



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD JANUARY 12, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.

The Governing Board held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 5:02 p.m. a Special Meeting Via Teleconference pursuant to Government Code § 54953, which allows the continuation to hold meetings without gathering in a room in an effort to minimize the spread and mitigate the effects of COVID-19 (Corona Virus Disease of 2019).

CALL TO ORDER Chair Carder called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL Roll call was taken by JPA Administrator/Clerk Olmos.

GOVERNING BOARD

PRESENT: Robin Carder, City of La Verne, Chair
Jed Leano, City of Claremont, Vice-Chair
Carolyn Cockrell, City of La Verne, Board Member
Paula Lantz, City of Pomona, Board Member
Ronald T. Vera, City of Claremont, Board Member
Benita DeFrank, City of Pomona, Alternate Board Member

ABSENT: John Nolte, City of Pomona, Board Member
Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole, City of Pomona, Board Member

STAFF: Darold Pieper, General Counsel
Mica Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 630 AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TELECONFERENCING REQUIREMENTS DURING A PROCLAIMED STATE OF EMERGENCY UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953 (AB 361)

There being no discussion, Board Member Vera moved, and Board Member Cockrell seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 630 finding and declaring that it is unsafe to meet in person during the proclaimed state of emergency as a result of the continued threat of COVID-19, and authorizes the Interim Executive Director, or his designee, to continue utilizing teleconferencing accessibility to conduct the Authority's public meetings pursuant to Government Code § 54953. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Alternate Board Member DeFrank; Board Members Cockrell, Lantz, and Vera; Vice-Chair Leano; and Chair Carder. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Members Nolte and Ontiveros-Cole.

GOVERNING BOARD COMMENTS

Board Member Vera directed his comment to Tri-City's general counsel, stating that he wanted assurances that we are going to be on track to hire an executive director and requested that the topic and the timeline be added to the agenda for the Board's next regular board meeting.

Vice-Chair Leano shared that he, and Board Member Vera, will be doing some public engagement to hear what their City representatives and their City stakeholders are interested in having in the executive director role; that he would be happy to share that platform and that information on how they will be conducting that public engagement piece in the event any of the other cities are also interested in doing this; and that he is also interested in getting information, at our upcoming board meeting, about where we are in the recruitment process to ensure that we are maintaining the benchmarks that we had discussed when we undertook the process of hiring a recruiter.

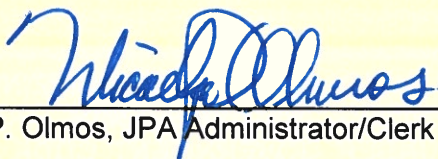
Board Member Lantz stated that she thought we were having a meeting last Monday with Wendy Brown but it was canceled because the meeting had not been properly noticed, pointing out that there was still plenty of time to notice it from Thursday when she received the invitation to the meeting; therefore, she was confused the reason it was cancelled.

JPA Administrator/Clerk Olmos stated that the coordination of the meeting was done through the HR department; that they were not aware of the requirements under the Brown Act for the Governing Board to meet all together at once; that when she found out the meeting was taking place on Monday morning, it was already too late to notice the meeting; therefore, she notified the HR department that, unfortunately, the meeting will not be able to take place because it was not properly noticed.

Chair Carder requested to inquire about Wendi Brown's ability to attend the next Governing Board Meeting to discuss the Executive Director recruitment; that a recruitment update be placed on the agenda; and to also place this item each month on the agenda for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:14 p.m., on consensus of the Governing Board its Special Meeting of January 12, 2022 was adjourned. The next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., via teleconference pursuant to Government Code § 54953.



Micaela P. Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk