

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104
Heber, CA 92249

Minutes

Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Pompeyo Tabarez Called the Meeting to Order at 6:00pm.
2. **ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO:**
 - A. Appoint Board Director Sarah J. Curry- Oath of Office was Administered to Director Sarah J. Curry by Clerk of the Board Jacob Bermudez
3. **ROLL CALL:** All those Present Included: President Pompeyo Tabarez, Vice President Delfino Matus, Director Tony Sandoval, Director Helen Diaz-Molina, Director Sarah J. Curry, General Counsel Mitchell Driskill, General Manager Madeline Dessert, Finance Manager Luis Carrazco, Clerk of the Board Jacob Bermudez
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Tabarez led the Pledge of Allegiance
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Director Curry Motioned to Approve the Agenda. Director Diaz-Molina Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 5 - President Tabarez, Vice President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry / NOES: 0
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Imperial County Public Works Director David Dale Provided a Public Comment to Introduce Himself and Provide an Update on the Work Happening in Heber. Diahna Garcia Provided a Public Comment Expressing her Concerns Regarding the Incompatibility of Office of Three HPUD Board Directors.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Director Sandoval Motioned to Approve the Consent Agenda. Director Diaz-Molina Seconded the Motion. Motion Approve. AYES: 5 - President Tabarez, Vice President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry / NOES: 0
 - A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting on January 15, 2026
 - B. Approval of Current Demands for January 2026
 - C. Authorize the Finance Manager and the Senior Billing Clerk to Attend Tyler Connect in Nevada from April 7th to April 10th, 2026 - General Manager

8. REPORTS:

- A. President and Director's Comments
- B. Operations Report for January 2026 – Presented with no Additions
- C. General Manager's Report – Presented with no Additions
- D. Grants Update – Presented with no Additions

9. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Authorize the Board President to Sign a Letter of Support of Senate Bill 886 Data Center Ratepayer Protections Act – Director Sandoval Motioned a No Position on the Item and as Tabled for the Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting. Vice President Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 5 - President Tabarez, Vice President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry / NOES: 0
- B. Authorize the Board President to Sign a Letter of Support of Senate Bill 887 Good Neighbor Data Centers Leadership Project – Vice President Matus Motioned a No Position on the Item and as Tabled for the Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting. Director Diaz-Molina Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 5 - President Tabarez, Vice President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry / NOES: 0
- C. Information Only: Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) – To be Presented at the Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting.
- D. Information Only: Community Facilities District 2005 / Debt Services Presentation Total Balance Payoff Timeline as Requested by Director Sandoval – Presented with No Additions
- E. Adopt Resolution Number 2026-01 Facility Use Policy and Liability Coverage Requirements Policy Number 3750 – Vice President Matus Motioned to Approve and Adopt Resolution Number 2026-01. Director Curry Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 5 - President Tabarez, Vice President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry / NOES: 0
- F. Information Only: Rate Study Presentation – Presented with No Additions
- G. Adopt Resolution Number 2026-02 Amending the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget – Director Sandoval Motioned to Approve and Adopt Resolution Number 2026-02. Director Diaz-Molina Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 5 - President Tabarez, Vice President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry / NOES: 0

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The HPUD Office will be Closed on Monday, February 16, 2026 for Presidents Day

- 11. CLOSED SESSION:** Director Diaz-Molina Motioned to Enter Closed Session at 7:37pm. Vice President Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 5 - President Tabarez, Vice President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry / NOES: 0

To ensure privacy during Closed Session, we will observe the following procedures:

- The Board President will enter Closed Session. Members of the public will exit the boardroom.

A. Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d) one matter – General Manager
No Reportable action Taken. Direction Given to Staff.

Board Exited Closed Session at 8:30pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned at 8:31pm