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**NOTICE OF A REGULAR 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, February 16, 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=m4948578ba1dbb3ddc87e248e5f10e229>

Meeting Number: 2599 302 6533

Password: meeting

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://brownsvilletx.gov/129/Agendas-Minutes> and at <https://greaterbrownsville.com/board-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: 2599 302 6533

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

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 completed and submitted at: <https://www.brownsvilletx.gov/formcenter/city-secretary-17/public-comment-registration-form-86>

- **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 City Secretary or 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Closed session pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.074 (Personnel Deliberations): related to RFP for Legal Services and Executive Director search and employment, including interviews.

CONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

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: December 15, 2022
 - B. Regular: January 24, 2023
 - b.) Approval regarding the payment of vendor services invoiced to the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC) for the month of January 2023.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Business Recruitment, Retention, and Expansion Outreach Efforts. - (Jerry Briones, Director of International Business & Industrial Park Development)
2. Workforce & Business Development Efforts. – (Karla De La Riva, Director of Workforce & Business Development)
3. Update on the North Brownsville Industrial Park landscaping project and signature monument. – (Eleazar Rodriguez, Special Projects Manager)

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

1. Discussion and acknowledgment of GBIC Financials and Quarterly Investment Report. – (Lupe Granado, City of Brownsville Finance Director)

2. Discussion, consideration, and possible action related to the funding agreement between the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC) and Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement (VIDA). - (Karla De La Riva, Director of Workforce & Business Development)
3. Discussion, consideration, and possible action related to a matching funding request in the amount of \$50,000 for four years for a total of \$200,000 for Expanding Frontiers – (Karla De La Riva, Director of Workforce & Business Development)
4. Discussion, consideration, and possible action related to the Launch BTX Grant Program with UTRGV. (COSMIC Shielding Progress report) – (Karla De La Riva, Director of Workforce & Business Development)

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

1. Closed session pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney); 551.072 (Real Property Deliberation); and 551.087 (Economic Development Negotiations): related to Project Bridge.
2. Closed session pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney); 551.072 (Real Property Deliberation); and 551.087 (Economic Development Negotiations): related to Project Bond.
3. Closed session pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.072 (Real Property Deliberation) related to Project Instanter.

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

1. Consideration and **ACTION**, if any, related to items discussed in executive session(s):
 - a.) Project Bridge
 - b.) Project Bond
 - c.) Project Instanter
 - d.) RFP - Legal Services for Special Counsel and Executive Director Search

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 it is encouraged to contact the ADA Coordinator at 956/548-6037 (voice or Relay TX) by Monday, February 13, 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

Signed this 13th day of February 2023 at 2:30 pm in Brownsville, Texas.

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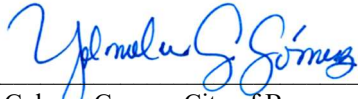
Elsa Galvan, GBIC Operations Manager/Recording Secretary

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I certify that a copy of the February 16, 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 City's website and the GBIC website and can be downloaded by accessing: <https://brownsvilletx.gov/129/Agendas-Minutes> AND <https://greaterbrownsville.com/board-meeting-agendas/>.



Yolanda Galarza Gomez, City of Brownsville City Secretary