

MINUTES
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD
CITY OF EL PASO
August 13, 2025

The regular meeting of the Public Service Board was held in person, Wednesday, August 13, 2025.

PSB MEMBERS PRESENT

Bryan Morris - Chair
Stefanie Block – Treasurer
Dr. Anna Gitter - Member
Dr. Hector Ocaranza - Member
Charlie Intebi, Vice-Chair
Lane Gaddy – Member
Mayor Renart 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, Finance Executive
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
David Rodriguez, Support Services I
Ricardo Gomez Jr, PC/LAN Specialist I
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
Martin Noriega, Utility Chief Operations Officer
Ivan Hernandez, Utility Engineering Division Manager
Lisa Rosendorf, Chief Communications and Government Affairs Officer
Jeff Tepsick, Interim Chief Finance Officer
Sol Cortez, Deputy General Counsel
Irazema Rojas, Utility Chief Engineering Officer – Engineering Services
Richard Wilcox, Water Supply Manager
Pablo Mejia, Capital Improvement Project Manager
Adriana Castillo, Utility Engineering Division Manager
Gustavo Hurtado, Fiscal Operations Manager
Ruben Rodriguez, Chief Quality Compliance Officer
Christina Montoya – Halter, Marketing and Communications Manager
Geoffrey Espineli, Utility Engineering Division Manager
Lidia Carranco, Utility Chief Customer Experience Officer
Alfredo Aleman, Utility Meter Shop Supervisor
Brenda Cantu, Utility Business and Customer Service Manager
Amy Castner, Utility Engineering Division Manager
Art Ruiz, Utility Chief Plant Manager

Renata Renova, Capital Projects Manager

GUEST

Brad Kirksey, FNI
Marissa Ramirez, Frontera Land Alliance
Joanna Gil, GRP
Marlene Strickler, GRP
Binay Basnet, Jacobs
Gerardo Valenzuela, Jacobs

The Public Service Board meeting was called to order by Mr. Morris at 8:34 a.m. A quorum of its members was present. After a moment of silence, those in attendance joined Adam Wickersham in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. ELECTION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND SECRETARY-TREASURER OFFICERS.

On a motion made by Mr. Intebi, seconded by Mayor Johnson, and unanimously carried, the Board elected Mr. Morris as Public Service Board Chair, Dr. Gitter as Public Service Board Vice-Chair, and Ms. Block as Secretary-Treasurer.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items were pulled from the Consent Agenda.

On a single motion made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Intebi and unanimously carried, the Board took action on the following consent agenda items:

- 2. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON JULY 9, 2025.**
- 3. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH 120WATER, INC, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 252.022(A)(7)(A), FOR THE SOFTWARE APPLICATION AND RELATED SERVICES NEEDED TO COMPLY WITH THE LEAD AND COPPER RULE IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR ONE YEAR AND TWO ONE-YEAR OPTIONS TO EXTEND.**
- 4. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH EATON CORPORATION FOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES PURSUANT TO SECTION 252.022(A)(7)(A) AND (D) OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000, WITH THE OPTION FOR FOUR ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS, CONTINGENT UPON THE VENDOR PROVIDING ANNUAL DOCUMENTATION ATTESTING TO THEIR SOLE SOURCE STATUS.**
- 5. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED AN INCREASE IN CAPACITY OF THE MASTER CONTRACT ISSUED TO WEST TEXAS INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTORS, LLC, FOR MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND OPERATION (MRO) EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND SERVICES THROUGH ESC REGION 19 COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NO. 25-7517, FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$2,500,000 TO INCREASE THE EXISTING MASTER CONTRACT'S CUMULATIVE AMOUNT TO \$3,000,000, AND AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF FUTURE ANNUAL MASTER CONTRACTS FOR \$3,000,000 FOR THE DURATION OF THE ESC REGION 19 CONTRACT TERM.**
- 6. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A MASTER CONTRACT WITH INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION USA, INC. THROUGH THE PURCHASING COOPERATIVE OF AMERICA**

CONTRACT OD-406-24 CURED IN PLACE REHABILITATION FOR VERTICAL SEWER STRUCTURES IN THE ESTIMATED \$9,000,000 AND AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF FUTURE MASTER CONTRACTS IN THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$9,000,000 FOR THE DURATION OF THE COOPERATIVE CONTRACT TERM.

7. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC SERVICE TO JOE CARO BOOSTER PUMP STATION FOR \$166,312.57.
8. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2 – BID NUMBER 25-24, NORTHWEST AREA FIRST TIME WATER AND WASTEWATER AREA #1 EAST OF DONIPHAN DR. (ARPA 1011 PROJECT), INCREASING THE CONTRACT TIME BY 134 DAYS AND THE CONTRACT PRICE BY \$188,863.40.
9. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 8 – BID NUMBER CSP 50-22, RANCHOS REAL 6.1 MGD PUMP STATION AND AIRPORT BOOSTER STATION REPLACEMENT WITH SMITHCO CONSTRUCTION, INC., INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$188,153.99.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. CEO MONTHLY UPDATE REGARDING UTILITY MANAGEMENT AND/OR OPERATIONS:
 - STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN FT. BLISS AND EPWATER: ADVANCING REGIONAL READINESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
 - EPWATER LEADERS TAKE PROMINENT ROLES IN REGIONAL AND STATEWIDE WATER ORGANIZATIONS
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11. MANAGEMENT REPORT:
 - PROCUREMENT AND COOPERATIVE EXPENDITURES UPDATE
 - VIDEO FROM COMMUNICATIONS: EPWATER LATEST STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS 2025
12. 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.

13. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED AN INCREASE TO THE ANNUAL SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, LLC, FOR THE PURCHASE OF KAMSTRUP AMI METERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 252.022(A)(7)(A) OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$25,000,000 FOR THE CURRENT CONTRACT YEAR FOR A TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$42,000,000 AND AN ADDITIONAL \$20,000,000 FOR OPTION YEAR ONE FOR A TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$37,000,000 IF IT IS EXERCISED.

Brenda Cantu, Utility Business and Customer Service Manager, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) On January 8, 2025, the Public Service Board approved a sole source contract with Ferguson Enterprises, LLC for the supply of Kamstrup AMI Meters in the annual estimated amount of \$17,000,000. This contract supported EPWater's accelerated plan to complete a systemwide meter replacement over four years instead of the original ten. The transition to Kamstrup ultrasonic meters has significantly improved metering accuracy, leak detection, and billing efficiency. EPWater's meter installation rate has increased substantially due to the dedicated contractor and internal crews. To maintain this momentum and respond to field needs and customer growth, additional meter quantities are required beyond the current contract annual limit.

On a motion made by Dr. Gitter, seconded by Dr. Ocaranza, and unanimously carried, the Board considered and approved an increase to the annual sole source contract with Ferguson Enterprises, LLC, for the purchase of Kamstrup AMI Meters in accordance with Section 252.022(a)(7)(A) of the Texas Local Government Code, for an additional amount of \$25,000,000 for the current contract year for a total estimated amount of \$42,000,000 and an additional \$20,000,000 for option year one for a total estimated amount of \$37,000,000 if it is exercised. Ms. Cantu answered questions from the board on this item.

14. CONSIDERED AND ACCEPTED THE EL PASO WATER UTILITIES/PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2025.

Gustavo Hurtado, Fiscal Operations Manager, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) City of El Paso Bond Ordinance 752, as amended, requires that an annual audit of El Paso Water Utilities be conducted by independent certified public accountants. The ACFR includes the Water and Wastewater Utility and the Municipal Drainage Utility. This agenda item presents the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2025.

On a motion made by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Dr. Ocaranza, and unanimously carried the Board, considered and accepted the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year ending February 28, 2025.

15. CONSIDERED AND AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE FOR UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT - RFS 41-25 TO JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$499,571 AND AUTHORIZED FUTURE TASK ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000.

Irazema Rojas, Utility Chief Engineering Officer - Engineering Services, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) EPWater seeks to engage a Program Manager to serve as the Owner's Representative for utility infrastructure development in the area north of Montana Avenue and east of Global Reach Boulevard. This area is located near the El Paso International Airport and Fort Bliss, is expected to experience significant growth requiring the coordinated design, permitting, and delivery of water, wastewater, and stormwater systems projects. The Owner's Representative will oversee program-level planning, scheduling, budgeting, and stakeholder coordination to ensure timely and cost-effective delivery of infrastructure projects.

On a motion made by Dr. Gitter, seconded by Mayor Johnson, and unanimously carried, the Board considered and awarded a professional engineering services contract for Program Management, Owner's Representative for Utility Infrastructure Development – RFS 41-25 to Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., in the amount of \$499,571 and authorized future task orders or amendments to be issued under this contract for construction phase services in the estimated amount of \$1,500,000. Mrs. Rojas answered questions from the board on this item.

16. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT-RISK (CMAR) CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH PCL/SUNDT, A JOINT VENTURE, FOR THE PURE WATER CENTER PROJECT AND ACCEPTED GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE NO. 5 (GMP 5) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,227,050.

Irazema Rojas, Utility Chief Engineering Officer-Engineering Service, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) EPWater is advancing efforts to diversify the city's water supply portfolio by implementing direct potable reuse through the development of the Pure Water Center. Once operational, the Pure Water Center will provide a new, drought-resistant water source, delivering up to 10 million gallons per day directly into the city's distribution system. This innovative facility will be the first of its kind in the region, transforming treated effluent from the secondary clarifiers at the Roberto R. Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant into high-quality drinking water.

