

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104
Heber, CA 92249

Minutes

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

The District recognizes its obligation to provide equal access to those individuals with disabilities. Please contact the District (760-482-2440) two working days prior to the meeting with any special requests for reasonable accommodation including translation services. **COMUNÍQUESE CON EL DISTRITO SI SOLICITA SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCIÓN SOBRE UN TEMA PARTICULAR DE LA AGENDA. TODAS LAS SOLICITUDES DEBERÁN REALIZARSE POR ESCRITO DOS DÍAS HÁBILES ANTES DE LA JUNTA.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Pompeyo Tabarez Called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** All Those Present Include President Pompeyo Tabarez, Vice-President Delfino Matus, Director Sarah Curry, General Counsel Mitchell Driskill, General Manager Madeline Dessert, Clerk of the Board Jacob Bermudez.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Tabarez Led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Vice-President Matus Motioned to Approve the Agenda. Director Curry Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 3 President Tabarez, Vice-President Matus, Director Curry / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: Director Sandoval, Director Helen Diaz-Molina
5. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Director Helen Diaz-Molina Joined the Meeting at 6:02pm.
 - A. Sponsorship Request for Heber Elementary School District Chess Club – Tony Lambert & Heber Chess Club: Director Curry Made a Motion to Donate \$500 to the Heber Elementary School District Chess Club. Vice-President Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 4 President Tabarez, Vice-President Matus, Director Curry, Director Diaz-Molina. / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: Director Tony Sandoval.
 - Director Tony Sandoval Joined the Meeting at 6:15pm.
 - B. Authorize the Board President to Sign a Letter of Support of Senate Bill 886 Data Center Ratepayer Protections Act – Larissa De La Torre: Director Curry Motioned to Authorize the Board President to Sign a Letter of Support of Senate Bill 886 Data Center Ratepayer Protections Act. Vice-President Matus seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 5 President Tabarez, Vice-President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina Director Curry / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: 0
 - C. Authorize the Board President to Sign a Letter of Support of Senate Bill 887 Good Neighbor Data Centers Leadership Project – Larissa De La Torre: Director Curry Motioned to Authorize the Board President to Sign a Letter of Support of Senate Bill 887 Good Neighbor Data Center Leadership Project. Vice-President Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 5 President Tabarez, Vice-President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: 0
 - D. Authorize the Board President to Sign a Letter of Support for Request to Provide Permanent Long-Term Forgiveness of the Distressed Hospital Loan Program – Guillermo Hernandez: Director Sandoval Motioned to Approve the Board President to Sign a Letter of Support for Request to Provide Permanent

Long-Term Forgiveness of the Distressed Hospital Loan Program. Director Diaz-Molina Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 4 President Tabarez, Vice-President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina / NOES: 1 Director Curry / ABSENTEE: 0

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Antonia Ortega Provided a Public Comment to Express her Concerns Towards the Increase Regarding the Imperial County Solid Waste Landuse Fee. Diahna Garcia Expressed her Concerns Towards the Increase Regarding the Imperial County Solid Waste Landuse Fee.

7. CONSENT AGENDA: Director Diaz-Molina Motioned to Approve the Consent Agenda. Director Sandoval Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 5 President Tabarez, Vice-President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: 0

A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting on February 16, 2026

B. Approval of Current Demands for February 2026

C. Authorize Two Operators to Attend Tri-State Training in Searchlight Nevada for Certification Training

8. REPORTS:

A. President and Director's Comments – Director Sandoval Director Staff to Send a Letter to the County of Imperial to Show it's Disapproval of the Rate Increase for the Imperial County Solid Waste Landuse Fee.

B. Operations Report for February 2026: Reported with no Additions

C. General Manager's Report: Reported with no Additions

D. Grants Update: Reported with no Additions

9. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

A. Adopt Resolution Number 2026-03 Authorizing the General Manager to Sign an Agreement Regarding the Special District Membership in and Funding of the Imperial County Local Agency Formation Commission – General Manager: Vice-President Matus Motioned to Table the Item for the Regularly Scheduled Meeting on April 16, 2026. Director Curry Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 5 President Tabarez, Vice-President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: 0

B. Adopt Resolution Number 2026-04 Amending the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget – Finance Manager: Director Sandoval Motioned to Adopt Resolution Number 2026-04 Amending the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget. Director Diaz-Molina Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 5 President Tabarez, Vice-President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: 0

C. Adopt Resolution Number 2026-05 Authorizing the General Manager to Purchase a Mixer not to Exceed \$21,000.00 – General Manager: Director Sandoval Motioned to Adopt Resolution Number 2026-05 Authorizing the General Manager to Purchase a Mixer not to Exceed \$21,000.00. Director

Curry Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 5 President Tabarez, Vice-President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: 0

- D. Information Only: Submittal of Grant Applications for Fiscal Year 2026 Congressionally Directed Spending Appropriations – Grants Manager: Presented with no Additions
- E. Information Only: Submittal of Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Appropriations – Grants Manager: Presented with no Additions

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 2, 2026 at Tito Huerta Park from 5pm to 8pm Egg Hunt will be at 5:30pm Sharp

11. CLOSED SESSION: Director Curry Motioned to Enter Closed Session at 7:40pm. Director Diaz-Molina Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 5 President Tabarez, Vice-President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: 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.
- B. Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(b) one matter – General Manager: No Reportable Action Taken. Direction Given to Staff.

Board of Directors Exited Closed Session at 8:19pm

12. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was Adjourned at 8:20pm.