**MINUTES**
**PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**
**CITY OF EL PASO**
**February 27, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Public Service Board was held in person, Thursday February 27, 2025

**PSB MEMBERS PRESENT**
Bryan Morris, Chair
Stefanie Block Uribarri, Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. Anna Gitter, Member
Charlie Intebi, Vice-Chair
Mayor Renard U. Johnson

**PSB EMPLOYEES PRESENT**
John E. Balliew, P.E., President and Chief Executive Officer
Daniel Ortiz, General Counsel

**EPWATER EMPLOYEES PRESENT**
Ana Sanchez, Vice President of Financial and Management Services
Gilbert Trejo, Vice President of Operations and Technical Services
Adam Wickersham, Vice President of IT
Art Duran, Chief Financial Officer
Claudia Duran, Chief of Staff
Edith Lara, Executive Assistant to the President/CEO
Alberto Gomez, Utility Video Production Manager
Sol Cortez, Deputy General Counsel
Robert Evans, Software Developer I
Geoffrey Espineli, Engineer Division Manager
Adriana Castillo, Engineer Division Manager
Elmer Beeler, Chief Support & Logistics Officer
Sol Cortez, Deputy General Counsel
Felipe Lopez, Utility Chief Engineering Officer
Gretchen Byram, Utility Senior Computer Media Specialist
Gisela Dagnino, Utility Chief Operations Officer
Irazema Rojas, Utility Chief Engineering Officer
Martin Noriega, Utility Chief Operations Officer
Ruben Rodriguez, Chief Water Quality Compliance Officer
Lisa Rosendorf, Chief Communications & Government Affairs Officer

The Public Service Board meeting was called to order by Bryan Morris at 2:00 p.m. A quorum of its members was present.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 1. ADVANCED WATER PURIFICATION FACILITY (AWPF) GROUNDBREAKING PROGRAM

- **WELCOME BY VICE PRESIDENT GILBERT TREJO, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SPECIAL GUESTS**
- **REMARKS BY EL PASO MAYOR RENARD JOHNSON**
- **VICE PRESIDENT TREJO INTRODUCES VIDEO**
- **AWPF NEW BRANDING UNVEILING, TRANSITION ANIMATIONS**
- **REMARKS BY JOHN BALLIEW, EPWATER PRESIDENT AND CEO**
- **REMARKS BY WATEREUSE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT BART WEISS**
- **VIDEO SPEECH: CONGRESSMAN TONY GONZALES – 23RD DISTRICT OF TEXAS**
- **VIDEO SPEECH: CONGRESSWOMAN VERONICA ESCOBAR -16TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

This item had no action.

### 2. GROUNDBREAKING ACTIVITY

This item had no action.

Mr. Morris adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m., February 27, 2025.

ATTEST:

Stefanie Block Uribarri, Secretary-Treasurer

Bryan Morris, Chair

**MINUTES**
**PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**
**CITY OF EL PASO**
**March 12, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Public Service Board was held in person, Wednesday, March 12, 2025

**PSB MEMBERS PRESENT**
Bryan Morris, Chair
Dr. Anna Gitter, Member
Dr. Hector Ocaranza, Member
Charlie Intebi, Vice-Chair

**PSB EMPLOYEES PRESENT**
John E. Balliew, P.E., President and Chief Executive Officer
Daniel Ortiz, General Counsel

**EPWATER EMPLOYEES PRESENT**
Ana Sanchez, Vice President of Financial and Management Services
Gilbert Trejo, Vice President of Operations and Technical Services
Adam Wickersham, Vice President of IT
Art Duran, Chief Financial Officer
Claudia Duran, Chief of Staff
Edith Lara, Executive Assistant to the President/CEO
Melinda Becker, Assistant General Counsel
Alberto Gomez, Utility Video Production Manager
Alessa Contreras, Multimedia Design Specialist
Robert Evans, Software Developer I
Geoffrey Espineli, Engineer Division Manager
Elmer Beeler, Chief Support & Logistics Officer
Felipe Lopez, Utility Chief Engineering Officer
Rose Guevara, Utility Purchasing & Contracts Manager
Veronica Garcia, Senior Purchasing Agent
Luz Elena Holguin, Utility Assistant Chief Financial Officer
Gretchen Byram, Utility Senior Computer Media Specialist
Gisela Dagnino, Utility Chief Operations Officer
Irazema Rojas, Utility Chief Engineering Officer
Martin Noriega, Utility Chief Operations Officer
Alejandro Vidales, Utility Land and Water Rights Manager
Enrique Ochoa, Engineering Division Manager
Richard Wilcox, Water Supply Manager
Sergio Saenz, Utility Assistant Chief Information Officer
Drew Aliyas, Utility Climate and Research Program Manager
Zulema Jamis, Office Manager
Gerardo Gomez, Construction Superintendent
Elijio Myers, Water Distribution Superintendent
Michael Dubrule, Operations Supervisor
Ivan Hernandez, Utility Engineering Division Manager
Patricia Borschow, Senior Assistant General Counsel
Darrel Petry, Security Manager
Jennifer Barr, Water Conservation/TecH20 Manager
Christina Montoya Halter, Marketing and Communications Manager
Lidia Carranco, Utility Chief Customer Experience Officer
Brenda Cantu, Utility Business and Customer Service Manager

**GUEST**
Julie Ward, Homeserve
Cindy Convoy, Heart Gallery
Vanessa Leon, Heart Gallery
Sandra Garcia, CASFV

The Public Service Board meeting was called to order by Bryan Morris at 8:33 a.m. A quorum of its members was present. After a moment of silence, those in attendance joined Ms. Claudia Duran in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **CONSIDERED AND APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 2025**

2. **CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A MASTER CONTRACT WITH IMPACT PIPE INSPECTION INC THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE TIPS CONTRACT 230505 MAINTENANCE REPAIR AND OPERATIONS OF FACILITIES AND GROUNDS IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $7,000,000 AND AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF FUTURE MASTER CONTRACTS IN THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF $7,000,000 FOR AS LONG AS THE TIPS CONTRACT IS IN PLACE.**

3. **CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH CENTRILOGIC FOR MANAGED HOSTING, NETWORK AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO SUPPORT EL PASO WATER'S C2M APPLICATION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 252.022(A)(7)(A) OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, FOR A TERM OF SIX MONTHS, IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $313,014.06, AND AUTHORIZED AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF $100,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL SERVICES ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS, WITH THE OPTION FOR TWO, SIX-MONTH EXTENSIONS, CONTINGENT UPON THE VENDOR PROVIDING DOCUMENTATION ATTESTING TO THEIR SOLE SOURCE STATUS AT THE TIME OF THE RENEWAL, IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $313,014.06 FOR EACH EXTENSION; AND AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF $100,000 PER EXTENSION FOR THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL SERVICES ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS FOR EACH TERM.**

4. **CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH CENTRILOGIC, INC. FOR SERVICES TO SUPPORT MIGRATION OF C2M FROM THE CURRENT PRIVATE CLOUD ENVIRONMENT INTO ORACLE CLOUD INFRASTRUCTURE (OCI), PURSUANT TO SECTION 252.022(A)(7)(A) OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $250,000.**

5. **CONSIDERED AND AWARDED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WATER, WASTEWATER, RECLAIMED WATER, AND STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE ON TXDOT AND VARIOUS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS RFQ84-24 TO CDM SMITH INC., HUITT-ZOLLARS INC., CEA ENGINEERING GROUP INC., MORENO CARDENAS, INC. AND BROCK & BUSTILLOS, INC., FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,000,000 FOR EACH FIRM WITH A TERM OF THREE YEARS.**

6. **CONSIDERED AND AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WATER, WASTEWATER, RECLAIMED WATER, AND STORMWATER PIPELINES GREATER THAN 24-INCHES-RFQ74-24 TO ARCADIS U.S. INC., BROCK & BUSTILLOS INC., BROWN AND CALDWELL DBA BROWN AND CALDWELL INC., CDM SMITH INC., CEA ENGINEERING GROUP INC., CONSOR NORTH**

**AMERICA, INC., HUITT-ZOLLARS INC., AND JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON INC., FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,500,000 FOR EACH FIRM WITH A TERM OF THREE YEARS.**

**CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)**

7. **CONSIDERED AND AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE ON-CALL STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES-RFQ73-24 TO ALFONSO D PEREZ P.E. INC, AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC., CONSOR NORTH AMERICA, INC., FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC., CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS LLC, AND WISS, JANNEY, ELSTNER ASSOCIATES, INC. EACH FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,500,000 FOR EACH FIRM WITH A TERM OF THREE YEARS.**

8. **CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR THE PLANNED WATER LINE REPLACEMENT – PART 2 PROJECT WITH BROCK & BUSTILLOS, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLANNED WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM PH. 12A PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $194,725 AND AUTHORIZED FUTURE TASK ORDERS AND AMENDMENTS TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $100,000.**

