

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CAMERON
CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

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**TAKE NOTICE THAT A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GREATER BROWNSVILLE INCENTIVES
CORPORATION (GBIC) WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89116589154> AND TELEPHONIC CONFERENCE:**

COMMENCING AT 12:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020

The Board of Directors has called this meeting as allowed pursuant to chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code and **Resolution 2019 - 101719**. The Board of Directors may recess from day to day when it does not complete consideration of a particularly long subject as authorized by law.

Further, at any time during the course of this meeting, the governing body may retire into a closed session pursuant to the Texas Government Code as may specifically be allowed by law.

THIS REGULAR MEETING SHALL BE HELD BY VIDEOCONFERENCE and/or TELEPHONIC CONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL STATE OF EMERGENCY AND TEXAS DISASTER DECLARATION AS WELL AS THE CAMERON COUNTY JUDGE'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORDER WITH MANDATORY COUNTYWIDE SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER (as amended) PROHIBITING PUBLIC GATHERINGS. AS THE TEXAS GOVERNOR HAS BY EXECUTIVE ORDER SUSPENDED PROVISIONS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT REQUIRING THE PHYSICAL PRESENCE OF THOSE ACTING IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY, THE MEMBERS OF THE GBIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL ACT AS ALLOWED UNDER THE MODIFIED PROVISIONS AND IN FURTHERANCE OF THE BROWNSVILLE MAYOR'S DISASTER DECLARATION TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND SUPPRESS DISEASE AND FURTHER THE WELLBEING, SAFETY, AND INTERESTS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC (as amended).

1. ROLL CALL-EXCUSE MEMBERS - *(Graham Sevier-Schultz, Chairman of the Board)*

PUBLIC COMMENT: ANYONE WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING MAY CALL IN, WITHOUT CHARGE TO (346) 248-7799 OR JOIN THE MEETING VIA WEBINAR ON <https://zoom.us/join> AND ENTER MEETING ID# 891 1658 9154.

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Kindly submit a "Public Comment Form" stating the Non-Agenda Item or Agenda Item you wish to speak to fifteen (15) minutes before the start of the scheduled meeting time with the GBIC staff. 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. Organizations and entities are limited to the applicable time period and shall designate a spokesperson.

- 3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** - All consent Agenda Items listed are considered to be routine by the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a GBIC Board member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

Consideration and action, if any on the following items:

A. Approval of the Minutes of Special, Workshop & Regular Board Meetings:

- Regular: September 17, 2020
- Special: September 2, 2020

B. Approval and acknowledgement of invoices and miscellaneous claims.

4. FINANCIALS & STAFF REPORTS

A. Discussion and Acknowledgement of GBIC Financials and Quarterly investment report. - *(Lupe Granado, COB Finance Director)*

B. Discussion, consideration and acknowledgement of GBIC Executive Director & Staff reports regarding recent activities and progress related to current ongoing projects. – *(Executive Director & Staff)*

5. OTHER ITEMS

A. Discussion and possible action on service agreement between the City of Brownsville and GBIC. - *(Executive Director & Staff)*

B. Discussion and possible action on agreement with VIDA. - *(Executive Director & Staff)*

C. Discussion and possible action on RFP related to a TIRZ Consultant. - *(Executive Director & Staff)*

D. Discussion and possible action on Resolution authorizing property transaction and closing. - *(Executive Director & Staff)*

E. Discussion and possible action on warehouse space or development activities in the NBIP. - *(Graham Sevier-Schultz, Chairman of the Board)*

F. Discussion and possible action on refund payment to UTRGV. - *(Executive Director & Staff)*

- G. Discussion and possible action on Board Conduct Policy. – *(Sandra Duran & Dennis Sanchez)*
- H. Discussion and action to allow GBIC staff to contract an Economic Development Consultant to provide GBIC with strategic planning and implementation services. - *(Sandra Duran & Esteban Guerra)*
- I. Discussion and possible action to redirect Marketing and Target Strategies to attract specific employers. - *(Sandra Duran & Pedro Cardenas)*
- J. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to acknowledge Website and Internet branding. - *(Sandra Duran & Esteban Guerra)*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- 6. **CLOSED SESSION:** In accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Board of Directors hereby gives notice that it may meet in a closed, non- public session to discuss the items listed on the public portion of the meeting agenda in accordance with the following below:

- A. Pursuant to Section 551.074, the Board of Directors 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 Board of Directors 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.

- **Additional personnel hiring** - *(Executive Director & Staff)*

- B. Pursuant to Section 551.087, the Board of Directors may convene in a closed, non-public meeting to discuss any matters regarding **economic development issues.** The Board of Directors 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.

- **Project Stone** - *(Graham Sevier-Schultz, Chairman of the Board)*
 - **Project Dragon** - *(Graham Sevier-Schultz, Chairman of the Board)*

- C. Pursuant to Section 551.071, the Board of Directors 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 Board of Directors 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.

- **C.E.O Mario Lozoya-** (*Graham Sevier-Schultz, Chairman of the Board*)

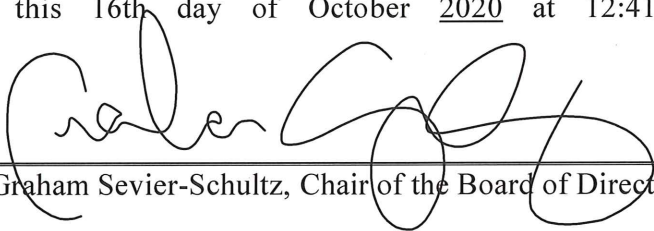
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7. Discussion and possible action on any item(s) discussed in Executive Session and those that are listed on the public portion of the agenda including the following:
- A. **Project Stone**
 - B. **Project Dragon**
 - C. **Personnel Hiring**

8. ADJOURNMENT

Signed this 16th day of October 2020 at 12:41 PM in Brownsville, Texas.

BY:



Graham Sevier-Schultz, Chair of the Board of Directors *(permission to post via email)*

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I certify that a copy of the OCTOBER 21, 2020 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 on OCTOBER 16, 2020.



Laure Morgan, City Secretary