

POHA August 12, 2025

The Commissioners of the Port of Harlingen Authority (POH) met in a rescheduled session on Tuesday August 12, 2025, at 12:00 PM at the Port's Administration Office located at 24633 Port Road, Harlingen, Texas, 78550.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Rose Snell – Commissioner, Place 1
Neil Haman – Commissioner, Place 2
Chris Villarreal – Commissioner, Place 4
Ryan Newman – Commissioner, Place 5

PORT STAFF PRESENT: Walker Smith – Port Director
Robert McDonald – Chief Financial Officer (remote)
Amy Lynch – Director of Marketing & Public Relations
Anne Jimenez - Receptionist

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Boswell – Port Attorney (remote)

A. Meeting called to order at 12:14 pm.

Declaration of conflicts of interest: None.

B. 1. **Item:** PUBLIC COMMENTS

2. **Issue:** To hear public comments, if any.

3. **Discussion:** There were no public comments.

4. **Action Taken:** None.

C. 1. **Item:** APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

2. **Issue:** To review the vouchers for approval.

3. **Discussion:** There was no discussion regarding the vouchers.

4. **Action Taken:** On a motion by Mr. Haman and seconded by Mrs. Snell, the Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the vouchers.

D. 1. **Item:** APPROVAL OF MINUTES & CERTIFIED AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON JULY 17, 2025

2. **Issue:** To review the corresponding minutes.

3. **Discussion:** There was no discussion regarding the minutes.

4. **Action Taken:** On a motion by Mrs. Snell and seconded by Mr. Haman, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes & certified agenda for the meeting on July 17, 2025.

The Commission entered the executive session authorized by Chapters 551.071 and 551.072 at 12:16 PM. They came out of the executive session at 12:44 PM. A Certified Agenda for the executive session is on file. There was no action taken on any Executive Session Items.

E. 1. **Item:** CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT DATED 6/30/25

2. **Issue:** To review and approve the report.
3. **Discussion:** Mr. McDonald stated that investment results continue to be strong. The calculated return exceeded the benchmark of the 6-month T-Bill rates. The Fair Market Value of the Port's treasury investments is significantly less than last quarter due to the Port is holding less treasuries.
4. **Action Taken:** On a motion by Mr. Haman and seconded by Mrs. Snell, the Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Quarterly Investment report dated 6/30/25.

F. 1. **Item:** CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE QUARTERLY CASH FLOW REPORT DATED 7/1/25

2. **Issue:** To review and approve the report.
3. **Discussion:** Mr. McDonald stated that the Port will be expending significant funds on the Dock #2 Rehab and Illumination and Drainage project. This cash flow anticipates paying off the current note for the Goetzke property in December. It also anticipates the cash balance remaining positive until February 2029.
4. **Action Taken:** On a motion by Mr. Haman and seconded by Mrs. Snell, the Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Quarterly Cash Flow report dated 7/1/25.

G. 1. **Item:** PORT DIRECTOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

2. **Issue:** To hear updates regarding various projects.
3. **Discussion:** Mr. Smith reported the Texas legislative special session will likely adjourn. He also reported that there is a bill being sponsored by Sen. Hinojosa that, if passed, would prohibit governmental entities from paying private lobbying fees. Regarding tonnage, Mr. Smith reported that there has been no fuel distribution for the past 5 weeks. Regarding construction projects status, he reported that work has begun on the SCP 88 Illumination and Drainage project as well as the Dock 2 rehab. Mr. Smith also discussed flagpole options with the Board.
4. **Action Taken:** This was for discussion only.

H. 1. **Item:** CFO REPORT AND DISCUSSION

2. **Issue:** To hear updates regarding various projects.
3. **Discussion:** Mr. McDonald reported that the Port will have to do two audits this year due to the receipt of state and federal grants.
4. **Action Taken:** This was for discussion only.

I. 1. **Item:** DIRECTOR OF PR AND MARKETING REPORT AND DISCUSSION

2. **Issue:** To hear updates regarding various projects.
3. **Discussion:** Mrs. Lynch reported that the Annual Reports have been received and will be mailed out this week. She also reported that she filed for the Port Security Grant to install cameras in the Port.
4. **Action Taken:** This was for discussion only.

J. 1. **Item:** CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TX HEALTH BENEFITS POOL FOR MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR PORT EMPLOYEES

2. **Issue:** To review the agreement for approval.
3. **Discussion:** Mr. McDonald explained that due to the medical insurance premiums increasing significantly under BCBS, he looked for a more affordable option. The new medical insurance plan with TX Health Benefits Pool begins September 1. TX Health Benefits Pool requires the Port to execute an Interlocal Agreement in order to begin the benefits.
4. **Action Taken:** On a motion by Mr. Villarreal and seconded by Mr. Haman, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Interlocal Agreement with TX Health Benefits for the purpose of providing medical insurance to Port employees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 PM.

ATTEST:



Alan Johnson, Chairman



Chris Villarreal, Secretary