



**Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
11:50 AM
Pueblo Convention Center
320 Central Main Street**

MEETING CALLED BY

Don Banner, Chairman, called the Tuesday, March 10, 2020 Board Meeting to order at 11:55 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Dave Abeyta, Patrick Avalos, Don Banner, Marlene Bregar, Louie Carleo, Dennis Flores, Elizabeth Gallegos, Betty Martinez, Ralph Williams

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Mark Aliff, Meagan Kroeze, Garrison Ortiz, James Valenzuela

STAFF PRESENT

Cherish Deeg, Andrea Delagarza, Tony Acri, Jerry M. Pacheco

GUESTS PRESENT

Doug Piersel, Adam Roe, Donielle Kitzman, Mayor Gradisar, Scott Hobson, Ted Freeman, Mike Mahan, Tommy Farrell, Jerome and Linda Perkins

(All meetings are recorded per PURA's Financial and Administrative Internal Controls Policy adopted February 11, 2014)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the PURA Tuesday, March 10, 2020 Board Meeting Agenda as presented was made by Ralph Williams, Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Dennis Flores, Commissioner. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONER OFFICER ELECTIONS

Board of Commissioner Chairman Election

A motion to nominate David Abeyta as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the 2020 year was made by Betty Martinez, Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Dennis Flores, Commissioner. No other nominations were given. The motion passes unanimously.

Board of Commissioner Vice-Chairman Election

A motion to nominate Betty Martinez as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the 2020 year was made by Dave Abeyta, Chairman. The motion was seconded by Ralph Williams, Commissioner. No other nominations were given. The motion passes unanimously.

Board of Commissioner Treasurer Election

A motion to nominate Ralph Williams as Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners for the 2020 year was made by Louie Carleo, Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Dennis Flores, Commissioner. No other nominations were given. The motion passes unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

A resolution designating Jerry M. Pacheco, Executive Director, as Secretary.

A motion to approve a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority in Pueblo Colorado, appointing Jerry M. Pacheco, Executive Director, to serve as secretary to commence March 10, 2020, and expire at the 2021 Annual Meeting was made by Dennis Flores, Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Ralph Williams, Commissioner. The motion passes unanimously.

A resolution approving bank signature authorization.

A motion to approve a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority in Pueblo Colorado, authorizing Executive Director, Jerry M. Pacheco; Chairman, David Abeyta; Vice-Chairman, Betty Martinez; and Treasurer, Ralph Williams, to act on behalf of the Authority as signatory on all financial accounts was made by Marlene Bregar, Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Betty Martinez, Vice-Chairman. The motion passes unanimously.

A resolution approving the PURA appointment to HARP Authority Board.

A motion to approve a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority in Pueblo Colorado, approving the placement of Meagan Kroeze, Commissioner to the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo Authority as the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority Representative, for a term not to exceed one year, pursuant to the amended and restated Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo Authority Intergovernmental Agreement was made by Marlene Bregar, Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Gallegos, Commissioner. The motion passed unanimously.

A resolution authorizing the Executive Committee to negotiate and agreement with the Pueblo Community College Foundation for up to \$500,000 of support for the Pueblo Community College, Nursing and Allied Health Teaching and Learning Center.

A motion to approve a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority in Pueblo Colorado, authorizing the Executive Committee to negotiate an agreement with the Pueblo Community College, Nursing and Allied Health Teaching and Learning Center subject to successful refinancing of the Lake Minnequa Project Area Debt, and authorizing the Chairman and Secretary to execute the same was made by Louie Carleo, Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Betty Martinez, Vice-Chairman. The motion passes unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Dave Abeyta, Chairman, explained that the Finance Committee is exploring four separate refinancing opportunities and based on current market could result in over three million dollars of savings to the taxpayers. These are for the original Convention Center and remodeling of the Memorial Hall debt, Downtown Expanded Debt, Lake Minnequa Debt, and North Pueblo Debt. Ralph Williams, Treasurer, shared that we are working hard with Todd Mihelich regarding financial reporting and the 2019 audit. Discussion followed regarding the North Pueblo interchange and partnering with the City of Pueblo.

Design Committee

Betty Martinez, Vice-Chairman, shared that she continues to work with the Finance Committee to find funding.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda approval to accept and file the following:

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 Board Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 13, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 24, 2020 Finance Committee Minutes
November 2019 PURA Operating Statements
December 2019 PURA Operating Statements
November 2019 Pueblo Convention Center Operating and Sales Report
December 2019 Pueblo Convention Center Operating and Sales Report
November 2019 Pueblo Convention Center Operating Statements
December 2019 Pueblo Convention Center Operating Statements

A motion to approve the consent agenda and all items included was made by Betty Martinez, Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Gallegos, Commissioner. The motion passes unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Christ Life Ministries

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins shared a brief background of their work and project. Discussion followed regarding the request. A motion to make this an action item at a future meeting if and invoice or quote is provided, property ownership is provided, and detail of other funding is provided was made by Dave Abeyta, Chairman. The motion was seconded by Betty Martinez, Vice-Chairman. The motion passes unanimously.

Parklet Presentation

Jerry M. Pacheco, shared a request for a pilot parklet project. Discussion followed regarding what a parklet is, willingness of business owner Mike Mahan, and support from the City of Pueblo and Greater Chamber. All generally agreed that this project should be explored more in depth.

REPORTS

Chairman

Dave Abeyta, Chairman, shared his committee assignments and requested each chairman remain in their assignments this year. All agreed.

Secretary

Jerry M. Pacheco, Executive Director, shared that the EVRAZ North America will be requesting another extension from April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2020. He shared that the Convention Center may need to consider alternative ways for paid parking such as pay as you enter with a daily rate and that the Medal of Honor requested changes will be discussed soon. These changes are estimated at \$12,000. Discussion followed on the before mentioned items. No decisions were made.

Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo Authority

No report was given.

City of Pueblo

Scott Hobson, City of Pueblo, shared that the City Center and Santa Fe Streetscape improvement project will be rebid, Union and Main street study was awarded, Lake Minnequa parking lot and restroom project is going forward and will be awarded soon. He thanked Tony Acri for all his work and the PURA staff for their partnership. He shared that PURA hosted a luncheon where all project areas were discussed, and potential collaborative projects were identified. This type of discussion is planned to take place semi annually or quarterly.

Convention Center

Adam Roe, Pueblo Convention Center Assistant General Manager, shared the January highlights. He stated the sound panels have been installed in the Exhibit Hall and make a huge difference in sound quality. He stated that he would like to give a tour to anyone who would like to see the new dishwasher and the panels after this meeting.

Welcome Center

Danielle Kitzman, shared Welcome Center highlights. She stated that they were attending a meeting planner trade show, the upcoming Pueblo Classic event, and a Military Reunion Network event upcoming in June. She also thanked the Convention Center for their partnership and helping provide 47 leads to the Chamber for events that may locate in Pueblo.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted Freeman, Pueblo Citizen, expressed his concerns regarding the language in the Thunder Village Project Area Plans. He stated he was concerned that City of Pueblo funds would be spent on infrastructure in the area.

ADJOURNMENT

Dave Abeyta, Chairman, adjourned the Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Regular Board Meeting at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Cherish K. Deeg,
Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, Operations Director