



**Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
11:50 AM
Pueblo Convention Center and Via Microsoft Teams Conferencing**

MEETING CALLED BY

Betty Martinez, Vice Chairman, called the Tuesday, February 14, 2023, Board Meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Don Banner, Louie Carleo, Chris DeLuca, Kathy DeNiro, Dennis Flores, Elizabeth Gallegos, Jeanette Garcia, Stephanie Garcia, Heather Graham, Eppie Griego, Betty Martinez, Melissa Nereson, James Valenzuela, Jon Walker, Ralph Williams

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Jerry Pacheco, Cherish Deeg, Andrea Delagarza, Shawn Sandoval

GUESTS PRESENT

Doug Piersel, Alex Romero, Mayor Nick Gradisar, Scott Hobson, Kevin Ortiz, Donielle Kitzman, Dave Abeyta

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

RECOGNITION

Betty Martinez welcomed the new commissioners to the PURA board: Melissa Nereson, Jon Walker, Chris DeLuca, Kathy DeNiro, Eppie Griego, Stephanie Garcia, and Heather Graham.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Louie Carleo made a motion to approve the PURA Tuesday, February 14, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. Elizabeth Gallegos seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONER OFFICER ELECTION

Chairman

A resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority in Pueblo Colorado, appointing Ralph Williams, a Commissioner of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, to serve as Chairman of the same for a period not to exceed one (1) year.

Louie Carleo nominated Ralph Williams; Dennis Flores seconded.

Jeanette Garcia nominated Betty Martinez; Elizabeth Gallegos seconded.

Ralph Williams will be the PURA Chairman for 2023 by majority vote.

Vice Chairman

A resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority in Pueblo Colorado, appointing Elizabeth Gallegos, a Commissioner of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, to serve as Vice-Chairman of the same for a period not to exceed one (1) year.

Heather Graham nominated Elizabeth Gallegos; Betty Martinez seconded.

Ralph Williams nominated Don Banner; Louie Carleo seconded.
Elizabeth Gallego will be the PURA Vice Chairman for 2023 by majority vote.

Treasurer

A resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority in Pueblo Colorado, appointing Betty Martinez, a Commissioner of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, to serve as Treasurer of the same for a period not to exceed one (1) year.

Elizabeth Gallegos nominated Betty Martinez; Jeanette Garcia seconded.

No other nominations.

Betty Martinez will be the PURA Treasurer for 2023.

ACTION ITEMS

A Resolution Designating Jerry M. Pacheco, Executive Director, as Secretary

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 February 14, 2023, for an indeterminate term. Dennis Flores, Commissioner, made a motion to approve the resolution on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Elizabeth Gallegos, Vice Chairman, seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

A Resolution Approving Bank Signature Authorizations

A resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority in Pueblo Colorado, authorizing Executive Director, Jerry M. Pacheco; Chairman, Ralph Williams; Vice-Chairman, Elizabeth Gallegos; Treasurer, Betty Martinez to act on behalf of the Authority as signatory on all financial accounts. Louie Carleo, Commissioner, made a motion to approve the resolution on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Dennis Flores, Commissioner, seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

A Resolution Designating the Public Posting Place for 2023

A resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority in Pueblo Colorado, designating the first-floor bulletin board of City Hall located at 1 City Hall Place, Pueblo, Colorado, 81003 and the PURA website as the public posting location for the posting of meetings. Stephanie Garcia, Commissioner, made a motion to approve the resolution on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Elizabeth Gallegos, Vice Chairman, seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

A Resolution Approving the PURA Appointment to HARP Authority Board

A resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority in Pueblo Colorado, approving the placement of Don Banner, 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. Jim Valenzuela, Commissioner, made a motion to approve the resolution on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Elizabeth Gallegos, Vice Chairman, seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

A Resolution Approving the PURA Appointment to HARP Authority Foundation Board

A resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority in Pueblo Colorado, approving the placement of Elizabeth Gallegos, Vice Chairman to the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo Foundation 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. Jeanette Garcia, Commissioner, made a motion to approve the resolution on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Louie Carleo, Commissioner, seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

A Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Habitat for Humanity of Pueblo

A resolution of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, A body corporate and politic of the state of Colorado, approving a memorandum of understanding agreement by and between the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority (PURA) and Habitat for humanity of Pueblo inc. (HFHP), and authorize the chairman and secretary to execute the same. Louie Carleo, Commissioner, made a motion to approve the resolution on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Dennis Flores, Commissioner, seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Ralph Williams, Treasurer, thanked the outgoing commissioners and welcomed the newest members who joined the board in January: Stephanie Garcia, Special District Representative, and Pueblo City Council President, Heather Graham, ex-officio Pueblo City Council Representative.

Design Committee

Bernstein room furniture and artwork are the next phases for the committee.

Community Relations Committee

Walk of Legends ribbon cutting will be on Saturday, May 6th.

Shuttle tour for city council is being planned. Also, more neighborhood engagement is being planned.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda approval to accept and file the following:

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 23, 2023, Community Relation Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 31, 2023, Design Committee Meeting Minutes

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

REPORTS

Secretary Report

Jerry Pacheco, Executive Director, reported on the following topics.

- Potential project with Posada in two URA areas.
- CASA would like PURA's assistance with housing project.
- Library possible on Pueblo's west side.
- D60 surplus school site redevelopment.
- Presentation to city council on March 4, 2023.
- PURA board retreat possible in late spring.
- Discussions on fire station preservation.

City of Pueblo

Mayor Nick Gradisar congratulated the newly appointed PURA commissioners and executive committee.

Scott Hobson, City Planning, reported on development in Lake Minnequa URA. Champion Car Wash, Big O Tire, and Circle K. CDOT's requirements are holding up other projects. CS Winds is working on a second tower facility. Two lots on E.

Second Street are being rezoned to smaller sizes to fit a housing project.

Pueblo County

Eppie Griego, Pueblo County Commissioner, reported the jail project is currently working on permits. Pueblo Means Business One Stop Shop is working on remodeling their new office space.

Pueblo Convention Center

Kevin Ortiz, Convention Center General Manager, handed out information about the convention center and Memorial Hall to new commissioners. OVG360 is in year 5 of a 10-year contract. The year is starting out great for both convention center and Memorial Hall.

Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo

No Report

Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce / Welcome CenterDonielle, Greater Pueblo Chamber, reported gross sales for lodging was record breaking at \$49M. The chamber is working on a bidding process with the convention center. Plug into

Pueblo signs were installed at the Tesla charging station. The chamber will work on the Plug into Pueblo signage at other charging locations around town.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Kathy DeNiro asked about handicap parking for convention center. Jerry Pacheco will reinstate the Parking Committee to address the need for more spaces or other solutions.

ADJOURNMENT

Ralph Williams, Chairman, moved to adjourn the Tuesday, February 14, 2023, Regular Board Meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Shawn Sandoval
Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority
Special Programs Manager