

CITY OF HARLINGEN WATERWORKS SYSTEM

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

The Regular Board Meeting of the Utility Board of Trustees was conducted on the 29th day of April 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.

City Commissioners Present: Gabriel Gonzlaez, City Manager
Delia Cavazos-Gamez, District 1
Daniel N. Lopez, District 2
Frank Morales, District 4

Board Members' Present: Michael Garza, Chairman
Michael Murphy, Vice Chairman
Wayne Lowry, Trustee
Steven Ritter, Trustee
Jessica Gonzalez, Trustee

Staff Present: Roy Rodriguez, Interim General Manager
Gene McCullough, System Attorney
Ron De La Garza, Director of Finances
Michael Chamberlain, Purchasing Manager
Jon Hedegard, Director of Wastewater Services
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 5:02 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.

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

Mr. Charles Crockett requested that a tabled resolution be revised to reflect his name, Charles Crockett, instead of Gulf Coast Contractors, and that the corrected resolution be included on next month's Board Meeting agenda for consideration.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With no corrections requested, a motion to approve the Board Minutes for the: Special Joint Meeting of the Harlingen City Commission and Harlingen Waterworks for January 21, 2026, and Regular Board Meeting of March 25, 2026, was made.

Special Joint Meeting- January 21, 2026

Motion: Wayne Lowry
Second: Michael Murphy

Motion to approve was carried by a vote of the Board (4-0).

Regular Board Meeting- March 25, 2026

Motion: Jessica Gonzalez
Second: Michael Murphy

Motion to approve was carried by a vote of the Board (4-0).

**** Out of Sequence****

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: RESOLUTIONS

Consent Agenda

- a) R2526-56:** Approving Purchase of Fleet Vehicles
- b) R2526-57:** Approving Sole Source Purchase of Collection System Raw Waste Debris

A motion was made to approve Resolution No. R2526-56 and R2526-57 under consent agenda.

Motion: Wayne Lowry
Second: Jessica Gonzalez

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

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- c) R2526-58** Authorizing Texas Water Development Board Funding Application Filing and Appointment of Authorized Representative.

Gabriel Trevino informed the Board that Harlingen Waterworks System was invited by the Texas Water Development Board to submit an application for funding through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The application is for a maximum amount of \$70,715,000 to provide construction funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements project, currently under design with Garcia Infrastructure Consultants; the Little Creek Interceptor System Capacity Improvements project, currently under design with Halff Associates; and Lift Station No. 9 Improvements and Force Main, currently under design with Hanson Professionals. Board discussion followed.

A motion was made to approve Resolution No. R2526-58 Authorizing Texas Water Development Board Funding Application Filing and Appointment of Authorized Representative.

Motion: Jessica Gonzalez
Second: Michael Murphy

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

- d) R2526-59** Approving Finance Policy Manual.

Ron De La Garza requested that this resolution be tabled for a future meeting.

A motion was made to table Resolution No. R2526-59.

Motion: Steven Ritter
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.**

Ron De La Garza presented the delinquent accounts that were still pending. Discussion by the Board ensued.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: FINANCIALS

a) Monthly Financial Report for Month ending March 31, 2026.

Ron De La Garza gave an overview of the financial reports ending March 31, 2026. Discussion by the Board ensued.

b) Quarterly Investment Report Ending March 31, 2026

Ron De La Garza discussed information in the Quarterly Investment Report, quarter ending March 31, 2026. Discussion by the Board ensued.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: MANAGER'S REPORTS

a) Presentation on ongoing Construction Projects.

Gabriel Trevino reported several Capital Improvement Project updates.

b) Plant Pumpage Report March 2026.

c) Plant Treatment Report March 2026.

d) Future Agenda Items.

Roy Rodriguez provided the Board with updates and upcoming deadlines regarding the General Manager position. Board Member Michael Garza recommended the formation of a hiring committee composed of HWWS, Board and City representatives.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter Executive Session was made.

Motion: Wayne Lowry Seconded: Michael Murphy.

Motion to Approve: 5 Yeas 0 Nays

Entered Executive Session at: 5:53 P.M.

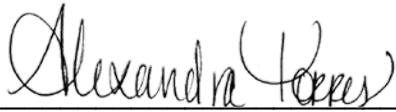
Exited Executive Session at: 6:09 P.M.

Action Taken: No action taken

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Michael Garza called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 P.M

Attest: 
Alexandra Torres, Board Secretary