

City of San Antonio



Minutes

Governance Committee

2021 – 2023 Council Members

Mayor Ron Nirenberg, Chair

Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, Dist. 4 | Melissa Cabello Havrda, Dist. 6 Manny
Pelaez, Dist. 8 | John Courage, Dist. 9

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

10:00 AM

City Hall Complex

The Governance Committee convened a regular meeting in the City Hall Media Briefing Room at 10:01 AM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Committee Members present:

Members Present: Ron Nirenberg, *Mayor, Chair*
Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, *Member*
Melissa Cabello Havrda, *Member*
Manny Pelaez, *Member*
John Courage, *Member*

Members Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

1. Governance Committee meeting on March 24, 2023.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve the minutes of the March 24, 2023 Governance Committee meeting. Councilmember Pelaez seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Pelaez, Courage

Briefing and Possible Action on

2. Consideration of four At-Large Appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment [Debbie Racca-Sittre, Office of the City Clerk; Michael Shannon, Development Services Department]

The Zoning Board of Adjustment had recently been experiencing quorum issues and four of its seven At-Large Alternate positions remained vacant. The At-Large members serve as alternates and attend meetings in the absence of a council district representative.

The newly appointed At-Large Members were expected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term and thereafter, continue serving in holdover status until those positions were filled in the new upcoming term of office beginning June 1, 2023 and expiring May 31, 2025. Ten applicants were recommended for interviews by the shortlist committee comprised of Councilmembers Rocha Garcia and Courage. Micah Harper withdrew his application and two applicants, Richard Alcorta and Robert Tapia, submitted written statements that were distributed to the Committee.

Mayor Nirenberg invited the applicants in attendance to provide a two minute opening statement and the following applicants were interviewed by the Committee: John Bonillas, Evelyn Brown, Celencia Hayes, Ian Krohn, Lawson Picasso, Razmin Riahi and Levi Thatcher.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 10:50 AM to deliberate and discuss the following:

- A. Discuss legal matters pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with Attorney).

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 11:07 AM and announced that no official action had been taken in Executive Session.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda moved to recommend and forward John Bonillas, Evelyn Brown, Celencia Hayes, and Raxmin Riahi to the full City Council for consideration at its next available meeting for appointment on the Zoning Board of Adjustments as At-Large Members for the remainder of the term expiring May 31, 2023. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Pelaez, Courage

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Approved

Ron Nirenberg Mayor

Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk