

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CAMERON
CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

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**NOTICE OF A REGULAR/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE GREATER BROWNSVILLE INCENTIVES CORPORATION (GBIC)
TELECONFERENCE OPEN MEETING**

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Section 551.041, of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC) will conduct a Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 30, 2023, at 5:00 pm., in the Brownsville City Hall – Federal Building, 2nd Floor City Commission Chambers, 1001 East Elizabeth St., Brownsville, Texas 78520 and via WebEx Teleconference Meeting by logging on at:
<https://brownsvilletx.webex.com/brownsvilletx/j.php?MTID=m32b49232ba92ab92eff86ca78e2ae808>

Meeting Number: 2532 431 0182

Password: gbic

Pursuant to Section 551.127, Texas Government Code, one or more Commissioners or employees may attend this meeting remotely using videoconferencing technology. The video and audio feed of the video conferencing equipment can be viewed and heard by the public at the address posted above as the location of the meeting.

This Notice and Meeting Agenda are posted online at: <https://greaterbrownsville.com/meeting-agendas/>.
The members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting hosted through WebEx Teleconference can join at the following numbers:

Join by phone
+1 (844) 621-3956
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Access code: 253 243 10182

Members of the public who submitted a “Public Comment Form” will be permitted to offer public comments as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. A recording of the meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

At any time during the course of the posted meeting, the Board of Directors of the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation may retire into Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071 to confer with legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the Board of Directors under Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at any time during this meeting, the Board of Directors may retire to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more exceptions to the Texas Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code.

CALL TO ORDER

A) ROLL CALL

SWEARING IN OF GBIC BOARD MEMBER(S)

1. Benjamin Pena

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Non-Agenda Items: Kindly submit a “Public Comment Form” stating the items of public concern that you wish to speak to an hour before the start of the scheduled meeting time with the City Secretary of the City of Brownsville or the Recording Secretary of GBIC. Forms are not reserved for anyone nor may time be deferred to anyone. PowerPoint presentations may not be accommodated. This period is limited to five (5) speakers with a time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker. The form can be requested by calling the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation office or In-Person at the meeting.

- **Agenda Items:** Kindly submit a “Public Comment Form” stating which item(s) on the agenda that you wish to speak to an hour before the start of the scheduled meeting time with the Recording Secretary of GBIC. Speakers will be allowed to address the GBIC Board on the agenda item before it is to be considered. The speaker is limited to three (3) minutes.

- **Time Limits:** The GBIC Board shall have the discretion to modify its regulations regarding time limits on public comment if necessary. For example, the time limit may be shortened to accommodate a lengthy agenda, or it could be lengthened to allow additional time for discussion on a complicated matter or if there is a need for an interpreter.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding the election of officers. – (Will Trevino, GBIC Attorney)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Consideration and action, if any, on the following items:
 - a.) Approval of the Minutes of Special, Workshop & Regular Board Meetings –
 - A. Regular: October 19, 2023
 - b.) Approval regarding the payment of vendor services invoiced to the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC) for the month of October 2023.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Business Recruitment and Community Events. – (Jerry Briones, Deputy Executive Director/COO)
2. Workforce and Business Development Outreach Efforts. – (Karla De La Riva, Director of Workforce & Business Development)
3. Business Retention and Expansion Efforts. - (Jovana Rangel, Director of Business Retention & Expansion)
4. GBIC Events & Partnerships - (Elsa Galvan, Director of Operations & Strategic Partnerships)

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

1. Discussion, consideration, and acknowledgment of GBIC Financials and Quarterly Investment Report. – (Salvador Villapando, City of Brownsville Accountant)
2. Discussion, consideration, and action if any, regarding the contract with NuRealm, LLC. – (Bret Gardella, Executive Director & CEO)

3. Discussion and possible action authorizing termination of SATA USA (SATA) Performance Agreement dated July 10, 2018. – (Jerry Briones, Deputy Executive Director/COO)
4. Discussion and possible action regarding the payment for Keppel AmFELS d.b.a Seatruim. – (Jerry Briones, Deputy Executive Director/COO)
5. Discussion and possible action related to the funding agreement between the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC) and Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement (VIDA). – (Bret Gardella, Executive Director & CEO)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Closed session pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Sections 551.071 (Attorney Consultation), 551.072 (Discussion related to the possible exchange, lease, valuation, or sale of real property); and 551.087 (Economic Development Negotiations): Related to Project Razor.

CONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Consideration and **ACTION**, if any, including but not limited to the adoption of board resolutions, related to items discussed in executive session(s):

1.1 Project Razor

ADJOURNMENT

To the extent authorized by law, meetings of the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation are governed by the rules of meeting decorum as adopted by Resolution Number 2019 – 101719.

NOTE: The Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission of, access to, treatment of, or employment in its programs, activities, or public meetings. Any individual with a disability in need of accommodation is encouraged to contact the ADA Coordinator at 956/548-6037 (voice or Relay TX) by Monday, November 27, 2023, no later than 5:00 P.M., to make proper arrangements.

By: John Cowen Jr.
Chair of the Board of Directors of the GBIC

I certify that a copy of the November 30, 2023, Agenda of the items to be considered by the GBIC Board was posted on the Bulletin Board Area at the Brownsville City Hall - Federal Building at least 72 hours prior to the board meeting. I further certify that the Agenda was posted on the GBIC website and can be downloaded by accessing: <https://greaterbrownsville.com/board-meeting-agendas/>.

By:



Elsa Galvan, GBIC Director of Operations & Strategic Partnerships/Recording Secretary