

MINUTES

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019 - 12:00 P.M.
LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS - 301 W. RAILROAD ST., WESLACO, TEXAS
BUILDING B, KEN JONES EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM

PRESIDING: HON. NORMA G. GARCIA, PRESIDENT

President Norma Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Roll call was taken for the General Membership and the Board of Directors, who are scheduled to meet immediately after this meeting, and a quorum was declared for both entities.

The President then moved to item 2: Consider Approval of January 30, 2019 Board, General Membership and Corporation Meeting Minutes. *Commissioner David Fuentes made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Armando O'Caña seconded and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

Upon conclusion of action President Garcia moved to item #3: Caucus to Seat New Board Members. Upon conclusion of the caucus the following entities were elected to the Board of Directors:

- A. Three (3) Directors Representing Member Cities with Population from 10,000-24,999

CITY	COUNTY
City of Alamo	Hidalgo
City of Mercedes	Hidalgo
City of Raymondville	Willacy

- B. Three (3) Directors Representing Member Cities with Population under 10,000

CITY	COUNTY
City of Los Fresnos	Cameron
City of Lyford	Willacy
Town of Primera	Cameron

- C. Two (2) Directors Representing Educational Institutions

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION	COUNTY
South Texas College	Hidalgo
Texas State Technical College	Cameron

- D. Two (2) Directors Representing Special Governmental Units

ENTITY	COUNTY
Delta Lake Irrigation District	Hidalgo
Willacy County Navigation District	Willacy

E. One (1) Director Representing the Poor and Underprivileged (Grassroots Organizations)

NAME	ENTITY
Christina Patino Houle	RGV Equal Voice Network
Alternate - Lupita Sanchez	Proyeto Juan Diego

Their terms will begin at the next Board of Directors meeting scheduled for June 26, 2019.

Upon conclusion of caucusing President Garcia moved to item #4: Act on Recommendations of Nominating Committee and addressed the following:

A. Election of Five Members-at-Large to Serve on General Membership for the 2019-2020 Term

The Nominating Committee recommends the following individuals as at-Large Members to the LRGVDC General Membership:

NAME	CITY	COUNTY
Hon. Norma G. Garcia	Donna	Hidalgo
Ms. Ann Cass	McAllen	Hidalgo
Mr. David Penoli	McAllen	Hidalgo
Commissioner Ben Neece	Brownsville	Cameron
Ms. Celeste Sanchez	San Benito	Cameron

President Garcia noted that having City of Brownsville Commissioner Ben Neece as a member-at-large would put two elected officials from Brownsville on the General Membership since the City of Brownsville has an automatic seat. She then asked for nominations from the floor.

Mayor Marco Sanchez, City of Combes, nominated Mayor Cyndie Rathbun, Town of Rancho Viejo to replace Commissioner Neece.

Mayor David Suarez, City of Weslaco, nominated Commissioner Jesse Zuniga, La Feria. Hidalgo County Commissioner David Fuentes seconded the nomination of Commissioner Zuniga.

Mayor Sanchez withdrew his nomination of Mayor Rathbun.

President Garcia asked if there were any other nominations; there being none she called for a vote which was unanimously in favor of Commissioner Jesse Zuniga.

B. Election of Officers for the 2019-2020 Term

The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers for the 2019-2020 term:

OFFICE	NAME	COUNTY
President	Mayor David Suarez	Hidalgo
1st Vice President	Mayor Jim Darling	Hidalgo
2nd Vice President	Judge Aurelio Guerra	Willacy
Secretary	Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez	Hidalgo
Treasurer	Mayor Chris Boswell	Cameron
Immediate Past President	Hon. Norma G. Garcia	Hidalgo

Mayor Dave Kusch made a motion to elect the slate of officers for the 2019-2020 term as presented. Mayor Cyndie Rathbun seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Garcia next moved to item #6. – New or Unfinished Business; there being no further business to come before the General Membership ***Mayor Dave Kusch made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Rick Guerra seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.***



Hon. Norma G. Garcia, President

ATTEST:



Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary