MINUTES
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD
CITY OF EL PASO
June 10, 2026

The regular meeting of the Public Service Board was held in person, Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

PSB MEMBERS PRESENT
Bryan Morris – Member
Stefanie Block – Treasurer
Dr. Hector Ocaranza – Member
Charlie Intebi – Chair
Lane Gaddy – Member
Mayor Renard U. Johnson

PSB MEMBERS NOT PRESENT
Dr. Anna Gitter – 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
Edith Lara, Executive Assistant to the President/CEO
Jeff Tepsick, Chief Financial Officer
Claudia Duran, Chief of Staff
Lisa Rosendorf, Chief Communications and Government Affairs Officer
Elmer Beeler, Chief Support & Logistics Officer
Richard Wilcox, Chief Water Quality Compliance Officer
Sol Cortez, Deputy General Counsel
Ivana Clark, Support Services Specialist I
Alberto Gomez, Utility Video Production Manager
Alessa Contreras, Multimedia Design Specialist
Monica Puga Ontiveros, Utility Chief Human Resources Officer
Felipe Lopez, Utility Chief Engineering Officer
Irazema Rojas, Utility Chief Engineering Officer
Ivan Hernandez, Utility Engineering Division Manager
Luz Elena Holguin, Utility Assistant Chief Financial Officer
Martin Noriega, Utility Chief Operations Officer
Gisela Dagnino, Utility Chief Operations Officer
Rose Guevara, Utility Purchasing & Contracts Manager
Amy Castner, Utility Engineering Division Manager
Federico Hernandez II, Capital Improvement Project Manager
Drew Aliyas, Utility Climate and Research Program Manager
Theresa Rivas, Utility Assistant Chief Financial Officer
Renata Renova, Capital Projects Manager
Gabriela Warren, Utility Senior Computer Media Specialist
Juan Cervantes Jr. Utility Business and Customer Services Manager
Alejandro Vidales, Utility Land and Water Rights Manager

GUEST
Gilda Maraboto, Loya Wilke Architects
Jacob Loya, Loya Wilke Architects
Irvin Rohrer, Imperium
Octavio Saavedra, EP Logistics
Stanley Jobe, Jobe Materials
Garrett Yunca, Jobe Materials
Saul Gonzalez, Sembrando Esperanza
Ralph Richards, Jobe Materials
Veronica Carbajal, Sembrando Esperanza

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The Public Service Board meeting was called to order by Mr. Intebi at 8:30 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.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON MAY 13, 2026. EDITH LARA, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-ADMINISTRATION, (915) 594-5501**

2. **APPROVED AN INCREASE IN THE EXISTING MASTER CONTRACT ISSUED TO DLT SOLUTIONS, LLC THROUGH TEXAS DIR PURCHASING COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NO. DIR-CPO-5677 BY AN ADDITIONAL $5,000,000 FOR THE LICENSING AND IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES OF EPWATER'S INFOR ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING SYSTEM THAT WILL BE USED BY EPWATER'S FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES SECTIONS, FOR A CUMULATIVE EXISTING MASTER CONTRACT AMOUNT OF $5,500,000 AND AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF FUTURE ANNUAL MASTER CONTRACTS IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF $5,500,000 FOR AS LONG AS THE TERM OF TEXAS DIR PURCHASING COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NO. DIR-CPO-5677 IS IN PLACE.**

3. **APPROVED AN INCREASE IN THE EXISTING MASTER CONTRACT ISSUED TO SEQUEL DATA SYSTEMS, INC. THROUGH TIPS INTERLOCAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NO. 260105 BY AN ADDITIONAL $4,500,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE, DATA CENTER EQUIPMENT, SERVERS, STORAGE, NETWORK EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE LICENSING, AND ASSOCIATED SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, FOR A CUMULATIVE EXISTING MASTER CONTRACT AMOUNT OF $5,000,000 AND AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF FUTURE ANNUAL MASTER CONTRACTS IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF $5,000,000 FOR AS LONG AS THE TERM OF TIPS INTERLOCAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NO. 260105 IS IN PLACE.**

4. **APPROVED A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE VILLAGE LIFT STATION RELOCATION SEWER MAIN AND FORCE MAIN PROJECT - PART 2 PROJECT WITH H2O TERRA, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF $438,705 AND AUTHORIZED FUTURE TASK ORDERS AND AMENDMENTS TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $100,000.**

5. **AWARDED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WATER, STORAGE FACILITIES – RFQ01-26 TO**

CDM SMITH INC., CONSOR NORTH AMERICA, INC., FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC., GARVER, LLC, MORENO CARDENAS, INC. EACH FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,500,000 WITH A TERM OF THREE YEARS EACH.