9. **CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF SIERRA CREST 1 & 2 WATER TANKS AND MOUNTAIN PARK 2 WATER TANK REPLACEMENT – PART 2 PROJECT WITH AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE REHABILITATION OF SIERRA CREST 1 & 2 WATER TANKS AND MOUNTAIN PARK 2 WATER TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $100,000 AND AUTHORIZED FUTURE TASK ORDERS AND AMENDMENTS TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $100,000.**

10. **CONSIDERED AND RATIFIED EXPENDITURES FOR PERSONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO SECTION 252.022(A)(4) OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, PROVIDED BY MCDANIEL, HUNTER & PRINCE, INC THROUGH J PAUL OXER, IN THE AMOUNT OF $124,125.15 AND APPROVED AN AMENDMENT TO THE PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH MCDANIEL, HUNTER & PRINCE, INC TO BE PERFORMED BY J PAUL OXER, TO AMEND THE TERM FROM ONE YEAR TO THREE YEARS, AND INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY AN ADDITIONAL $500,000 FOR THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

11. **CEO MONTHLY UPDATE REGARDING UTILITY MANAGEMENT AND/OR OPERATIONS:**
    - **BILL REDESIGN PROGRESS UPDATE**
    - **FITCH + S&P – BOTH AA+ RATINGS**
    - **REPORT ON AUSTIN VISIT – TEXAS WATER DAY SPONSORSHIP AND BRIEFING OF DELEGATION, LEG PRIORITIES**

**REGULAR AGENDA (CONTINUED)**

- **CHANGE TO ACCESS ROAD TO EPWATER HEADQUARTERS BUILDING PARKING STRUCTURE LOCATED ON HAWKINS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON MARCH 17, 2025.**

12. **MANAGEMENT REPORT:**
    - **EL PASO/TRANS-PECOS AUDUBON SOCIETY CONSERVATION AWARD – JENN BARR**
    - **VIDEO FROM COMMUNICATIONS – PURE WATER CENTER GROUNDBREAKING EVENT**

**14. PUBLIC COMMENT: THE PSB WILL PERMIT PUBLIC COMMENT ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA BUT MAY NOT DELIBERATE ON THESE ITEMS IF NOT POSTED FOR DISCUSSION. THE CHAIR MAY IMPOSE REASONABLE TIME LIMITS FOR EACH SPEAKER.**

No one signed up to speak.

**14. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED THE SELECTION OF THE CENTER AGAINST SEXUAL AND FAMILY VIOLENCE AND THE HEART GALLERY OF EL PASO AS THE UTILITY'S STRATEGIC PARTNERS FOR 2025 AND 2026.**

Luz Elena Holguin, Utility Assistant Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) EPWater has been a long-term community partner supporting charitable organizations since its inception in 1952. The Public Service Board (PSB) approved the Strategic Partnerships and Alliances with Non-Profit Organizations Administrative Policy (Policy) in 2009. This Policy allows the PSB to select a charitable organization yearly for a fundraising project. EPWater receives requests throughout the year to support local and charitable causes. Staff requests the PSB to authorize the selection of two organizations as Strategic Partners for 2025 and for 2026. Ms. Convoy, Mrs. Leon, and Ms. Garcia all answered questions from the board on this item.

On a motion made by Dr. Ocaranza, seconded by Dr. Gitter, and unanimously carried considered and approved the selection of The Center Against Sexual and Family Violence and The Heart Gallery of El Paso as the Utility's Strategic Partners for 2025 and 2026.

**15. CONSIDERED AND AWARDED RFP 06-25 LIQUID OXYGEN, TO SYOXSA INC., THE SOLE VENDOR, IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF $3,920,000 FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, WITH FOUR ONE-YEAR OPTIONS TO EXTEND.**

Richard Wilcox, Water Supply Manager, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) EPWater solicited proposals to provide liquid oxygen to various treatment facilities. The solicitation requested both NSF approved medical grade & industrial grade oxygen. The Jonathan Rogers Wastewater Treatment Plant uses the medical grade liquid oxygen to generate ozone for the treatment of drinking water. The industrial grade liquid oxygen is used by the Fred Hervey Water Reclamation Plant to generate ozone for the treatment of wastewater, it is also used at various lift stations throughout the city for odor control. EPWater received a single submittal for this service from Syoxsa Inc. in the amount of $1.90/gallon with an annual allowance of $500,000 for a total annual amount of $3,920,000. This unit cost represents a 58% price increase from the latest price. Mr. Wilcox answered questions from the board on this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Intebi, seconded by Dr. Gitter, and unanimously carried, the Board considered and awarded RFP 06-25 Liquid Oxygen, to Syoxsa Inc., the sole vendor, in the estimated annual amount of $3,920,000 for a term of one year, with four one-year options to extend.