The water will undergo a multi-barrier purification process at the Pure Water Center, including membrane microfiltration, reverse osmosis, ultraviolet light with advanced oxidation, granular activated carbon filtration, and chlorine disinfection. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2025, with completion anticipated by late 2028. The estimated construction cost is \$296 million. The project is being delivered by the CMAR method. PCL/Sundt proposed to deliver the CMAR project in multiple GMPs. GMP 5 contains sixteen work packages: Static Mixing Equipment, Carbon Dioxide Storage and Handling System, Liquid Chemical Diaphragm Type Metering Pumps, Liquid Chemical Peristaltic Tube Metering Pumps, Liquid Chemical Solenoid Metering Pumps, Air Compressor System, Automatic Self-Cleaning Strainers, Vertical Turbine Short Setting Centrifugal Pumps, Welded Steel Tank, Stainless Steel Above Ground Treatment Facility Tank, Reverse Osmosis Membrane System, Ultraviolet System, FRP Tank, Millwork, Specialties and Process Mechanical and Plumbing Install packages.

On a motion made by Mr. Intebi, seconded by Dr. Ocaranza, and unanimously carried, the Board considered and approved an amendment to the Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) construction contract with PCL/Sundt, a joint venture, for the Pure Water Center project and accepted Guaranteed Maximum Price No. 5 (GMP 5) in the amount of \$68,227,050.

17. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A RATIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,056,514.42 BEYOND THE ORIGINAL AUTHORIZED ANNUAL EXPENDITURE AMOUNT OF \$7,400,000 UNDER CSP NO. 30-23 ON-CALL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE REPAIR OF STREET RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR OPTION YEAR, AND AUTHORIZED AN INCREASE IN THE OVERALL EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR OPTION YEAR TWO OF THE CONTRACT BY AN ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED \$4,600,000 FOR A TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$12,000,000.

Ivan Hernandez, Utility Engineering Division Manager, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) On May 10, 2023, the Public Service Board (PSB) awarded Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP) No. 30-23 to Double H Contracting, Inc., ZTEX Construction, Inc., and TAO Industries, Inc. dba Hawk Construction for on-call construction services related to street rights-of-way repairs connected to EPWater infrastructure work. The contracts established unit prices for an initial one-year term with two additional one-year renewal options. At the time of award, the PSB authorized an estimated combined annual expenditure of \$7,400,000 for all three contractors under this CSP. During option year one, the actual demand for repair work significantly exceeded projections, resulting in aggregate expenditures surpassing the original \$7.4 million PSB authorization by an additional \$2,056,514.42. The increase in aggregate expenditures during option year one was driven by a higher-than-anticipated volume of emergency and scheduled repair work due to infrastructure conditions, service line replacements, and coordination with city street rehabilitation programs. These expenditures were necessary to maintain the safety, serviceability, and timely restoration of public rights-of-way impacted by EPWater infrastructure projects. None of the three contractors exceeded their individually awarded contract values, and all work performed was based on authorized unit pricing, scope, and contract provisions. Additional capacity is also needed for the option year two that will end in June 2026 by an additional estimated amount of \$4,600,000.

On a motion made by Mr. Intebi, seconded by Mrs. Block, and unanimously carried, the Board considered and approved a ratification of expenditures in the amount of \$2,056,514.42 beyond the original authorized annual expenditure amount of \$7,400,000 under CSP No. 30-23 On-Call Construction Services for the Repair of Street Rights-of-Way for option year one and authorized an increase in the overall expenditure limit for option year two of the contract by an additional estimated \$4,600,000 for a total estimated amount of \$12,000,000. Mr. Hernandez answered questions from the Board on this item.

18. CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSED MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR THE STORMWATER, WATER, WASTEWATER, AND RECLAIMED WATER ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027, AND RULES AND REGULATION CHANGES

John Balliew, President/CEO provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.)

On a motion made by Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Gaddy, and unanimously carried, the Board considered and

approved the proposed meetings schedule for the Stormwater, Water, Wastewater, and Reclaimed Water Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, and Rules and Regulation changes. Mr. Balliew answered questions from the board on this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Intebi and seconded by Dr. Ocaranza items 19 and 20 were postponed until after Executive Session. After Executive Session on a motion made by Mr. Intebi and seconded by Dr. Gitter, items 19 and 20 were reconsidered.

19. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT-RISK OF THE ROBERTO R. BUSTAMANTE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT DIGESTERS 1, 2, AND 3 COVERS AND MIXERS REHABILITATION PROJECT WITH CONSOR NORTH AMERICA, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$562,313.42 AND AUTHORIZED FUTURE TASK ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000.

