



**BROWNSVILLE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD**

Art Rendon, Board Chair

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

MEETING DATE: **May 12, 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: 2490 090 5894 # #**

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.

Members of the public may listen to the meeting as it is being held by dialing one of the numbers listed below (same access code above). Because of technology limitations, only a limited number of callers will be allowed to call in, however, a recording of the meeting will be made available to the public after the meeting on BPUB's website: <https://www.brownsville-pub.com/events/board-of-directors-meeting-5-2025-05-12/>

**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](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 Minutes of Joint Workshop of the City of Brownsville and Brownsville Public Utilities Board on February 11, 2025 -
2. 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
3. Consideration and Possible Action for Bid Award for the Ocelot Substation Site Grading - Cesar A. Cortinas
4. Consideration and Possible Action to Reject and Re-Bid the Ocelot Substation Perimeter Security Fencing - Cesar A. Cortinas
5. Consideration and Possible Action on the Audit Committee Charter - Melida R. Pinales -
6. Consideration and Possible Action for Bid Award for the Supply of Electrical Underground Material - Diane Solitaire
7. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Professional Engineering Services Contract with Freese Nichols for the BPUB Robindale Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Screen Retrofit Project - Marie Leal
8. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Award for Wooden Pole Restoration and Strength Upgrade Services - Eli Alvarez
9. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Rental of Portable Diesel Generators for Hurricane Preparedness and for Year-Round Back-Up Power for Water Plants No. 1 and No. 2 - Eli Alvarez

10. Consideration and Possible Action to approve the request to extend the Groundline Treatment and Pole Inspection Services Contract for a Third and Final Year - Eli Alvarez

**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. Staff Reports and Presentations to the Board -
  - a. Financial Report - Miguel Perez
  - b. Year-To-Date Capital Improvement Plan Activity as of March 31, 2025 - Jorge Santillan, David Ramirez
  - c. Brownsville Public Utilities Board Quarterly Investment Report for quarter ended March 31, 2025, Pursuant to Chapter 2256.023 of the Public Funds Investment Act. - Mirian Camacho
  - d. Brownsville Public Utilities Board Utility Assistance Programs - George Rangel
  - e. Drought Update - Jaime Flores
4. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Reimbursement to the City of Brownsville for Utility Improvements for CIP-2022-005 Wildrose Lane Reconstruction of Street Paving and Drainage Improvements for CIP #3 - Marie Leal

**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 potential and pending litigation involving BPUB;
  - b. Consultation with legal counsel regarding Cause No. 2021-DCL-05687; Gamez, et. al., vs. BPUB, in the 103rd District Court, Cameron County, Tx;

- c. Updates on pending discussions with City of Brownsville, including MOU and BTX/Lit strikes;
  - d. Updates on contract negotiations related to large scale business development; and
  - e. Exposure to effects of tariffs. - Paul Gonzalez, Juan Pequeno
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

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

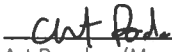
**I. Consideration and Action on Closed Meeting Items**

- 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 -

**Adjournment**

  
Art Rendon (May 9, 2025 12:36 CDT)

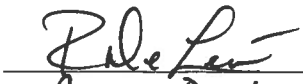
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The meeting will be conducted in accordance with Board Resolution No. 2023-0615 (IC5), the "Rules of the Public Utilities Board." Once the Meeting is convened with a quorum present, the Presiding Officer may change the order of business for purposes 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 5/9/25.

ATTEST:

  
Rosie De Leon, Recording Secretary

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