

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

March 25, 2020

The special meeting of the Public Service Board was held Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Meeting Room located at 1154 Hawkins Boulevard, El Paso, Texas.

PSB MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Dee Margo, Ex-Officio Member
Dr. Kristina D. Mena, Vice-Chair
Bryan Morris, Member
Dr. Ivonne Santiago, Secretary-Treasurer
Christopher A. Antcliff, Chair
Henry Gallardo, Member
Terri Garcia, Member

PSB MEMBERS ABSENT

PSB EMPLOYEES PRESENT

John E. Balliew, P.E., President and Chief Executive Officer
Lee Ann Koehler, General Counsel

EPWU EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Juan S. Gonzalez, Assistant General Counsel
Marcela Navarrete, Vice President
Jillian Shipp, Executive Assistant

MEDIA

GUESTS

Tim Johnson, FSW

The Public Service Board meeting was called to order by Mr. Antcliff at 8:05 a.m. A quorum of its members was present.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **CONSIDERED AND AUTHORIZED THE PRESIDENT/CEO TO SIGN AN AMENDED AND RESTATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF EL PASO AND THE EL PASO WATER UTILITIES PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD (EPWATER) FOR THE TRANSFER OF 2,313 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED IN NORTHEAST EL PASO FROM EPWATER'S INVENTORY TO THE CITY OF EL PASO.**
Ms. Marcela Navarrete, Vice President, provided information to the Board regarding this item. On October 30, 2018, the City of El Paso and EPWater entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of El Paso concerning the transfer of 2,313 acres of land located in Northeast El Paso to the City of El Paso for use in connection with an economic development project. The

terms of the MOU provide that the City will pay EPWater the amount \$18, 600,000 from the City's Economic Development "Impact Fund" for the transfer of the land. At the time of the execution of the MOU, the land to be transferred had not been surveyed and the exact location of the 2,313 acreage to be transferred had not been identified by the City. The MOU expired on October 31, 2019. The City has asked EPWater to amend and reinstate the MOU. The MOU is being amended to further define the land to be reserved from conveyance by EPWater for its use in the development of its future Aquifer Storage and Recovery/Recharge (ASR) Project, and further detail the provision of water and sewer availability to the land to be transferred, and provide clarity and definition on the construction schedule of the ASR Project. The City has committed to closing on the land transfer with the intended third party on or before March 30, 2020. Mr. John Balliew, President/CEO addressed questions from the Board regarding this item. Mr. Tim Johnson with FSW made additional comments, while Ms. Koehler suggested the Board go into Executive Session so she can provide further legal advice if the Board had further questions, the Board did not go into Executive Session.

On a motion made by Mayor Margo, seconded by Mr. Morris and unanimously carried, the Board authorize the President/CEO to sign an Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of El Paso and the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board (EPWater) for the transfer of 2,313 acres of land located in Northeast El Paso from EPWater's inventory to the City of El Paso.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not enter into Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mayor Margo seconded by Ms. Garcia and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m., March 25, 2020.

ATTEST:

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer




