

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104
Heber, CA 92249

MINUTES-AMENDED

Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION:

WEBSITE: <https://zoom.us/join>

MEETING ID: 796-978-5637

CALL IN PHONE NUMBER: 1 (669) 900-6833 or 1 (760) 336-1572

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** President Sandoval called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
- 2. ROLL CALL:** Those attending the meeting included President Sandoval, Vice-President Diaz Molina, Director Matus, and Director Tabarez. Director Garcia was absent. Also, in attendance were General Manager, Madeline Dessert, General Counsel, Mitch Driskill, Finance Manager, Luis Carrasco, and Office Manager, Moises Cardenas.
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Office Manager, Moises Cardenas.
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** There was a motion to approve the agenda by Director Tabarez, seconded by Vice-President Diaz-Molina.
The motion was approved by roll call vote of 4-0-1.
AYES: President Sandoval, Vice-President Diaz-Molina, Director Matus, Director Tabarez
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Director Garcia
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mario Vizcarra- Representing the Heber Hawks Soccer team, Mr. Vizcarra brought up his concern regarding park reservations. He mentioned that he had supplied insurance the previous day and that he should be allowed to practice at the park.

Brenda Ramirez- Ms. Ramirez stated that she is concerned for the safety of her children's soccer team because there were people there recording and taking pictures of the soccer team.

Alex Camacho- Mr. Camacho inquired about the possibility of having security guards at the park.

Sarah Curry- Ms. Curry pointed out the conditions of Estancia Park. She stated that the park is need of work.

The Board may set time limits on the amount of time any speaker can use to address the Board. Members of the public are allowed to make comments about anything not listed on the agenda. If the comments concern an agenda item, they must wait until that item is up for discussion. If you wish to address the Board, please speak to the Board Clerk or General Manager during the meeting and when recognized by the President of the Board address the Board. The Board can't take action on any item not on the agenda.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA:** There was a motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Director Tabarez, seconded by Vice-President Diaz-Molina.

The motion was approved by roll call vote of 4-0-1.

AYES: President Sandoval, Vice-President Diaz-Molina, Director Matus, Director Tabarez

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Director Garcia

- A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting on August 17, 2023 and the Minutes for the Emergency Meeting on August 22, 2023
- B. Approve Current Demands for August 2023

7. **REPORTS:**

- A. President and Director's Comments

President Sandoval mentioned that he spoke with Assembly member Garcia's staff member Guillermo Hernandez that AB 918 is headed to the Governor's Desk to be signed into law.

- B. Operations Report for August 2023

The Operations Report was presented with no additional comment.

- C. General Manager's Report

The General Manager's report was presented with no additional comment.

- D. Grants Update

The Grants Update was presented with no additional comment.

- E. Fall Fiesta Update

The Fall Fiesta Update was presented with no additional comment.

8. **NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action**

- A. Adopt Resolution 2023-10 to ratify the Salary Schedule- General Manager

There was a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-10 by Vice-President Diaz-Molina, seconded by Director Matus.

The motion was approved by roll call vote of 4-0-1.

AYES: President Sandoval, Vice-President Diaz-Molina, Director Matus, Director Tabarez

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Director Garcia

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

-HPUD Fall Fiesta will be held on October 28, 2023 from 5pm to 10pm at Tito Huerta Park (1165 N Palm Ave, Heber, CA 92249)

-CSDA Special District Leadership Academy in Santa Rosa, October 22-25, 2023

-HPUD General Manager will waive Ordinance 220 for Heber Fall Fiesta.

10. CLOSED SESSION: President Sandoval entered Closed Session at 6:41pm.

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. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code § 54957(b))
General Manager

The Board of Directors agreed to provide additional administrative leave to the General Manager. Direction was given to staff to prepare a memorandum to that effect and provide it to the Board of Directors at the October Meeting.

President Sandoval exited Closed Session at 7:19pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm by Director Tabarez, seconded by Vice-President Diaz-Molina.

The motion was approved by roll call vote of 4-0-1.

AYES: President Sandoval, Vice-President Diaz-Molina, Director Matus, Director Tabarez

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Director Garcia

The Minutes for the September 21, 2023 Regular Meeting were prepared by Moises G. Cardenas, Clerk of the Board.