**16. CONSIDED R AND APPROVED THE REVISIONS EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2025, TO THE SERVLINE LEAK PROTECTION PROGRAM OFFERED BY HOMESERVE, A SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER OF THE PROGRAM INSURING EPWATER'S LEAK ADJUSTMENT POLICY, REVISING THE MONTHLY RATES PAID BY CUSTOMERS AND THE PROGRAM COVERAGE TO UP TO $2,500 UPON PROVIDING PROOF OF LEAK REPAIRS AND AUTHORIZED THE PAYMENT TO HOMESERVE, AT THE RATE OF $1.59 MONTHLY FEE FOR EACH PARTICIPATING RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER AND $2.31 PER MONTH FOR EACH PARTICIPATING COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER, PURSUANT TO SECTION 252.022(A)(7) OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 5 WITH PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LEAK ADJUSTMENT**

**POLICY REFLECTING THE CHANGES TO THE SERVLINE LEAK PROTECTION PROGRAM COVERAGE AND MONTHLY RATES.**

Brenda Cantu, Utility Business and Customer Service Manager, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) Revisions to the Program are needed to revise the monthly rates paid by customers to HomeServe effective May 1, 2025 for coverage under the Program. Additionally, the coverage under the Program will increase to up to $2,500 of their excess water comsumptions for leaks upon providing proof of leak repairs. HomeServe will continue to administer the Program, including processing customer inquiries regarding leaks, helping to reduce calls. EPWater receives a check from HomeServe for 100% of the excess water consumption, preventing the loss of written-off revenue. Customers can opt out of participating in the Program. Ms. Cantu and Ms. Ward answered questions from the board on this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Intebi, seconded by Dr. Gitter, and unanimously carried, the Board considered and approved the revisions effective May 1, 2025, to the Servline Leak Protection Program offered by HomeServe, a sole source provider of the program insuring EPWater's Leak Adjustment policy, revising the monthly rates paid by customers and the Program coverage to up to $2,500 upon providing proof of leak repairs and authorized the payment to HomeServe, at the rate of $1.59 monthly fee for each participating residential customer and $2.31 per month for each participating commercial customer, pursuant to Section 252.022(a)(7) of the Texas Local Government Code; and adoption of a Resolution amending Rules and Regulations No. 5 with proposed changes to the Leak Adjustment policy reflecting the changes to the Servline Leak Protection Program coverage and monthly rates.

**17. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK (CMAR) CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH SMITHCO CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE BACKUP POWER GENERATORS AND DIESEL FUEL STORAGE AND DISPENSING SYSTEMS PROJECT AND ACCEPT THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE NUMBER 4 (GMP4) IN THE AMOUNT OF $20,166,402.90.**

Geoffrey Espineli, Engineer Division Manager, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) EPWater has a capital improvement program to install new backup power generators at the following critical facilities: Fred Hervey Water Reclamation Plant, John T. Hickerson Water Reclamation Facility, Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Jonathan Rogers Water Treatment Plant. In addition, Senate Bill 3, (SB3) enacted by the State of Texas during the 87th legislative session, required EPWater to submit an Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP) to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requiring that water pressure be maintained indefinitely during extreme events. To meet this requirement, the EPP identified that generators are needed at critical facilities. This includes the Upper Valley Water Treatment Plant, three pump stations and 16 well sites. Further, to maintain the operation of the generators and increase resiliency of the system, one 50,000-gallon above-ground diesel fuel storage tank with fuel unloading and dispensing systems.

TCEQ approved the EPP, and the implementation deadline is July 1, 2028. These projects are being delivered using the CMAR method. GMP4 is for construction work packages for heavy civil and electrical work package at Sunset pumpstation, Upper Valley Water Treatment Plant, diesel fuel storage facility and John T. Hickerson water reclamation facility. Arcadis is EPWater's engineer for the project and the firm is also providing construction administration services. Mr. Espineli answered questions from the board on this item.

