



**Type B Economic Development Corp.**

*Funding Quality of Life Projects*

**MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the **Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC)**, held on **Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 4:00 P.M.**, at the BCIC offices, located at 2424 Village Drive, Suite B, Brownsville, Texas, 78521.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Omar Hernandez, Chair  
Jesus De La Llata, Vice-Chair  
Everardo "Eddy" Galvan, Treasurer  
Anisa Gonzalez, Secretary  
Commissioner John Villarreal  
Celestino "Tino" Villarreal

**BCIC Staff:**

Rebeca Castillo, Executive Director  
Cori Peña, Project Coordinator  
Joe Vasquez, Project Coordinator  
Vanessa Villarreal, Project Coordinator

**Others Present:**

Mark Sossi, City Attorney  
Lupe Granado, Finance Director

**1. Determination of Quorum**

Mr. Omar Hernandez determined that a quorum was present.

**2. Call to Order**

Upon determination of quorum, Mr. Omar Hernandez, called the meeting to order at 4:07 P.M.

**3. Signing of Oath of Office & Statement of Appointed BCIC Members**

Mrs. Vanessa Villarreal had the four new appointed board members perform the Oath of Office & Statement of Appointment. Anisa Gonzalez, Everardo Galvan, Jesus De La Llata, Celestino Villarreal are officially BCIC Board of Directors.

**4. Selection of Officers**

Annually new officers are appointed. All members introduced themselves and had an opportunity to express why they were interested in an officer position.

The selection of Officers is as follows:

1. Chair: Omar Hernandez
2. Vice-Chair: Jesus De La Llata

3. Treasurer: Everardo Galvan

4. Secretary: Anisa Gonzalez

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Omar Hernandez. Seconded by Mr. Everardo Galvan. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Consideration and Action to Select BCIC Board Members to participate on individual assignments**

1. Human Resources Committee

The following 3 members will be participating: Anisa Gonzalez, Jesus De La Llata, & Everardo Galvan.

2. BCIC Offices Relocation Committee

The following 3 members will be participating: Omar Hernandez, Everardo Galvan, & Celestino Villarreal.

**6. Consideration and Action to authorize the issuance of bank signature cards and have authority to sign BCIC checks to the BCIC Board of Directors**

All BCIC Board of Directors will be issued bank signature cards and be given authority to sign BCIC checks.

Mr. Omar Hernandez made a motion to approve the issuance of signature cards and authorization to sign BCIC checks to all BCIC Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Celestino Villarreal. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No Public Comments.

**8. Consideration and Action to Approve the December 18, 2015 meeting minutes;**

The BCIC minutes for December 18, 2015 were presented for approval. No changes or corrections were made.

Mr. John Villarreal made a motion to approve the December 18, 2015 Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Celestino Villarreal. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Consideration and Action to Approve the December 2015 Accounts Payables;**

The December 2015 Accounts Payable were presented for approval.

Mr. Jesus De La Llata made a motion to approve the December 2015 Accounts Payables. The motion was seconded by Mr. Celestino Villarreal. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Consideration and Action to Approve the December 2015 Financials;**

The December 2015 Financials were presented for approval.

Mr. Omar Hernandez made a motion to approve the December 2015 Financials. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Anisa Gonzalez. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. Consideration and Action to Approve the January 2015 Director's Report;**

The January 2016 Director's Report was presented for approval. Mr. John Villarreal made a motion to approve the January 2016 Director's report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Omar Hernandez. Motion carried unanimously.

**12. Consideration and Action to Approve the attendance of BCIC Board of Directors and BCIC staff to attend the Texas Economic Development Council Winter Conference in Bastrop, TX scheduled from February 24, 2016 to February 26, 2016;**

Travel to attend the Texas Economic Development Council Winter Conference was considered for approval. This item was denied due to conference dates conflicting with other BCIC activities (participation in Charro Days).

Motion to deny was made by Mr. Omar Hernandez. The motion was seconded by Mr. Everardo Galvan. Motion to deny carried unanimously.

**13. Discussion and Possible Action to determine a regular meeting date and time for 2016 Board of Directors meetings;**

After discussion it was determined that the regular meeting date for the BCIC Board of Directors will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 3:00 P.M.

Mr. Celestino Villarreal made a motion to approve the regular meeting date and time for 2016. Motion was seconded by Mr. John Villarreal. Motion carried unanimously.

**14. Discussion and Possible Action to determine a meeting date to have an Annual BCIC Board of Directors Retreat/Orientation;**

After discussion it was agreed for the retreat/orientation date to be on February 19, 2016 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Mr. Omar Hernandez made a motion to approve the retreat/orientation date to be on February 19, 2016 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Anisa Gonzalez. Motion carried unanimously.

**15. Board Comments**

Mr. Omar Hernandez congratulated Mrs. Vannessa Villarreal on the birth of her baby. Announcement of upcoming events was made by Mrs. Rebeca Castillo, to include the 8<sup>th</sup> Red Ant 5K-1 mile, Share the Love 5K, and Nuts for Nutrition 5K.

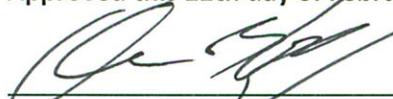
No motion necessary. This item was for information purposes only.

**16. Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned 4:58 P.M.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. John Villarreal. Motion was seconded by Mr. Omar Hernandez. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved this 11th day of February 2016.

  
Omar Hernandez, BCIC Chair

  
Anisa Gonzalez, BCIC Secretary