6. **APPROVED A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE TXDOT DOWNTOWN 10 IMPROVEMENTS – PART 2 PROJECT WITH CDM SMITH INC. FOR DESIGN AND BID SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF $850,000 AND AUTHORIZED FUTURE TASK ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN, BID AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $800,000.**

REGULAR AGENDA

7. **CEO MONTHLY UPDATE REGARDING UTILITY MANAGEMENT AND/OR OPERATIONS:**
- **U.S. SUPREME COURT APPROVES TEXAS V. NEW MEXICO SETTLEMENT**
  2025 DRINKING WATER REPORT

8. **MANAGEMENT REPORT:**
- **EPWATER ALIGNMENT WITH CITY OF EL PASO CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**
  RESULTS OF 2026 WATER & SEWER AND STORMWATER BOND ISSUANCES
  PROCUREMENT AND COOPERATIVE UPDATE
- **STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS OVERVIEW PRESENTATION**
  ANNUAL STORMWATER UPDATE AND 2025 EMERGENCY STORMWATER SYSTEM PRESENTATION
- **UPDATE ON NORTHEAST MAIN BREAK INCIDENT (NEVINS 36-INCH DISCHARGE LINE)**
  VIDEO FROM COMMUNICATIONS: PURE WATER CENTER UPDATE

9. **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.**

The following people from the public signed up for comment, Saul Gonzalez and Veronica Carbajal from Sembrando Esperanza.

10. **ADOPTED A RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE SALE OF APPROXIMATELY 591.72 ACRES OF LAND, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF SECTION 5, BLOCK 80, TOWNSHIP 1, TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY SURVEYS, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, TO JOBE MATERIALS, L.P., AS THE HIGHEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, AND AUTHORIZED THE PRESIDENT/CEO TO FORWARD THE RECOMMENDATION FOR SALE TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE SALE.**

Alejandro Vidales, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) This item requests approval to award Bid Number 23-26 for the sale of approximately 591.72 acres of real estate legally described as a portion of Section 5, Block 80, Township 1, Texas and Pacific Railway Company Surveys, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, to Jobe Materials, L.P., a Texas limited partnership as the highest responsive, responsible bidder. Upon approval by the Public Service Board, the recommendation will be forwarded to City Council for consideration of the land sale and completion of all documents necessary to finalize the transaction. Mr. Vidales answered questions from the board on this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Dr. Ocaranza, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted a resolution to award the sale of approximately 591.72 acres of land, legally described as a portion of section 5, block 80, township 1, Texas and Pacific Railway Company surveys, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, to Jobe Materials, L.P., as the highest responsive, responsible bidder, and authorized the President/CEO to forward the recommendation for sale to the City Council and to sign any and all documents necessary to complete the sale.

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPEAL OF CUSTOMER, MYRNA MARISOL AVILA AND JANETH BARRERA, REGARDING PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM AND RELATED BILLING DISPUTE PURSUANT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 8.

On a motion made by Dr. Ocaranza, seconded by Mayor Johnson, and unanimously carried, the Board moved Item 11 into Executive Session for discussion.

On a motion made by Mrs. Block, seconded by Dr. Ocaranza the March 13, 2026 decision of the President/CEO regarding Myrna Marisol Avila's billing dispute is affirmed and Ms. Avila's demand for a billing credit request in the amount of $985.98 is denied. This decision by the Public Service Board on an appeal is final and non-appealable further.

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE REQUEST OF LOYA WILKE ARCHITECTS FOR A VARIANCE TO RULES AND REGULATION NO. 7 RELATED TO THE PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER PLAN SUBMITTED TO EPWATER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT LOCATED ON 9614 SOCORRO RD.

The following people from the public signed up for comment on this item, Gilda Maraboto, Loya Wilke Architects, Irvin Rohrer, Imperium, Octavio Saavedra, EP Logistics

On a motion made by Dr. Ocaranza, seconded by Mayor Johnson, and unanimously carried, the Board moved Item 12 into Executive Session for discussion.
On a motion made by Mrs. Block, seconded by Mr. Intebi that the variance be denied, the PSB instructed staff to meet with the owner and help find a resolution as quickly as possible.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Dr. Ocaranza, seconded by Mr. Morris and unanimously carried, the Board retired into Executive Session at 10:10 a.m. on June 10, 2026, 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 551.0761 Deliberation Regarding Critical Infrastructure Facility
Section 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations
Section 551.089 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits

a. CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING THE APPEAL OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2025 PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM AND RELATED BILLING DISPUTE OF MYRNA MARISOL AVILA AND JANETH BARRERA, PURSUANT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 8.

This item had no action.

b. <u>CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING THE REQUEST OF LOYA WILKE ARCHITECTS FOR A VARIANCE TO RULES AND REGULATION NO. 7 RELATED TO THE PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER PLAN SUBMITTED TO EPWATER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT LOCATED ON 9614 SOCORRO RD.</u>

This item had no action.

c. <u>CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING THE PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM OF CENTRO VIDA LIFE MINISTRIES, INC. AND RELATED PROPERTY RIGHTS AND LEGAL ACTIONS.</u>

This item had no action.

d. <u>THE BOARD WILL DELIBERATE REGARDING THE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY OF APPROXIMATELY 0.14 ACRES, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF TRACT 700, LOMA TERRACE NO. 4C, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY TEXAS.</u>

On a motion made by Mrs. Block, seconded by Mr. Morris the board approved that the President/CEO be authorized to proceed with the acquisition of the land in the manner approved by the Board and in accordance with the terms and conditions specified by the Board and sign any and all documents necessary to complete the purchase.

e. <u>CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL UPDATE ON TEXAS V. NEW MEXICO, ORIGINAL ACTION NO. 141 OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.</u>

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 Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Ocaranza, and unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in open session at 11:33 a.m., June 10, 2026.

On a motion made by Dr. Ocaranza seconded by Mr. Morris, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. June 10, 2026.

ATTEST:

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Dr. Anna Gitter, Chair

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Stefanie Block, Secretary-Treasurer