Irazema Rojas, Utility Chief Engineering Officer - Engineering Services, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) In May 2023, the Public Service Board awarded an On-Call Construction Management Services professional engineering services contract to Consor to support the delivery of capital infrastructure projects. Under this contract, a task order was issued to Consor for construction management services related to Bustamante Plant, GMP2 – Rehabilitation of Digester 1. To complete the remaining work of GMP1 and future work under GMP3, additional services from Consor are required. However, the original On-Call Construction Management contract has now reached its maximum capacity. The scope of services includes construction management, inspection, review of payment applications and request for information, maintenance of records and stakeholder coordination. To maintain project continuity and avoid disruption in construction oversight, staff recommends retaining Consor under a new professional engineering services agreement to provide construction phase services for the Bustamante Plant Digester CMAR project.

On a motion made by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Mrs. Block, and unanimously carried, the Board considered and approved a professional engineering services contract for construction management services for the Construction Manager At-Risk of the Roberto R. Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant Digesters 1, 2, and 3 Covers and Mixers Rehabilitation project with Consor North America, Inc. in the amount of \$562,313.42 and authorized future task orders or amendments to be issued under this contract for additional construction management services in the estimated amount of \$1,500,000.

20. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 4 FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT-RISK CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE ROBERTO R. BUSTAMANTE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT DIGESTERS 1, 2, AND 3 COVERS AND MIXERS REHABILITATION PROJECT WITH MGC CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL WORK, INCREASING THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE 1 (GMP1) AMOUNT BY \$857,325 AND EXTENDING THE CONTRACT DURATION BY 391 CALENDAR DAYS.

Irazema Rojas, Utility Chief Engineering Officer- Engineering Services, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) The Roberto R. Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant (Bustamante Plant) has three anaerobic digesters, originally constructed in the early 1990s, that are currently undergoing rehabilitation. The project is being executed using the Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) delivery method, with rehabilitation occurring one digester at a time. In September 2022, the Public Service Board approved a construction contract with MGC Construction Inc. (MGC) and accepted Guaranteed Maximum Price Number 1 (GMP1) to rehabilitate Digester No. 3. The scope of work includes the replacement of the digester cover and mechanical mixing system. During pressure testing of the new floating cover, it was determined that the performance goals were not met. This pressure range was not clearly specified in the technical specifications of the contract documents. This performance goals are critical for the safe and efficient operation of the digester. This change order proposes modifications to the ballast blocks and digester cover supports to achieve the desired pressure performance. Additionally, this work will result in an extension of 391

calendar days to the construction schedule to cover the days of project delay and allow for completion of the necessary modifications.

On a motion made by Mr. Intebi, seconded by Mrs. Block, and unanimously carried, the Board considered and approved Change Order Number 4 for Construction Manager At-Risk construction contract for the Roberto R. Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant Digesters 1, 2, and 3 Covers and Mixers Rehabilitation project with MGC Contractors, Inc. for additional work, increasing the Guaranteed Maximum Price 1 (GMP1) amount by \$857,325 and extending the contract duration by 391 calendar days.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Mrs. Block, seconded by Dr. Ocaranza and unanimously carried, the Board retired into Executive Session 10:05 a.m. August 13, 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. **CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING A PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC. RELATED TO THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE BUSTAMANTE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT DIGESTERS 1,2, AND 3 COVERS AND MIXERS REHABILITATION PROJECT. (551.071)**

On a motion made by Mrs. Block, seconded by Mr. Gaddy and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Office of General Counsel to participate in the settlement negotiations with Freese and Nichols, Inc. to the extent and in accordance with the direction of the Board and defend the interests of the utility in connection with this matter.

- b. **THE BOARD WILL CONSULT WITH ITS ATTORNEY AND DELIBERATE ON THE POTENTIAL DISPOSITION OF THE FOLLOWING UTILITY PROPERTIES:**

1. APPROXIMATELY 600 ACRES IN THE NORTHEAST EL PASO LOCATED NORTH OF STAN ROBERTS.

2. APPROXIMATELY 6,000 ACRES IN THE NORTHEAST OF EL PASO LOCATED BETWEEN MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD AND RAILROAD DRIVE. (551.071) (551.072)

No action was taken on this item.

- c. **DELIBERATION OF THE EL PASO ELECTRIC LEASE OF EL PASO WATER REAL PROPERTY NEAR MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD AND STAN ROBERTS SR AVE. (551.071) (551.072)**

No action was taken on this item.

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

No action was taken on this item.

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. Gitter, seconded by Mrs. Block, and unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in open session at 11:59 a.m., August 13, 2025.

On a motion made by Mr. Intebi, seconded by Dr. Ocaranza, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:07 a.m., August 13, 2025.

ATTEST:

Bryan Morris, Chair

Stefanie Block Uribarri, Secretary-Treasurer