

**Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 14, 2024  
11:50 AM  
Via Microsoft Teams Conferencing**

**MEETING CALLED BY**

Elizabeth Gallegos, Vice Chairman, called the Tuesday, May 14, 2024, Board Meeting to order at 11:53 a.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Mark Aliff, Louie Carleo, Kathy DeNiro, Dennis Flores, Elizabeth Gallegos, Jeanette Garcia, Stephanie Garcia, Eppie Griego, Steve Nawrocki, Melissa Nereson, Garrison Ortiz, Jim Valenzuela, Jon Walker

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Chris Deluca, Ralph Williams

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jerry Pacheco, Cherish Deeg, Andrea DelaGarza, Raquel Tapia

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Kevin Ortiz, Alex Romero, Berrit Odem, Ted Freeman

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ted Freeman, Pueblo Community member, shared his concerns regarding the promissory notes between PURA and the City of Pueblo and the lease for the Sports Performance Center.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Jeannette Garcia, Commissioner, made a motion to approve the PURA Tuesday, May 14, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda. Melissa Nereson, Commissioner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda approval to accept and file the following:

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 22, 2024, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
March Pueblo Convention Center Operations & Sales Report  
March PURA Operating Statements

A motion to approve the consent agenda and all items included was made by Garrison Ortiz, Treasurer. Melissa Nereson, Commissioner, seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A Resolution Approving the Colorado Smelter Urban Renewal Plan**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PUEBLO URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY IN PUEBLO COLORADO, FINDING THAT AN AREA OF THE CITY OF PUEBLO IS A BLIGHTED AREA AND APPROPRIATE FOR AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT AND APPROVING THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN FOR THE COLORADO SMELTER URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT

Dennis Flores, Commissioner, made a motion approving the Colorado Smelter Urban Renewal Plan. Melissa Nereson, Commissioner, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **REPORTS**

### **Chairman**

No report.

### **Secretary**

Jerry Pacheco updated the board on the follow:

- Jerry introduced Raquel Tapia who has joined the PURA Staff for the summer as an intern.

### **Finance**

Garrison reported the finance committee met and were satisfied with the monthly reporting. The committee went into detail with the PURA financials including a review of Vendor Fee and an update on EVRAZ. Convention Center also went into detail with their financial reporting.

### **Community Relations**

Jeanette reported that the PURE Tour will be worked into part of the Board Retreat and be considered a Beta run. She shared that the PLACE event was successful and requested comments regarding the survey shared at these events. The surveys collected said that the #1 request from the community is help with sidewalk repairs and #2 was neighborhood cleanups.

### **Executive Session**

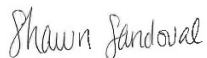
For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiations, under § 24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S.; PBR Sports Performance Center.

Garrison Ortiz, Treasurer, made a motion to enter the executive session at 12:21 p.m. Dennis Flores, Commissioner, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Garrison Ortiz, Treasurer, made a motion to exit the executive session at 12:52 p.m. Kathy DeNiro, Commissioner, seconded the motion. Motion passed and regular meeting resumed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Elizabeth Gallegos, Vice Chairman, moved to adjourn the Tuesday, May 14, 2024, Regular Board Meeting at 12:53 p.m.



Respectfully submitted by,

Shawn Sandoval

Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority Special Programs Manager