

CITY OF HARLINGEN WATERWORKS SYSTEM
Special Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 5:00 P.M.

The Special Board Meeting of the Utility Board of Trustees was conducted on the 16th day of April 2025 at 5:00 P.M. in the Harlingen Waterworks System's Board Room located on the second floor at 121 East Harrison Avenue, in the City of Harlingen, Texas.

City Commissioners Present: Frank Morales, District 4

Board Members Present: Michael Garza, Chairman
Michael Murphy, Vice Chairman
Scott Alex, Trustee
Wayne Lowry, Trustee
Jessica Gonzalez, Trustee

Staff Present: Gene McCullough, System Attorney
Roy Rodriguez, Administrative Consultant
Cassandra Mata, HR Manager
Jose L. Rodriguez, IT Director

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: OPEN MEETING AND WELCOME

Chairman Michael Garza called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. and asked if the agenda had been posted in accordance with the law; Nilda Sanchez confirmed it had.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED BY INVOCATION

Mr. Garza commenced the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and honoring our country with the Pledge of Allegiance. Wayne Lowry followed with a prayer.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mr. Garza read the conflict-of-interest disclosure and asked the Board if anyone had any known conflicts of interest for this Board Meeting. None of the trustees reported a conflict of interest.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: COMMUNICATION /INPUT FROM CUSTOMERS AND RESIDENTS OF HARLINGEN

Desi Martinez, a resident of Harlingen, TX, voiced his opinion regarding the construction of an additional sewer plant. He suggested that in-house construction might be a more cost-effective option for everyone involved. Martinez recommended pursuing grant opportunities available to economically disadvantaged areas such as Harlingen.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: RESOLUTIONS:

- a) **R2425-40: Consideration and possible action item from the Board to hire Roel Rodriguez as Interim General Manager for the Harlingen Waterworks System.**

Wayne Lowry made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a contract for Mr. Rodriguez.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – the Board entered into Executive Session under Tex.Gov't Code §551.07 to discuss the position and contract of Interim General Manager with Roel Rodriguez.

A motion to enter Executive Session was made.

Motion: Lowry Seconded: Murphy

Motion to Approve: 5 Yeas 0 Nays

Entered Executive Session at: 5:06 P.M.

Exited Executive Session at: 5:40 P.M.

Action Taken: A unanimous decision to offer Roel Rodriguez a 6-month contract and month to month after 6 months as Interim General Manager was made.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: ADJOURN


There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Garza, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 P.M.

Motion: Lowry

Second: Gonzalez

Motion to approve was carried by a vote of the Board (5-0).

Attest: _____


Nilda Sanchez, Board Secretary