

**THE PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II
REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES
COMMENCING AT 3:00 PM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019**

Present: Board Member Comm. Dr. Ramiro Caballero
Board Member Comm. Eleazar Guajardo
Board Member Comm. Ricardo Medina
Board Member Reynaldo Perez
Board Member Mario Lizcano
Board Member Efrain Matamoros

Absent Board Member Dr. Ambrosio Hernandez

Staff Present: Victor Perez, Executive Director
Alex Meade, City Manager
Ed Wylie, Asst. City Manager
Karla Moya, Finance Director
Jameson Merrick, Finance Manager
Karina Lopez, BRE Manager
Maribel Garcia, Executive Administrative Assistant

PEDC Attorney: Jaime Muñoz

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXCUSING OF ANY ABSENT BOARD MEMBER

Vice President Mr. Mario Lizcano, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
Roll call established a quorum.

Board Member Commissioner Eleazar Guajardo moved to excuse the absence of Board member Mayor, Dr. Ambrosio Hernandez it was seconded by Board member Reynaldo Perez. Motion Carried unanimously.

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

ITEM 2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No one signed up at this time

ITEM 3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Vice President Mr. Mario Lizcano introduced the item.

Executive Director Victor Perez informs the Board about; PEDC II Events of Interest,

We have a Lunch Break to Educate Workshop on Business Owner Retirement Accounts and Payroll Obligations September 26, 2019 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm Pharr Memorial Library 2nd floor. The Pharr EDC will be hosting a workshop sponsored by New York life and RDZ accounting and Tax Services. All small business and future entrepreneurs are encouraged to attend and learn about payroll obligations for employees, quarterly reports, business owner retirement options, IRA accounts, 401k's and more. This workshop is free to attend, and complimentary lunch will be provided with an RSVP for more information contact us at 402-4332. Also, a reminder about the Truck Expo tis Saturday at the Pharr Events Center from ten to five. Next is our sales tax report as you can see is in your packets, 15% increase in sales tax from last year City of Pharr still continues to be the number one of other Cities. Total increase is 18% compared to last year, very good news and we continue to be the leaders of the tax revenues. The rental and loans updates are in your packets for your review

ITEM 4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 19, 2019 – REGULAR CALLED MEETING AND AUGUST 21, 2019 WORKSHOP.

Board Member Commissioner Eleazar Guajardo moved to approve. It was seconded by Board Member Reynaldo Perez. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 5. REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION:

Executive Director, Victor Perez introduced item A to be presented by Stephanie Mendez from PSJA and also requested no action on Item 5C. Ms. Stephanie Mendez presented to the Board about PSJA ISD Creating Entrepreneurial Infused Opportunities.

Vice President, Mario Lizcano requested to deviate from the agenda and enter into a close session. There was no objection.

ITEM 6. CLOSED SESSION:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CGAPTER 551 TEXAS, GOVERNMENT CODE, VERNON'S TEXAS CODE ANNOTATED (OPEN MEETING ACT), THE PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II BOARD WILL MEET IN EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

Vice President Mario Lizcano stated pursuant to Sections 551.071 thru 551.087 of the Texas Government Code, the PEDC II Board of Directors would be entering a closed session the time being 3:23 p. m

ITEM 7. RECONVENE:

Vice President Mario Lizcano stated that the time being 3:33 p.m. the board will be resuming meeting, into Regular Session, and consider action, if necessary on any item(s) discussed in executive session.

A) PSJA ISD CREATING ENREPRENEURIAL INFUSED OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTATION.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PROJECT FARMER.

Staff recommended approval as discussed in executive session.

Commissioner Eleazar Guajardo moved to approve. It was seconded by Board member Reynaldo Perez. Motion carried unanimously.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PROJECT FOX.

Staff recommended no action as discussed on executive session.

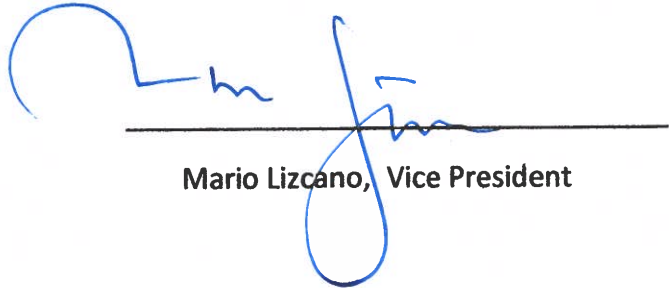
D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON APPROVAL OF THE PEDC II BUDGET FOR 2019 – 2020.

Staff recommended approval as discussed in executive session.

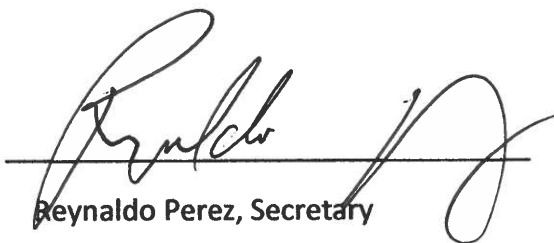
Board Member Commissioner Eleazar Guajardo moved to approve. It was seconded by Board Member Reynaldo Perez. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Eleazar Guajardo moved to adjourn. It was seconded by Board Member Commissioner Ricardo Medina and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.



Mario Lizcano, Vice President

ATTEST 
Reynaldo Perez, Secretary

APPROVED:

October 21, 2019