Purchase 15kV Metal-Clad/Metal Enclosed Switchgears for the Ocelot Substation Cesar A. Cortinas
- 5. Consideration and Possible Action for Proposal Award to Purchase 138kV, SF6, Outdoor Circuit Switchers for the Ocelot Substation Cesar A. Cortinas
- 6. Consideration and Possible Action for Bid Award for the Construction of a Control House and Relay Panels for the Ocelot Substation Cesar A. Cortinas
- Consideration and Possible Action for Approval to Purchase One (1) double-sided fullcolor Atlas Outdoor LED Sign to be Constructed at 1724 Ruben M. Torres Boulevard -Ryan Greenfeld
- 8. Consideration and Possible Action for Approval to Purchase Three (3) 60 Foot and One (1) 48 Foot Bucket Trucks Eli Alvarez
- 9. Consideration and Possible Action of a Resolution Amending Designation of Certain Officers as Authorized Signatories to Drafts Drawn on Account of Brownsville Public

Utilities Board at the Wells Fargo Bank - Miguel Perez

10. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Staff Review Committee Rating Chart for Request for Proposal P-073-24, Security Guard Services, and Authorizing the General Manager to Enter Contract Negotiations with the Highest Ranked Vendor, Vets Securing America - Juan Pequeno

G. Items for Individual Consideration

- 1. General Manager's Report
 - a. Board Calendar
 - b. Industry and BPUB Updates Marilyn D. Gilbert
- 2. Consideration and Action on Items Pulled Out of Consent -
- 3. Employee Recognition Presentation Excellence Award and Outstanding Employee of the Year Recipients Jose Amaya
- 4. Staff Reports and Presentations to the Board
 - a. Financial Report Miguel Perez
 - b. General Manager Procurement Authorization Per Board Policy Diane Solitaire
 - c. BPUB System Reliability Indices Javier Martinez, Jr
 - d. 2025 Water Strategy Mark Dombroski
 - e. Drought Update Rene Mariscal
- 5. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation of Status of Request for Qualifications for Financial Advisor Services. Miguel Perez
- 6. Consideration and Possible Approval to Amend the AMI Badger, Inc. Contract for Project Services Extension and CPI Increase Eddy Hernandez

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, including regarding pending litigation involving BPUB, and
- b. Updates on pending discussions with the City of Brownsville on coordination issues post-December 10 joint meeting. Paul Gonzalez
- 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). Miguel Perez
- 3. Presentation and discussion related to "Large Scale Business Development", pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 (Secs. 551.087, 551.086, 551.133, and 551.071). Jenica Russell, Danny Marez

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

- I. Consideration and Action on Closed Meeting Items
- J. Consideration and Action on Future Agenda Items
 - 1. Discussion and/or Requests for Future Agenda Items -

K. Adjournment

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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 $\frac{1/13/25}{4}$ agenda of items to be considered by the BPUB was posted on $\frac{1/10/25}{4}$ ATTEST:

Nama X. Sanchez, Recording Secretary

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