On a motion made by Dr. Gitter, seconded by Dr. Ocaranza, and unanimously carried, the Board considered and approved an amendment to the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) construction contract with Smithco Construction, Inc. for the Backup Power Generators and Diesel Fuel Storage and Dispensing Systems project and accept the Guaranteed Maximum Price Number 4 (GMP4) in the amount of $20,166,402.90.

**18. CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE EL PASO CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO $302,300,000 OF CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, WATER AND SEWER REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS TO PAY OFF UP TO $300,000,000 OF OUTSTANDING EXTENDABLE COMMERCIAL PAPER NOTES AND FUND RELATED TRANSACTION COSTS, PROVIDED THAT CERTAIN PRICING PARAMETERS SET FORTH IN SUCH ORDINANCE ARE MET.**

Art Duran, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) The Extendable Commercial Paper (ECP) program is a financing program with a capacity of up to $300,000,000. The ECP program requires an annual parameters ordinance approved by the City of El Paso City Council to approve the issuance of up to $302,300,000 of City of El Paso, Texas, Water and Sewer Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds to pay off up to $300,000,000 of outstanding ECP Notes, and to fund related transaction costs.

On a motion made by Mr. Intebi, seconded by Dr. Gitter, and unanimously carried, the Board considered and adopted a resolution requesting the El Paso City Council to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of up to $302,300,000 of City of El Paso, Texas, Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds to pay off up to $300,000,000 of outstanding Extendable Commercial Paper Notes and fund related transaction costs, provided that certain pricing parameters set forth in such ordinance are met.

**19. CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE EL PASO CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO $37,100,000 OF CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, WATER AND SEWER REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS TO REFUND UP TO $36,570,000 OF THE CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING WATER AND SEWER REVENUE, IMPROVEMENT, AND REFUNDING BONDS SERIES 2016 AND TO FUND INTEREST AND RELATED TRANSACTION COSTS PROVIDED THAT CERTAIN PRICING PARAMETERS OUTLINED IN SUCH ORDINANCE ARE MET.**

Art Duran, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) EPWater is requesting that the Public Service Board approve a resolution requesting that the City Council approve the issuance of up to $37,100,000 of City of El Paso Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds to refund Water and Sewer Bonds, Series 2016, in the principal amount of up to $36,570,000 which are callable March 1, 2026. This transaction will create an estimated present value interest savings of $2,211,000.

On a motion made by Dr. Ocaranza, seconded by Dr. Gitter, and unanimously carried, the Board considered and adopted a resolution requesting that the El Paso City Council authorize the issuance of up to $37,100,000 of City of El Paso, Texas, Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds to refund up to $36,570,000 of the currently outstanding Water and Sewer Revenue, Improvement, and Refunding Bonds Series 2016 and to fund interest and related transaction costs provided that certain pricing parameters outlined in such ordinance are met.

**20. CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE EL PASO CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO $60,600,000 OF CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS TO PAY OFF UP TO $60,000,000 OF OUTSTANDING EXTENDABLE COMMERCIAL PAPER NOTES AND FUND RELATED TRANSACTION COSTS, PROVIDED THAT CERTAIN PRICING PARAMETERS SET FORTH IN SUCH ORDINANCE ARE MET.**

Art Duran, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) The Extendable Commercial Paper (ECP) program is a financing program with a capacity of up to $60,000,000. The ECP program requires an annual parameters resolution ordinance approved by the City of El Paso City Council to approve the issuance of up to $60,600,000 of City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds to pay off up to $60,000,000 of outstanding ECP Notes, and fund related transaction costs.

On a motion made by Dr. Gitter, seconded by Dr. Ocaranza, and unanimously carried, the Board considered and adopted a resolution requesting that the El Paso City Council authorize the issuance of up to $60,600,000 of City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds to pay off up to $60,000,000 of outstanding Extendable Commercial Paper Notes and fund related transaction costs, provided that certain pricing parameters set forth in such ordinance are met.

## REGULAR AGENDA (continued)

**21. CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE EL PASO CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO $13,000,000 OF CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS TO REFUND UP TO $12,645,000 OF THE CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY REVENUE SYSTEM BONDS SERIES 2016 AND TO FUND INTEREST AND RELATED TRANSACTION COSTS PROVIDED THAT CERTAIN PRICING PARAMETERS OUTLINED IN SUCH ORDINANCE ARE MET.**

Art Duran, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) EPWater is requesting that the Public Service Board approve a resolution requesting that the City Council approve the issuance of up to $13,000,000 of City of El Paso Municipal Drainage Utility Revenue System Refunding Bonds to refund Municipal Drainage Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2016, in the principal amount of up to $12,645,000 which are callable March 1, 2026. This transaction will create an estimated present value interest savings of $985,000.

