

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD  
AND THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD SELECTION COMMITTEE  
CITY OF EL PASO**

**January 28, 2021**

A special meeting of the Public Service Board and the Public Service Board Selection Committee was held via video conference Thursday, January 28, 2021.

**PSB SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Oscar Leeser, Committee Chair  
Dr. Kristina D. Mena, PSB Chair  
Dr. Ivonne Santiago, PSB Vice-Chair  
Christopher A. Antcliff, Member  
Bryan Morris, PSB Member  
Joe Cardenas, Representing District 2  
Richard Castro, Representing District 3  
Nicholas Costanzo, Representing District 4  
Deborah Torres, Representing District 6  
Richard Martinez, Representing District 7

**PSB SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Terri Garcia, PSB Secretary-Treasurer  
Henry Gallardo, PSB Member  
Dr. Richard Teschner, Representing District 1  
Vacant, Representing District 5  
Angie Rosales, Representing District 8

**PSB EMPLOYEES PRESENT**

John E. Balliew, P.E., President and Chief Executive Officer  
Daniel Ortiz, General Counsel

**EPWU EMPLOYEES PRESENT**

Zulema Jamis, Secretary  
Claudia Duan, Executive Assistant  
Marcela Navarrete, Vice President  
Lisa Rosendorf, Chief Communication & Government Affairs Officer  
Israel Chavez, Senior Network Administrator  
Edgar Campos, Utility Information Systems Manager  
Alfredo Solano, Chief Information Officer

**MEDIA**

None

**GUESTS**

None

The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Leeser at 5:30 p.m. A quorum of the Public Service Board and the Public Service Board Selection Committee, (here therefore known as the "Committee") was present.

## AGENDA

### **1. CONSIDERED AND TOOK ACTION REGARDING PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD APPLICATIONS, IF ANY, RECEIVED AFTER THE POSTED DEADLINE.**

Ms. Zulema Jamis, Secretary, informed the Committee that no additional applications were received after the established deadline. Therefore, no action was taken. Ms. Jamis, informed the Committee that Ms. Leila Melendez withdrew her application from consideration. No further action was taken.

### **2. CONSIDERED AND TOOK ACTION, TO INCLUDE SELECTION OF THE TOP THREE CANDIDATES, RANKING OF THE TOP CANDIDATES AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION MAKING A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL IN REGARD TO THE APPLICATIONS THAT MEET THE SELECTION CRITERIA OF HAVING EXPERTISE IN THE AREA OF GENERAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT.**

Ms. Jamis informed the Committee of five applications received for the Financial Management position. Ms. Torres asked whether a candidate had a conflict of interest because he had performed real estate work. Mr. Daniel Ortiz, General Counsel, addressed the Committee that real estate work alone does not prohibit a candidate for consideration by the Committee but that it could weigh either for or against selection. Mr. Ortiz reminded the Committee that all members of the PSB have a duty to identify and disclose conflicts of interest and recuse themselves from voting if that occurred. Ms. Jamis read the voting instructions for round 1 and asked each Committee member to identify the top three candidates. The points were tallied for each of the five candidates with the following results:

James A. Easley	9 points
John T. Hjalmquist	3 points
Armando Moreno	2 points
Lisa J. Saenz	10 points
Michael J. White	6 points

Ms. Jamis read the voting instructions for round 2 and asked each Committee member to rank the top three candidates with the highest scores in order of personal preference using the following method: 1<sup>st</sup> preference = 3 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> preference = 2 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> preference = 1 point. Once each Committee member ranked the top three candidates by personal preference, the points were tallied for each of the three candidates with the following results:

James A. Easley	15 points
Lisa J. Saenz	30 points
Michael J. White	14 points

The candidates were ordered, and ranked 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> based on the total preference points received:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lisa J. Saenz	30 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	James A. Easley	15 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Michael J. White	14 points

Mayor Leeser requested a motion to approve a resolution to submit the candidates to City Council for consideration and selection. Mr. Antcliff commented to the Mayor if discussion is needed. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion but there was none. On a motion made by Dr. Ivonne Santiago, seconded by Mr. Chris Antcliff, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the following candidates to be submitted to

City Council for review and consideration, in the ranking preference noted below, for the Financial Management position on the Public Services Board (Resolution attached):

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lisa J. Saenz	30 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	James A. Easley	15 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Michael T. White	14 points

**3. CONSIDERED A TIMELINE FOR THE PROPOSED PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD APPOINTMENT.**

A timeline for appointment was presented and discussed.

This considered when the list of candidates for the Financial Management vacant position would be provided to City Council. Ms. Jamis informed the Committee she would send the information to the City Manager and City Clerk on February 1, 2021. City Council will consider and decide whether to select a candidate for the position or reject all candidates and request the Committee to begin the selection process again. If a candidate is selected for the Financial Management position, City Council will consider and select the member at their meeting on February 16, 2021. The new member will be sworn in at the PSB Meeting on March, 10, 2021.

Mayor Leeser requested a motion to approve the timeline. On a motion made by Ms. Torres, seconded by Dr. Santiago, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the timeline for the proposed Public Service Board Appointment.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT: THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD SELECTION COMMITTEE CHAIR WILL PERMIT PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA. THE CHAIR MAY IMPOSE REASONABLE TIME LIMITS FOR EACH SPEAKER.**

No member of the public signed up or requested to speak. There were no comments from the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Mr. Chris Antcliff, seconded by Mr. Morris the meeting adjourned at 5:54p.m., January 28, 2021.

ATTEST:



Secretary-Treasurer

  
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Chair, PSB Selection Committee  
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