

**CITY OF HARLINGEN WATERWORKS SYSTEM**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2026**

The Regular Board Meeting of the Utility Board of Trustees was conducted on the 18th day of February 2026 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.

Board Members' Present:      Michael Garza, Chairman  
   Scott Alex, Trustee  
   Steven Ritter, Trustee  
   Wayne Lowry, Trustee

Staff Present:                      Roy Rodriguez, Interim General Manager  
   Gene McCullough, System Attorney  
   Ron De La Garza, Director of Finances  
   Florita J. Rodriguez, Customer Service Director  
   Michael Chamberlain, Purchasing Manager  
   Jose L. Rodriguez, Director of Information Technology  
   Gabriel Trevino, Utility Engineer  
   Mario A. Gonzalez, Water Services Director

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: OPEN MEETING AND WELCOME**

Chairman Michael Garza called the meeting to order at 5:03 P.M. and inquired if the agenda had been posted in compliance with the law, which Alexandra Torres confirmed it had.

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

Michael 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**

Michael 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**

None.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

With no corrections requested, a motion to approve the Board Minutes for the Special Board Meeting of January 27, 2026, and the Regular Board meeting of January 28, 2026, was made.

Motion: Scott Allex  
Second: Wayne Lowry

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

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**a) Presentation of Delinquent Accounts in excess of \$500.**

Florita Rodriguez presented the delinquent accounts that were still pending. Discussion by the Board ensued.

**b) Presentation regarding Bass Blvd./Arroyo St. Water Line**

Gabriel Trevino informed the Board of a recent surge in interest within the South Bass Water area. He explained that the existing 2-inch water line serving the area may exceed TCEQ limits on the allowable number of connections. Gabriel outlined the associated concerns and presented four potential options for consideration. The Board discussed the matter and requested that additional information be brought back for review at a future meeting.

**c) Presentation on proposed meter manifold policy**

Gabriel Trevino presented a new policy proposal concerning Meter Manifolds. The Engineering Department has encountered recurring issue with multi-family developments frequently switching between master meter configurations and individual unit metering. Gabriel outlined the issue and proposed three potential alternatives. After discussion, the Board requested that additional information be provided for further review at a future meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: FINANCIALS**

**a) Monthly Financial Report for month ending January 31, 2026.**

Ron De La Garza reported there were no financial reports to be presented at this time.

**b) Quarterly Investment Report Ending December 31, 2025.**

Ron De La Garza gave an overview of the Quarterly Reports ending December 31, 2025.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: RESOLUTIONS**

*Consent Agenda*

- a) R2526-38: Approving Purchase of Barscreen for Headworks**
- b) R2526-39: Approving Amendment to R2526-18**

A motion was made to approve Resolution No's R2526-38 through R2526-39 by consent agenda.

Motion: Scott Alex  
Second: Steven Ritter

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

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- c) R2526-31: Awarding Distribution Flush Water Agreement with Gulf Coast Contractors (tabled on 1/28/2026)**

Roy Rodriguez recommended this item be moved to be discussed in the executive session.

Motion: Wayne Lowry  
Second: Scott Alex

There was no action taken by Board.

- d) R2526-40: Awarding an Engineering Services Contract for FEMA Generator Project**

Gabriel Trevino informed the Board that they contacted Hansen Professionals and met with them to discuss the project and all associated requirements. Hansen Professionals confirmed that they can complete the project within the FEMA budget.

A motion was made to approve Resolution No. R2526-40 – approving Services Contract for FEMA Generator Project.

Motion: Wayne Lowry  
Second: Scott Alex

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

**e) R2526-41: Rescinding Resolution R2526-09**

Michael Chamberlain informed the Board that the previously awarded R2526-09 to the lowest bidder must be withdrawn, as the vendor has stepped back from consideration for the purchase of the mobile generators. As a result, Mr. Chamberlain recommended that the Board rescind the approved R2526-09, with the understanding that a new resolution for this purchase (R2526-42) will be presented. Roy Rodriguez recommended requiring companies to submit a bid bond for future projects.

A motion was made to approve Resolution No. 2526-41 awarding Rescinding Resolution R2526-09

Motion: Wayne Lowry  
Second: Steven Ritter

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

**f) R2526-42: Reapproving the Purchase of Mobile Generators for FEMA Generator Project**

Roy Rodriguez informed the board that this resolution is re-approving the purchase of the mobile generators for the FEMA Generator project.

A motion was made to approve Resolution No. R2526-42 - Reapproving the Purchase of Mobile Generators for FEMA Generator Project

Motion: Scott Allex  
Second: Wayne Lowry

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

**g) R2526-43: Awarding a Professional Services Contract for TWDB Lead Service Line Project**

Gabriel Trevino provided an update on the completion of Phase I and presented this resolution to initiate Phase II. Two bids were received and opened, including one from LSPS Solutions, the contractor currently completing Phase I. Awarding the contract to LSPS Solutions offers the advantage of continuity, as they are already familiar with the project and understand our expectations.

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A motion was made to approve Resolution No. R2526-43 – approving Contract for TWDB Lead Service Line Project

Motion: Steven Ritter  
Second: Scott Allex

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

**h) R2526-44: Approving a Cost Sharing Agreement for Morris Rd. Water Line**

Gabriel Trevino presented a project involving a cost-share agreement with Texas Health & Human Services and the Rio Grande Maximum Security Unit. The agreement would allow for the installation of approximately 1,480 linear feet of 16-inch water line, representing roughly 20% of the overall master plan project. Staff recommended approval of the shared agreement with Texas Health & Human Services, which would result in an estimated savings of \$190,657.30 for this project.

A motion was made to approve Resolution No. R2526-44 – awarding a Cost Sharing Agreement for Morris Rd. Water Line

Motion: Steven Ritter  
Second: Wayne Lowry

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

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: MANAGER'S REPORT**

**a) Presentation on ongoing Construction Projects.**

Gabriel Trevino gave the Board Members a status update on the current projects.

**b) Plant Pumpage Report January 2026**

Roy Rodriguez made note that the Plant Pumpage Report could be found in the board packet for review.

**c) Future Agenda Items.**

- Recommendation was made to use Bid Bonds on all future projects.
- General Manger search.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a) **Discussion and Consultation with Attorney concerning Real Property, pursuant to Tex.Gov't code §551.071(2).**

Roy Rodriguez called an Executive Session concerning a proposed Wastewater Contract:

A motion to enter Executive Session was made.

Motion: Allex    Seconded: Lowry .

Motion to Approve: 5 Yeas    0 Nays


Entered Executive Session at: 6:27 P.M.

Exited Executive Session at: 6:48 P.M.

Action Taken: None .

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: ADJOURN**

There being no further business to discuss, Michael Garza adjourned the meeting at 6:49 P.M.

Attest:   
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Alexandra Torres, Board Secretary