

**GOVERNANCE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021, at 3:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM IN CITY HALL**

Members Present:	Mayor Ron Nirenberg, <i>Chair</i> Councilmember Adriana Rocha Garcia, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Melissa Cabello Havrda, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember Manny Pelaez, <i>District 8</i> Councilmember John Courage, <i>District 9</i>
Staff Present:	Erik Walsh, <i>City Manager</i> ; Alex Lopez, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Rod Sanchez, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> , Andy Segovia, <i>City Attorney</i> ; Troy Beaulieu, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Debbie Racca-Sittre, <i>Interim City Clerk</i> ; Aurora Perkins, <i>Deputy City Clerk</i> ; Mike Ramsey, <i>Director of Workforce Development Department</i> ; Razi Hosseini, <i>Director of Public Works Department</i>
Others Present:	SAWS Board of Trustees Applicant; Marilu Reyna

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nirenberg called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

1. Approval of the minutes from the City Council Governance Committee Meeting on September 15, 2021.

Councilmember Pelaez moved to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2021, Governance Committee Meeting. Councilmember Cabello Havrda seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Briefing and Possible Action on

2. Consideration and recommendation of applicants for the Southeast Quadrant of the San Antonio Water System Board of Trustees. [Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk]

Marilu Reyna was interviewed and considered for appointment to the Southeast Quadrant of the SAWS Board of Trustees. The following other applicants were also considered but not interviewed at the October 11, 2021 meeting:

1. Erik Elizondo (scheduled for interview October 11, 2021 but did not attend)
2. Brenda Pacheco (interviewed September 15, 2021)
3. James Smyle (interviewed September 15, 2021)
4. Kristi Villanueva (interviewed September 15, 2021)
5. Lawrence Waung (interviewed September 15, 2021)
6. Sandi Wolff (interviewed September 15, 2021)

3. Consideration of Applicant for the SA: Ready to Work Advisory Board [Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk]

Mike Ramsey, Director of Workforce Development Department explained the role of the SA: Ready to Work Board, listed the current board members, and recommended appointment of Dr. Thomas Evans, President of the University of Incarnate Word to fill the vacant training/higher education seat. Mr. Ramsey reminded the Governance Committee that Dr. Evans interviewed back in February 2021.

Consent Agenda

4. A briefing and discussion on a Council Consideration Request (CCR) from Councilmember Cabello Havrda, District 6, on Local Preference Awards for Low Bid Street Improvement Projects [Rod Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Public Works Director]

Councilmember Cabello Havrda outlined the Council Consideration Request (CCR) memo and the intent of the request was to improve quality of work. Rod Sanchez, Assistant City Manager recommended staff continue to work on this proposed process improvement and take the recommendations to the Audit and Accountability Committee. City Manager Walsh stated that he fully supported this critical policy in looking forward to the Bond Program. Councilmember Courage supported moving the item to Audit Committee. Councilmember Pelaez expressed support of the CCR Councilmember Rocha Garcia noted that the memo stated, and Mr. Sanchez confirmed that the Transportation Committee would be briefed. Razi Hosseini, Director of Public Works explained that Public Works Department has been using a scorecard for contractors and design consultants, those under 70% score would not be considered as a qualified bidder for future contracts. Councilmember Courage expressed that he would like to see a score of 90% for a contractor.

Councilmember Pelaez motioned to forward CCR item to the Audit Committee for review and consideration. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Cabello Havrda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the Governance Council Committee meeting into Executive Session at 3:51 PM to discuss the following:

A. Discuss personnel matters related to the review of applications to the SAWS Board of Trustees or to the SA: Ready to Work Advisory Board pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (personnel) and Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Mayor Nirenberg reconvened the Governance Council Committee meeting at 4:15 PM and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Councilwoman Rocha Garcia motioned to recommend the appointment of Marilu Reyna to the San Antonio Water Systems Board of Trustees representing the Southeast Quadrant for unexpired term of office to end May 31, 2025 and for the appointment to be placed before the full City Council for consideration on October 21, 2021. Councilmember Pelaez seconded the motion. The motion passed with affirmative votes from Mayor Nirenberg, Councilmembers Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, and Pelaez; and abstention by Councilmember Courage.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia motioned to recommend the appointment of Dr. Thomas Evans to the SA Ready to Work Board and for the appointment to be placed before the full City Council for consideration on October 21, 2021. Councilmember Pelaez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 4:13 PM.

ATTEST:

Ron Nirenberg, Mayor

Debbie Racca-Sittre
Interim City Clerk