On a motion made by Dr. Ocaranza, seconded by Mr. Intebi, and unanimously carried, the Board considered and adopted a resolution requesting that the El Paso City Council authorize the issuance of up to $13,000,000 of City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds to refund up to $12,645,000 of the currently outstanding Municipal Drainage Utility Revenue System Bonds Series 2016 and to fund interest and related transaction costs provided that certain pricing parameters outlined in such ordinance are met.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Dr. Gitter, seconded by Dr. Ocaranza, and unanimously carried, the Board retired into Executive Session 9:46 a.m. March 12, 2025, pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 through 551.089 to discuss the following:

The Public Service Board will retire into Executive Session pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 through 551.089. (The items listed below are matters of the sort to be discussed in Executive Session; however, the Public Service Board may move any item of this agenda to Executive Session, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.)

Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney
Section 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property
Section 551.073 Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift
Section 551.074 Personnel Matters
Section 551.076 Deliberations Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits
Section 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations
Section 551.089 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits

**a. WHETHER THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY CAN BE DECLARED INEXPEDIENT TO THE WATER, WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER SYSTEMS: HILL TERRACE ADDITION, REPLAT NO. 1, BLOCK 1, LOT 3, EL PASO COUNTY, EL PASO, TEXAS, APPROXIMATELY 3.26 ACRES (551.071) (551.072)**

On a motion made by Mr, Intebi seconded by Dr. Ocaranza, and unanimously carried, that the property as described in the posting language, be declared inexpedient to the water, wastewater and stormwater systems.

**b. WHETHER THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY CAN BE DECLARED INEXPEDIENT TO THE WATER, WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER SYSTEMS: PROPERTY CONSISTING OF A**

**PORTION OF BLOCK 9, RIVER RUN UNIT TWO REPLAT A (20' PSB ROW), APPROXIMATELY 0.0551 ACRES. (551.071) (551.072)**

On a motion made by Mr, Intebi seconded by Dr. Gitter, and unanimously carried, that the property as described in the posting language, NOT be declared inexpedient to the water, wastewater and stormwater systems.

**c. PURCHASE OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY: PORTION OF THE RIO INTERCEPTING DRAIN OUT OF YSLETA GRANT, BLOCK 53, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, APPROXIMATELY 8.57 ACRES. (551.071) (551.072)**

On a motion made by Mr, Intebi seconded by Dr. Ocaranza, and unanimously carried, that the President and CEO be authorized to proceed with the acquisition of the land, as approved by the Board and in accordance with the terms and conditions specified, and to sign any and all documents necessary to complete the purchase.

**d. DETERMINATION OF THE VALUE OF APPROXIMATELY 400.45 ACRES OF LAND SITUATED NORTH OF BERINO, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS FOLLOWS:**

**IN SECTION 2, T. 26S., R. 2E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, PARCEL 1 BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 22-44; IN SECTION 1, T. 26S., R. 2E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, PARCEL 2 BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 24-7C1, PARCEL 3 BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 22-59; PARCEL 4 BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 24-7B2; PARCEL 7 BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 22-59 IN SECTIONS 1 AND 12, T. 26S., R. 2E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, PARCEL 5 BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 24-7B2, PARCEL 6 BEING U.S.R.S. TRACTS 24-7A, 24-7B3, 24-7B4 AND 24-7C1; (551.071) (551.072)**

On a motion made by Mr, Intebi seconded by Dr. Gitter, and unanimously carried, that the President and CEO be authorized to proceed with negotiation of the sale of Utility land in accordance with the terms and conditions specified.

**e. CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING EPWATER OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF ITS INFRASTRUCTURE, REAL PROPERTY AND LEGAL RIGHTS. (551.071) (551.072)**

This item was moved to the month no May.

**f. CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING THE PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD. (551.071)**

This item had no action.

Any action as a result of these discussions will be taken at the re-opening of this meeting or at a subsequent meeting.

On a motion made by Dr. Ocaranza, seconded by Mr. Intebi, and unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in open session at 10:42 a.m., March 12, 2025.

On a motion made by Dr. Ocaranza, seconded by Mr. Intebi, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m., March 12, 2025.

ATTEST:

Stefanie Block Uribarri, Secretary-Treasurer

Bryan Morris, Chair