

# MINUTES

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
ANNUAL ELECTIONS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2017

(IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AT 12:00 P.M.)

LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS - BUILDING B – KEN JONES EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM  
301 W RAILROAD STREET  
WESLACO, TEXAS

PRESIDING: MAYOR TONY MARTINEZ, PRESIDENT

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President Tony Martinez called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. and noted that a quorum of the Membership was identified. He then moved to item 2. – Consider Approval RE: January 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes. **Mayor Jim Martinez made a motion for approval of the January 25, 2017 minutes as presented. The Hon. Norma G. Garcia seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Following approval of the minutes, President Martinez moved to Public Comments, there being none he recessed the meeting and proceeded to item 4. - Caucus to Seat New Board Members. Following the caucus, the President reconvened the meeting, and Mr. Ron Garza, Executive Director announced the following entities had been elected to sit on the Board:

Special Governmental Units	Delta Lake Irrigation District and Port Mansfield PUB
Educational Institutions	South Texas College and TSTC - Harlingen
Small Cities	Edcouch, La Feria, and La Villa
Medium Cities	Alamo, Donna, and Mercedes

Mr. Paul Hernandez, STC and Mr. Javier De Leon, TSTC recommended an additional at-large seat for Educational Institutions to allow UT RGV an opportunity to participate in the LRGVDC. However, this type of change would require a revision to the LRGVDC Bylaws.

At the conclusion of the report on caucusing, President Martinez moved to item 5. - Act on Recommendations of Nominating Committee:

A – Election of Five Members-at-Large to Serve on Membership for 2017 – 2018 and stated that the Nominating Committee met and recommended the following five Members-at-Large:

NAME	CITY	COUNTY
Ms. Ann Cass	McAllen	Hidalgo
Hon. Norma G. Garcia	Donna	Hidalgo
Commissioner Pete Garcia	San Juan	Hidalgo
Mr. Eddy Gonzalez	Edcouch	Hidalgo
Mayor Pro-tem Esmeralda Lozano	La Feria	Cameron

However, The Hon. Norma G. Garcia recommended replacing City of La Feria Mayor Pro-tem Esmeralda Lozano with Ms. Veronica Gonzalez from UT RGV. The reason for this is because Ms. Lozano will represent the City of La Feria on the Board of Directors in the Small Cities

category, therefore she cannot also be a member-at-large. **Mr. Ron Mills made a motion to elect the following revised list of five members-at-large to serve on the membership for 2017 - 2018.**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>
<b>Ms. Ann Cass</b>	<b>McAllen</b>	<b>Hidalgo</b>
<b>Hon. Norma G. Garcia</b>	<b>Donna</b>	<b>Hidalgo</b>
<b>Commissioner Pete Garcia</b>	<b>San Juan</b>	<b>Hidalgo</b>
<b>Mr. Eddy Gonzalez</b>	<b>Edcouch</b>	<b>Hidalgo</b>
<b>Ms. Veronica Gonzales</b>	<b>UT RGV</b>	<b>Cameron &amp; Hidalgo</b>

**Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

B. - Election of Officers for 2017 – 2018 and stated that the Nominating Committee recommended the following officers:

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Mayor Ambrosio "Amos" Hernandez	President
Hon. Norma G. Garcia	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Mayor David Suarez	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Mayor Jim Darling	Secretary
Judge Aurelio Guerra	Treasurer
Mayor Tony Martinez	Immediate Past President

**Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to approve the slate of officers for the 2016 – 2017 term as recommended by the Nominating Committee. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

There being no further business to be conducted by the Membership, the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.



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**Mayor Tony Martinez, President**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary**