

POHA March 5, 2026

The Commissioners of the Port of Harlingen Authority (POH) met in a regularly scheduled session on Thursday March 5, 2026, at 12:00 PM at the Port's Administration Office located at 24633 Port Road, Harlingen, Texas, 78550.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Neil Haman – Commissioner, Place 2
Alan Johnson - Commissioner, Place 3 (remote)
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

A. Meeting called to order at 12:07 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. Newman and seconded by Mr. Villarreal, the Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the vouchers.

D. 1. **Item:** APPROVAL OF MINUTES & CERTIFIED AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 26, 2026

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

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

4. **Action Taken:** On a motion by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Villarreal, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes & certified agenda for the meeting on February 26, 2026.

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

2. **Issue:** To hear updates regarding various projects.

3. **Discussion:** Mr. Smith discussed the current primary election. Mr. Smith also reported that he is still waiting for another Change Order for the SCP 88 Illumination & Drainage project. Mr. Smith gave a status update on the dock project. He also stated that he has a kick-off meeting with Burns & McDonnell for the PIDP24 Asset Management Planning Project next week. And the turning basin expansion waivers have been approved by USACE.

4. **Action Taken:** This was for discussion only.

F. **Item:** CFO REPORT AND DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

I. UPDATE AND IMPACTS TO CASHFLOW

2. **Issue:** To update on the Port's cash flow.

3. **Discussion:** Mr. McDonald reported that a large payment is going to McCarthy Building Company for the dock project but it is sufficiently covered in the cash flow.

4. **Action Taken:** This was for discussion only.

G. 1. **Item:** PR AND MARKETING DIRECTOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

2. **Issue:** To hear updates regarding various projects.

3. **Discussion:** Mrs. Lynch reported that she will attend the Legislative Summit with IRPT next week. She also is still finalizing the Annual Report.

4. **Action Taken:** This was for discussion only.

H. 1. **Item:** CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CHANGE ORDER #007 FOR THE PIDP22 DOCKS 1 & 2 AND MOORING STRUCTURES REHAB PROJECT

2. **Issue:** To review the change order.

3. **Discussion:** Mr. Smith explained that this change order is to address a change to the tie rod system.

4. **Action Taken:** On a motion by Mr. Villarreal and seconded by Mr. Newman, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Change Order #007 for the PIDP22 Docks 1&2 and Mooring Structures Rehab Project.


The Commission entered the executive session authorized by Chapters 551.071, 551.072 & 551.074 at 12:43 PM. They came out of the executive session at 1:20 PM. A Certified Agenda for the executive session is on file.

- I. 1. **Item:** CONSIDERATION OF PERFORMANCE REVIEWS OF INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES AS IT RELATES TO POSSIBLE BONUSES PURSUANT TO TEX GOV'T CODE 551.074.
2. **Issue:** To discuss the employee bonuses.
3. **Discussion:** Discussion took place during the executive session.
4. **Action Taken:** On a motion by Mr. Villarreal and seconded by Mr. Newman, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the bonuses as discussed in executive session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:21 PM.

ATTEST:

Alan Johnson, Chairman



Chris Villarreal, Secretary