



The Greater Pharr Chamber of Commerce

NOTICE THAT A REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF THE
GREATER PHARR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE HELD AT
CITY HALL, COMMISSIONERS' ROOM,
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS
COMMENCING AT 12:00 PM ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A) Roll call and possible action on the excusing of any absent member.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

A) Approval of Minutes: May 2, 2023 - Regular Called Meeting.

B) Treasurer's Report of Account Summary - Period ending May 31, 2023.

3. ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A) President's Administrative Report

1. Memberships Report
2. Current Projects and Initiatives
3. Avocado Festival
4. Upcoming Events

4. CLOSED SESSION: *In accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Gov't. Code, the Board hereby gives notice that it may meet in a closed (non-public) executive session to discuss the items listed on the public portion of the meeting agenda in accordance with the following below:*

Pursuant to Section 551.071, the Board may convene in a closed, non-public meeting with its attorney and discuss any matters related to **legal advice on pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer, and/or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.** The City and its attorney may also discuss such issues with the appropriate staff so as to obtain necessary and relevant information so that such discussion is informative and developed.

Pursuant to Section 551.072, the Board may convene in a closed, non-public meeting to discuss any matters related to **real property and deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property as such would be detrimental to negotiations between the City and a third**

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party in an open meeting. The City and its attorney may also discuss such issues with the appropriate staff so as to obtain necessary and relevant information so that such discussion is informative and developed.

Pursuant to Section 551.074, the Board may convene in a closed, non-public meeting to discuss any matters related to **appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties and discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee and to hear any complaints or charges against an officer or employee.** The City and its attorney may also discuss such issues with the appropriate staff including members so as to obtain necessary and relevant information so that such discussion is informative and developed.

Pursuant to Section 551.076, the Board may convene in a closed, non-public meeting to discuss any matters on the **deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices.** The City and its attorney may also discuss such issues with the appropriate staff so as to obtain necessary and relevant information so that such discussion is informative and developed.

Pursuant to Section 551.084, the Board may convene in a closed, non-public meeting to discuss any matters involving an **investigation and may exclude a witness from hearing during the examination of another witness in the investigation.** The City and its attorney may also discuss such issues with the appropriate staff so as to obtain necessary and relevant information so that such discussion is informative and developed.

Pursuant to Section 551.087, the Board may convene in a closed, non-public meeting to discuss any matters regarding **economic development issues.** The City and its attorney may also discuss such issues with the appropriate staff so as to obtain necessary and relevant information so that such discussion is informative and developed.

5. RECONVENE: *into Regular Session and consider action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in closed session.*

6. ADJOURNMENT:

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above notice of said Meeting of the Board of the Greater Pharr Chamber of Commerce was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and on the City's web page at www.pharr-tx.gov. This Notice was posted on the 2nd day of June 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and will remain posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting, in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated (Open Meetings Act).

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, this 2nd day of June 2023




HILDA PEDRAZA, TRMC, CMC
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES
GREATER PHARR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023
118 S. CAGE BLVD, PHARR, TX 78577**

The Greater Pharr Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 12:02 p.m. and the following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mario Lizcano
Sonia Falcon
Alex Rios
Jose Delgado
Ernesto Sepulveda
Alma Caso
Dr. Annabell Palomo
Lisann McAlpine

MEMBERS ABSENT: Laura Warren
Johnny Rodriguez

STAFF PRESENT: Marcela Beas, President/CEO
Eloina Gonzalez, Membership Manager
Erica Martinez, Chamber Specialist

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A) ROLL CALL AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXCUSING OF ANY ABSENT MEMBER

Mario Lizcano, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Board Member Alex Rios **moved** to excuse absent members. Board Member Dr. Annabelle Palomo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 4, 2023 – REGULAR CALLED MEETING

Mario Lizcano, Chairman, introduced the item.

Board Member Sonia Falcon **moved** to approve. Board Member Dr. Annabelle Palomo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) TREASURER'S REPORT OF ACCOUNT SUMMARY PERIOD ENDING ON APRIL 30, 2023

Mario Lizcano, Chairman, introduced the item.

Board Member Sonia Falcon recommended providing a full annual budget report for the following Board meeting.

Board Member Alex Rios **moved** to approve. Board Member Anabel Caso seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 3: ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A) PRESIDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mario Lizcano, Chairman, introduced the item.

1. MEMBERSHIPS REPORTS

Eloina Gonzalez, Membership Manager, stated memberships as of May 2023, were one hundred and twenty-one (121) total active members. Fifteen (15) were new members in the month of May, of that seven (7) were annual renewals.

2. CURRENT PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Chairman, Mario Lizcano, thanked Commissioner Daniel Chavez and Ricardo Medina for being in attendance in support for National Small Business Week.

Marcela Beas, Chamber President, reported ToGive was a non-profit organization and was one of the ten business what were awarded a grant for small businesses. She stated the Pharr Economic Development Corporation would assist in bringing those businesses to join the Chamber as members.

Marcela Beas, Chamber President, further reported National Small Business Week was April 30, 2023 to May 6, 2023 and stated this would be promoted in social media to highlight how to support businesses. At this time, Ms. Beas introduced four businesses that were in attendance to share a little about their business.

Jerry Maddox, owner of Fazoli's, shared how his business overcame the Covid pandemic with the tools and resources the community provided to help his business

become successful. Board Members thanked Mr. Maddox for being a continued supporter and valued member of the Chamber.

Mario Cruz, owner of Edith's Mexican Buffet, shared where his business originated and the driving force behind his successful business. Board Members congratulated Mr. Cruz on his success.

Hugo Rodriguez, owner of Cookieco. Bakery Café, thanked the City of Pharr and the Chamber for their support during the process of opening the family-owned business. Mr. Rodriguez shared how his business came to be and stated he looked forward to being a valued member of the Chamber.

Isaac Quiroga, owner of Elbow's Mac N' Cheese, shared how he started his business and the vision he had on helping the community and other businesses in Pharr. Board Members congratulated Mr. Quiroga on his success.

Lastly, Marcela Beas, Chamber President, thanked the business owners for National Small Business Week and for allowing the Pharr Chamber of Commerce to be a part of their journey. Board Member Alex Rios stated the Greater Pharr Chamber of Commerce was a great resource center to help businesses become successful.

At this time, Chairman Mario Lizcano stated they would go into closed session. There was no objection.

ITEM 4. CLOSED SESSION: IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOV'T. CODE, THE BOARD HEREBY GIVES NOTICE THAT IT MAY MEET IN A CLOSED (NON-PUBLIC) EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING BELOW.

The time being 12:50 p.m., Chairman Lizcano stated the board would be entering into closed session in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Govt. Code to discuss agenda items listed in the public portion of the agenda and Pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.084 and 551.087.

ITEM 5: RECONVENE

The time being 1:55 p.m., Chairman Lizcano stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Board Member, Lisann McAlpine **moved** to adjourn. Board Member Alex Rios seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Mario Lizcano, Chairman

Alex Rios, Vice Chairman

Alma Caso, Secretary