

Minutes of a **SPECIAL** called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC), held on **Friday, February 12, 2021 at 5:00 pm** at The Young House 500 E. Saint Charles St Brownsville, Texas and Cisco WebEx Video Teleconferencing.

Board Members in Attendance at the GBIC Office:

None

Board Members in Attendance via Cisco WebEx:

Commissioner John Cowen Jr (*Chairman of the Board*)
Commissioner Nurith Galonsky-Pizana (*Vice Chairman*)
Commissioner Rose Gowen (*Treasurer*)
Commissioner Ben Neece (*Secretary*)
Mayor Juan “Trey” Mendez III (*Board Member*)

Board Members Absent:

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau-Kalifa (*Board Member*)
Commissioner Joel Munguia (*Board Member*)

GBIC Staff in Attendance at the GBIC Office:

Ramiro Aleman, *Director of Business Recruitment & Development*
Karla De La Riva, *Associate Director of Industry Retention*
Elsa M. Galvan, *Executive Assistant*

Others in Attendance at the GBIC Office:

None

Others in Attendance via Cisco WebEx:

Allison A. Bastian-Rodriguez, *Attorney Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C.*
James McCoy, *COB Agile Project Manager*
Noel Bernal, *COB City Manager*
Helen Ramirez, *COB Deputy City Manager*
Elizabeth Walker, *COB Assistant City Manager*
Rene DeCoss, *COB City Attorney*
Juan Montoya
David Garcia
Horacio Sanchez
Robilee Eguia

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chairman Commissioner John Cowen Jr, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm to consider the following matters, as posted at the Brownsville City Hall.

2. Public Comment Period – No Public Comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Rose Gowen Motion to Move into Executive Session at 5:02pm. Mayor Juan "Trey" Mendez III Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried.

- 1. Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Gov't Code to receive legal advice and counsel in connection with the rights, duties, privileges and obligation for GBIC arising out of the approval, if any, of a separation agreement between Executive Director Mario Lozoya and GBIC, and related legal matters.

Executive Session Ended at 5:57pm.

POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY ITEMS(S) AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- 1. Consideration and appropriate action, if any, to approve a separations agreement between Executive Director Mario Lozoya and the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC).

Mayor Juan "Trey" Mendez III Motion to approve the separation agreement between Executive Director Mario Lozoya and GBIC as presented in executive session. Commissioner Rose Gowen Seconded the Motion. Nurith Galonsky-Pizana opposed the vote. Motion Carried.

- 2. Consideration and appropriate action to appoint an Interim Executive Director.

Commissioner Ben Neece Motion to Appoint Helen Ramirez as the Interim Executive Director. Mayor Juan "Trey" Mendez III Second the Motion. Motion Carried.

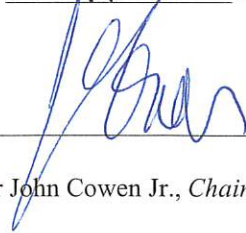
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ben Neece Motioned to Adjourn the Meeting at 5:59 pm.

Mayor Juan "Trey" Mendez III Second the Motion. Motion Carried.

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Approved this 11th day of March, 2021.



 Commissioner John Cowen Jr., *Chairman of the Board of Directors*

Respectfully Submitted By: Elsa Galvan, *Executive Assistant*